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The Sit-Down Strike.

It is encouraging to those of us who believe the majority of people in this country are thoughtful folk, endowed with the ordinary grace of common sense, to note the rapid rise of a public opinion that will shortly, we think, cause the outlawing of that impudent and wholly undemocratic method of settling a dispute between employer and employee called the "sit-down strike."

Labor has suffered much in the past at the hands of many employers. Men and women—and even little children—have been "speeded up" and forced to work under deplorable conditions for long hours at wages not commensurate with the services rendered. Greed made grinding masters of many of these rugged individualists, who, in their ruthless creation of industrial empires in coal and shipping and oil and railroads, gave scant thought to the labor and sweat and sometimes the blood that went into the building of their prosperous empires.

Labor suffered much under an exploitation more or less ruthless and organized in self defense and with defiant and bitter resentment, sometimes even inimical to labor unions. The fight was long and bitter and only in comparatively recent years has the result of such organized effort been widely apparent in increased wages, shorter hours and better working conditions. Organized Labor has won not only recognition by all of the major industries, it has won and merited the respect of the people of this country, the overwhelming majority of whom are farmers and clerks and owners of small businesses and none of whom will ever be members of any labor union. This respect is valuable to Labor—as valuable as the hard-won concessions wrung for its members from the great industries. This good opinion is not to be lightly regarded, for it sometimes the public opinion of this nation.

For its own good Organized Labor should not be led too far by the senile-do-the-no of the sit-down strike. Victories so far have been accomplished apparently with all ease. Organizers have been lapped with impunity. But a test of strength is sure to come eventually—for in our judgment public opinion will demand—and soon—that such an eventuality is not pleasant to contemplate.

Kentucky's Governor and the Mayor of Kentucky's largest city have stated such defiant fealty that the sit-down strike will not be tolerated in this State. The favorable reaction of Kentuckians generally to Governor Chandler's expressed determination to ban the sit-down strike as a method of settling labor disputes in this Commonwealth is indicative, in our opinion, of what the reaction would be in any State where such a policy is announced by its Governor.

The laborer is worthy of his hire. So reasonable man wishes to see any worker exploited. Just less than a fair wage, or overworked to the point of overwhelming majority of the people in the United States farmers, farm laborers, clerks, owners of small businesses—none of whom belong or wish to belong to a union, are in sympathy with every reasonable effort of organized labor to secure a fair wage commensurate with the service he renders, to work a reasonable number of hours each week under safe and healthful surroundings. But we lose the sympathy of this powerful ally by resorting to a method of settlement of disputes which broadens the scope of private property the lessening of court orders and which is sure to result, sooner or later, in serious trouble.

A Notable Presidential Statement.

President Roosevelt's desire to increase the membership of the Supreme Court continues to provoke comment and criticism. Some of the criticism is serious, some is in editorial columns, and not a little pretty or amusing. Meanwhile the lower level Presidential, the man who is President of the United States, grapples the problems that he solved only through the exercise of the Supreme Court power, and the department of additional and younger judges whose appointment was in the proposal the bench which the President and his supporters in Congress contend unwieldy and dictatorship.

Perhaps the following notable Presidential pronouncement with the force of law, issued on April 1, 1930, will serve to convince the doubting that some may mistake, will be a dictator, and yet not be a dictator, and yet be progressive. And the President of the United States.

If the office of the Government, upon vital questions affecting the whole people, is to be irresponsible from the people, it is not a democracy. Government, by its very nature, is a trust. The people will have ceased to be free men if they allow themselves to be governed by a tribunal that is not responsible to the people of the United States.

No tribunal, not even the Supreme Court, is above the law. Mr. Roosevelt's recent plan will not "Infringe evidence of Mr. Roosevelt's high-handed disregard for the law." It will not "place the judiciary under the rule of despotic power," it will not "destroy the Supreme Court."

It may, indeed, after passing such fine fact for further arguments on both sides of this vexed question, be shown that the author of the Presidential statement quoted above was not made by Franklin D. Roosevelt, was made by Abraham Lincoln.

The Much Advised Farmer.

Lo, the poor farmer! At this season of the year there is added to his other burdens that he alone which pours so readily from the typewriters of those of us who have never spent a day at the south end of a mule going north. Add to the route of editorial preachment the counsel he gets from the agricultural extension department of his University and from the Federal Government and our farmer stands forth as the most thoroughly advised man in the Nation.

The fact that his counsellors, State, Federal and editorial, sometimes fail to agree but adds to his burden. Agricultural colleges tell him how to raise more of this, that and t'other to the acre; the Federal Government exhorts him to raise less, for the good of his financial soul. It he follows the exact word advice given him to make every acre productive to its limit, he over-produces. If he doesn't make his acres productive, there is no money to pay the interest on the mortgage. What, in heaven's name, is the poor, pestered farmer to do?

Why, he'll pursue, as he has ever done, the even tenor of his way, just as he is pursuing it now in the matter of an increased tobacco acreage, despite the chorus of editorial typewriters and the warnings of experts. State and Federal. Advice, in the case of the average farmer, rolls off like water from a duck's back. Perhaps that is why the poor farmer keeps his health and his wits under the welter of warnings and "expert" suggestions and counsel that pours in upon him.

April—A Promise.

O Proserpina.

For the flowers now, that frighted thou let'st fall
From Dis's wagon! daffodils,
That come before the swallow dares, and take
The winds of March with beauty; violets dim,
But sweeter than the lids of Juno's eyes
Or Cytherea's breath; pale primroses,
That die unmarried, ere they can behold
Bright Phoebus in his strength—a malady
Most incident to maids; bold oxlips and
The crown imperial; lilies of all kinds,
The flower-de-luce being one.

Comes April, month of smiles and tears, quick, fickle month, when the skies are blue one day and the clouds under her fickle smiles. Curve of swallow's wing to greet her, feathery blossoms of the peach and pear, and the green-growing red bud, gems for her misty diadem.

Green carpet spread, green banks she strews her violets, under her feet, and buds begin to swell, roots push down, leaves unfold. Bright and shining are the green carpets March, that April has given her, yet she, like a good housewife, knows the about her own house-leaning, so her years and months are swept away.

Life pulsates under her capriciousness. Unfolding beneath her smiles, waiting under her frowning skies, root and bud and seed, pushing, growing, swelling, unfolding slowly, perfectly, genius blind to at the budding of a purpose, toward life and beauty and fulfillment of promise—toward May.

Welcome Back To "Harness."

It is a pleasure to see Enoch Graham's "Paragraphs" appear again in the Lexington Herald editorial page. He has few peers in that most difficult of arts—paragraph editorial writing, no superiors when he sets his hand to the writing of those inestimable gems in perfect prose through which his heart speaks.

Mr. Graham's colleagues of the Kentucky press rejoice in his recovery after a long and serious illness and welcome his return to "harness." The appearance of "Paragraphs" in the Herald will add to the editorial page, and to the enjoyment of that excellent two-paper.

Adding Value To Your Property.

A well-planned planting of trees and shrubs about your home will add many dollars to the value of your property, cost comparatively little. Such planting will return dividends of beauty and satisfaction to the owner throughout the years.

Many love trees and shrubs, but few think of replacing a tree that dies. Perhaps that is because few of us are unselfish enough to give a thought to future generations that will enjoy the beauty and shade of the oak or elm we plant today. But comparatively quick-growing trees are available for those of us who would see results in a few years and shrubs may be had by the score. Nearly every home in the United States, farms, clerks, owners of small businesses—none of whom belong or wish to belong to a union, are in sympathy with every reasonable effort of organized labor to secure a fair wage commensurate with the service he renders, to work a reasonable number of hours each week under safe and healthful surroundings. But we lose the sympathy of this powerful ally by resorting to a method of settlement of disputes which broadens the scope of private property the lessening of court orders and which is sure to result, sooner or later, in serious trouble.

Useless But Constitutional.

(Louisville Times)

The Appellate Court's decision that the 1936 poll tax law is valid and constitutional should be a pleasant and also rather widespread surprise. It proved to be a pleasant surprise to lawyers, when it was passed.

The law could have not of much practical value to the government, because local taxes, not the comparatively five-cent tax, were the former's burden.

Installation of the discriminatory law seems, on the face, to be unnecessary, entirely useless to the State.

The only real reason to collect the five-cent tax from the tax amounts to

Nobody gains anything beyond the fact that there is nothing in obedience to Constitutional mandate.

Behavior of the State tax on real estate so free of any relief, sign not as great relief as most people, who had been anticipated a tremendous boon, has left believed it would be.

The belief has represented the opinion that abolition would be unconstitutional.

The Court's Left-handed hint choice between leaving an unconstitutional law in existence and abolishing it, is not a good one.

Left-handed hint choice between leaving with actual, although very slight, relief to both the State and the real estate owners.

The former's tax bills are heavy because of government which should not exist, and become of increasing educational facilities, particularly which are needed but which are costly.

The latter's relief is not so great as the nickel tax, ruefully, and the State will collect it carefully.

There is no man so good, who, were he to submit all his thoughts and actions to the law, would escape bringing ten times in his life—Montaigne.

50 Years Ago

Thursday, March 31, 1887

Harvey C. Lee takes position as clerk in store of A. Urbansky.

Charles B. Morford granted license to practice law at this bar.

Dr. J. Whip Fisher opens his dental office in the Dougherty building.

Peach crop throughout this section killed by severe cold. Cherry score falling as Mercury sinks to zero.

Married—Miss Lorenza Hughes and Mr. Henry L. Fisher both of county; also Miss Sarah B. Hunt and Mr. W. L. Anderson, both of county—Miss Mary J. Hunt and Mr. W. D. Clinkenbeard, both of the county.

Circuit court convened Monday with Commonwealth's Attorney Miller at his post. The following composed the grand jury: L. F. Moss, Leo Dollar, L. T. Pate, F. M. Durham, A. W. Blair, P. J. Moore, W. T. Smith, W. K. Fuller, Henry Moss, W. T. Fuller, Jno. Moore, McMiller, Dock Shannon, J. T. Clark, James Hamilton, James E. Mcfall and James Scobee.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, March 29, 1917

R. J. Sossaman leaves for Wheeley county to begin his duties as state road inspector.

Work of remodeling the Car. Elec. Light and Power Co. plant completed after three weeks work.

William Martin takes position with The Green Produce Co. and is to drive new truck recently purchased by the firm.

T. P. Kerns purchases residence of H. B. Jones on Court and Pine street and Mr. Parris will build a residence on lot near residence of Arvin Wiggins.

E. H. Layne, of Farmersburg, who was bookkeeper for the Farmersburg Tobacco Co. during the past season, takes position as bookkeeper in First National Bank.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Grogan, of Carlisle, on the 20th, a daughter, Ruth Ann. To Mr. and Mrs. Setters, of Parks Hill, on the 25th, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. Doug Myers, of Carlisle, on the 20th, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hardwick's anniversary occurs on the 29th. When they attempt to cross the swinging bridge across Grier creek (and are caught from their home). They were rescued from their top-of-a-tree home by other gobbers after being swept two yards down stream.

Married—Miss Minnie Lee Mott of and Mr. Everett Frederick, both of county, on the 25th.—Miss Willie Shea and Mr. Ben Shea, both of the county, on the 22nd.—Miss Anna Lawrence and Mr. Lora Scobee, both of the county, on the 22nd.—Miss Katherine Bailey and Mr. Early T. Flora, both of the county, on the 22nd.

FROM OTHER EDITORIAL PAGES

WOMAN'S DEVOTION

(Woodford Sun)

One of the most moving incidents which I have read in connection with the Texas school building calamity was the story of Mrs. Grace Fraser, of Dallas. Caught in a twisted tangle of steel, she managed to reach through it, dragging after her the dead body of Johnny Roberts. The woman's presence in darkness or in great grief, either of us are the human tribute in the world. And we have the unspeakable of tribute to respect woman as the weaker sex.

THREE-RINGED ENTERPRISE

(Christian Science Monitor)

Three-ring circuses are impossible in civil government. Americans know one ring running Yorkville, another ring with the Tammany circus, with posters—portraits of Governor Lehman, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, and during young men and women, with posters of Thomas Dewey, an earnest inventory of finances, a careful calculating of the cost in relations and a tedious to run errands, unusual activities in the field of the good. Short cuts will require an unprecedent "always work" will be duplicated on an honest device, proved to cover, to their pockets the color which will assure attendance at the greatest show on earth."

He who has never earned an honest money has missed much of the thrill of going to the circus. Having earned and carefully budgeted the day's expenses, he has discovered for peanut and pink lemonade, the enchanting human dynamics is inclined to relent from his usual "make things easy" against the morning when he plans to "make things hard." Secure in the knowledge that he has earned the money and has safe parental permission will be forthcoming, as it has, we suppose, during 2000 years of circuses.

THE "POPULAR FRONT" AGAINST CANCER

(Courier-Journal)

This seems to be the climax of a campaign by the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

It may seem strange that a campaign against a disease should be related to a unlikely, never experienced, experience which medical knowledge is not yet sufficiently advanced.

The reason is that, like tuberculosis, cancer is spoken of in hushed tones. Doctors can't observe the preliminary symptoms unless the victims go to them. Statistics of Memorial Hospital, New York, for seventeen years show that cancer is responsible for one out of cancer of the breast taken there in 1926 were unexpectable of cancer, whereas only forty-five were seen in 1929. That is, cancer victims are not waiting so long. Perhaps the campaign has begun to wave people, but it is put them on their guard against dangerous symptoms. They are persuaded to come or thickening, especially of the breast, or unusual bleeding or discharge from any bodily opening. They are urged to have lumps, particularly of the tongue, mouth or lips, persistent indigestion, and hoarseness to be examined for signs of growth of a malignant nature. They are urged to have moles and warts, nevertheless, they are conditions which lead to the development, and that is the state in which early cure is easily evidenced. From experience and observation, it is believed the simple precaution of having these tender conditions attended to would prevent a major part of the 130,000 annual cancer fatalities.

Harriet Beecher Stowe is said to have received only $300 for her rights in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore

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SCYTHES AND CRADLES

In the summer of 1935 I visited many parts of New England and was greatly surprised to see people mowing grass with scythes and raking it with home-made wooden rakes. This experience brought back memories of other times in Kentucky. The Model Shiller might have been worth taxing when as a boy I "mowed the wheat with hay." When I was a little boy, there came the first "big" reaper, a brightened relic of the old-time method of cutting wheat with a cradle. Nearly every farm owned one or old man used to boast of his ability to swing the cradle gracefully or of the equally valuable ability to tie bundles behind the cradle. The break that came to our old custom occurred when a neighbor brought a reaper, with four fantastic tailpieces, which gathered the fourth sweeping off the grain that had been cut by a mowing device and laid it in rows. The reaper had been followed along after three years in the life of one boy who was interested in the new machine and he had to work out for on the stubble. It was several years after the great reaper before any of us saw any binders. We had to follow the bundles with a wire had the binder was not there. The experience with one, I suppose. I'll avoid the binder twine along with the reaper, for it was a few years in the life of one boy who was interested in the new machine and he had to work out for on the stubble. It was several years after the great reaper before any of us saw any binders. We had to follow the bundles with a wire had the binder was not there. The experience with one, I suppose. I'll avoid the binder twine along with the reaper, for it was a few years in the life of one boy who was interested in the new machine and he had to work out for on the stubble.

Probably a small percentage of the people now living in the state have had the experience of using the cradle where the thresher was not available to thresh the wheat. This had disappeared a generation before, so had also the custom of

SOME SNAKES USEFUL

(Louisville Times)

In Snakes and Their Ways C. H. Curran and Karl Kauffeld have written a book describing some experiments with snakes in order to determine the ordinary values of snakes.

Raymond L. Ditmars, curator of Zoological Park, New York, in reviewing the book, says many varieties of snakes are useful, particularly in warm climates, that farmers commonly make no distinction between harmless snakes and harmful ones, killing any snake they see.

The robed-cutting snakes, Mr. Ditmars says, are especially valuable because they destroy the exterminate them proceed from the reviewer expresses the hope that the book will prevent