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OUR POLICY:

To support such measures as are unquestionably for the good of Mason County as an entire community, rather than such propositions as are in favor of the individual interest, or of one section as against another.. And likewise to earnestly and consistently oppose all things that are not for the good of the county as a whole.

FARMERS DON'T QUIT

Of all the elements in the American population the farmers were worst hit in the inescapable process of deflation. Numbering almost one-third of the entire population, they have borne altogether the heavies burden since the fall of 1920.

They have endeavored to get relief by all lawful means. They have appealed to the administration, to Congress, and to every other agency they thought might be able to help them, but while making these efforts to avod ther heavy losses they have not struck.

This most mportant face was emphaszed by Secretary Wallace of the department of agreculture n an address last week before the local farm bureau at Leesburg, Va. "The purchasing power of the wages of the railway employee in 1921," he said, "was 51 per cent. greater than in 1913. The purchasing power of the wages of the coal miner in 1921 was 30 per cent. greater than in 1913. The purchasing power of the farm hand who worked for wages in 1921 was 4 per cent. less than in 1913, while the purchasing power of the farmer himself was, on an average, from 25 to 45 per cent. less than in 1913."

Secretary Wallace continued: "The farmers have not created disorders. They have kept on producing and, in the face of extraordinarily low prices, have this year grown one of the largest crops in our entire history. The farmer believes in law and order. He believes in government. He believes in fairness between man and man. He believes in working hard and producing efficiently."

There is a world of truth in the following paragraph from his address:

If other groups would do as the farmer has done our economic troubles would soon be over. Prices would soon be adjusted to their normal relationship. There would be work for everybody and at just wages.

Most of the trouble we have gone through within the past two years is that so many elements in our population refuse to recognize the truth as Secretary Wallace so ably put it. They have not met their obvious obligations. The most recent instances are the mine operators an dthe mine workers. They were morally obligated to produce coal. The railroad shopmen were morally obligated to keep the trains moving in order that the country's food supply be not tied up.

Obligations which are not voluntarily discharged will, soon or late, be enforced by inexorable economic laws. Never in the world's history has it ben possible to evade economic laws. Artificial laws may prevail for a short time, but nothing is more certain than that deflation which must follow every war cannot be escaped now. All elements must keep on producing; just as the farmers have done this year and as they will continue to do.—Portland Telegram.

NEW TACTICS FOR UNIONS

The printers' union charges that violence in recent strikes has been due to the foreign element that has invaded the ranks of labor. That is probably true, but a sure way to avoid that menace in the future is the thorough Americanization of the foreigner or their exclusion from unions.

Unfortunately the present leaders of organized labor afford a mighty poor inspiration along that line. What is a newcomer to our shores to think when he find the head of organized labor in the United States talking of a general strike in aid of another strike against the decisions of a tribunal duly constituted by law? Such doctrines are no different from the most radical thought of Europe to which the immigrant has been accustomed. Strikes against the government are of frequent occurence over there, and are always accompanied by violence. What more natural than for the new arrival to conclude that similar means are employed in the United States and strightway put his ideas into execution?

Is it not about time for Mr. Gompers et al to adopt new tactics? Their course i nthe past has been essentially un-American. They have flouted the courts, defied the government, and boldly advocated strikes that had for their prime purpose the starving and freezing of the people.

Mr. Gompers has occasionally condemned communism and bolshevism, but many of the measures he has violently advocated have been worthy of the worst chapters of soviet misrule. It is his defiance of public welfare that is rapidly losing popular sympathy for the labor movement. Let loce of country, respect for its laws, and denunciation of violence be the governing principles of organized labor and it would immeditely gain in public esteem. There would be nothing more to fear from the so-called foreign element, and the public, the lawmakers, and the courts would gladly contribute to improvements in the wage earners' conditions.

PROSPERITY WIDENS

Financial conditions in the United States are on a firmer basis today than they have been for several years and, according to a recent report of the comptroller of the currency, our national banking institutions are in "better position to take care of the requirements of commerce and industry than they have been since the signing of the armistice." Coupled with this assurance it is confidently predicted that by the end of the week labor employment will be normal.

In many localities there is a marked labor scarcity. With the resumption of work this week in many factories that have been idle due to labor controversies, or inability to obtain raw products, this labor will probably be emphasized. With our financial institutions able to lend aid where needed, with labor in strong demand, business generally is reflecting and contributing its share to prosperity which will grow in strength during the fall season.—Omaha Bee.

DEMS. SATISFIED WITH 42 PER CENT.

The Democrats got 42 per cent. and the Republicans 58 per cent. of the vote in Maine, and the Democrats claim to be satisfied. That is about what they will have to be satified with in most of the Northern states this year.

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FILM FANS FAVOR MELODRAMA, SAY AMERICAN EDITORS

Success of "The Fast Mail" Proves Popularity of This Type of Entertainment.

What does the American public want in entertainment?

That is a uestion that has been uppermost in the minds of motion picture producers for a number of years. It has never ben solved satisfactorily. It was apparent that the public fancy was inded fickle.

Entertainments of certain type would become a craze at certain periods — and then they would pass from favor. A few pictures of rather mediocre quality scored distinct successes because they struck at a certain time when that particular type of entertainment was favored by the public taste.

To get a definite idea of what type of entertainment was most popular the Fox Film Corporation sen a questionnaire to more than 100 newspapers throughout the United States and Canada.

The list of answers was so varied that little knowledge could be gained from them, except in one instance. Virtually every editor from whom an answer has been received declares the public want melodrama, with action and thrills.

Out of sixty replies received to date forty gave first place to the melodramatic type of play with "thrills and action."

This would seem to forecase immediately success for the William Fox special production, "The Fast Mail," a pictorial version of Lincoln J. Carter's famous stage thriller of a score of years ago and other such productions.

In fact it proves beyond doubt that the American editors are in a better position to feel the pulse of the public than any other body of individuals, for, from all reports, "The Fast Mail," is scoring a distinct triumph in every city in which it has ben shown.

It played to capacity business on Broadway and followed that by scoring in other cities throughout the United States.

Advance reports indicate that Fox's "The Fast Mail," has retained all the thrills, romance, action and adventure that marked the melodrama when it was first presented on the stage more than twenty years ago. But by careful handling, according to critics from other cities, it has ben made into a picture that will please every class of audience. This is the first of the famous Carter stage plays to be produced for the screen.

PRETTIEST GIRL IN UNITED STATES

Mary Katherine Campbell, of Columbus, Ohio, was crowned National Beauty Queen for 1922 in the Annual Pageant at Atlantic City. She is 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches in height, and weighs 133 pounds. She swims, rides, dances—and goes to school. She triumped over 170 other American beauty winners from as many different towns and cities in the U. S.

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FALSE HOPE

Sin on every side is growing bolder, and the very delusion contained in the statement, "The world is growing better," is of satanic origin, and is for the purpose of putting to sleep the forces of righteousness.

Human nature is incapable of moral improvement by any human process known to mankind. The only thing within the power of God that can change human nature is regeneration. Reformation cannot affect its character. Regeneration must precede reformation. Those who have been regenerated are of course growing better; they are improving; they are progressing; they are growing more Godlike.

The good are getting better, but the bad are getting worse. The ungenerated, the unwashed, the unsaved are more skilled, subtle, and powerful in the practices of sin than ever before in the history of the world.

The corrupt are becoming more scientific in their corruption, and more determined to practice corruption.

There are three great stubborn facts confronting us.

FIRST—The fact of sin. It is the most stubborn fact, the most awful fact, and the most destructive fact in the universe.

SECOND—The fact of salvation. There would be no salvation if we were not lost. You can't save something that hasn't been lost. The salvation provided by the blood of Christ is the only fact that is constructive, redemptive, and recreative.

THIRD—The stubborn fact of depraved, lost human nature. This great entity known as sinful man cannot be improved by external processes; he cannot be redeemed by education or evolution, or any other of the delusions. He can be saved only by the regenerating act of the Holy Ghost.

It is the duty of the church and of every minister of the gospel to preach the awfulness of sin, the absolute certainty and power of salvation, the judgment that awaits the unrepentant, and to denounce with all the power possible the hellish delusion that the world is growing better.

Awake! Strike! Preach! And reach the unsaved, for they are growing worse—not better.

Poem by UNCLE JOHN

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BOBBED HAIR

My little niece has bobbed her hair—which makes her look a trifle queer about her upper story . . . For she was mighty well supplied with what we call the woman's pride,—in fact, her crownin' glory. . . . I couldn't say that she's improved, by whackin' off the curls I loved—it,makes her look so sassy! But—when she's had 'em off a spell, she may look sweeter—who can tell?—or, mebbe, twice as classy! I'm shore-an-certain now, that I could never be induced to try to wear luxuriant tresses. . . . I wouldn't want to face a gale, with skypiece like a hoss's tale, or hooked up in long dresses. . . . An' so, that little niece of mine can occupy the firin' line in front of my affections. . . . A fairy-neck an' dimpled knee can shell my works, an' captur' me,—in spite of all objections! But, still—there's drawbacks to the game, and little reaks about the same,—it's useless to deny it. . . . Therefore—if I was Teeny's Ma, or other dames that I have seen—I don't believe I'd try it!

Uncle John

HOMEY PHILOSOPHY for 1922

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WHEN you get a sliver in your finger it's likely to cause trouble if it's left there. As a matter of fact, after a time old mother nature sooner or later will force it out whether it likes it or not. It just don't belong there. One way or another it's got to get back to where it came from.

When it does then both sliver and stick are better off. They're stronger. The chances are both sliver and stick must pass through all sorts of changes before they unite again. That's the price they pay for getting away from where they fit.

It's always best to find out where we fit an' not try to break in where we don't belong.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

Read This Letter from Mrs. W. S. Hughes

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Mothers—daughters, why not try it?

FASHION TALKS INCLUDED IN CROSLEY'S PROGRAMS.

Weekly fashion talks will be added to the program being broadcasted by W L W the radio station operated by the Crosley Manufacturing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. These will be made by a representative of one of the largest and most prominent department stores of the Middle West, and will be broadcasted every Thursday evening.

Like all other special features broadcasted by the Crosley Company, these fashion talks will be marked by their brevity, but will contain hints and gossip so interestin gand valuable to the many women who listen in when W L W is in operation.

They will be prepared by a woman whose duty it is to keep well informed in regard to the style changes and whose ability to prepare interesting articles on women's apparel has won for her a high position in the department store company.

INDICTED FOR PLAYING BASEBALL ON SUNDAY.

Bowling Gren. — The grand jury returned indictments for Sunday baseball playing against the Bowling Green Athletic Association and the Warren County Fair Association. Hearings will be held in January.

PITCHER "WINDING UP" FOR HARD ONE BREAKS ARM.

Jamestown. — As I. J. Cunningham raised his arm to pitch a hard ball in a local baseball game, a loud pop was heard all over the diamond and it was found that his arm was broken between the shoulder and elbow.

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