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AMERICAN STANDARD OF LIVING.

One of the visitors to the convention of the American Federation of Labor at Portland, Ore., last October was Frank Hodges of England. Mr. Hodges is secretary of the coal miners union of Great Britain. He is also general secretary of the International Federation of Coal Miners, which includes all the organized coal miners of the world. He may, therefore, be regarded as qualified to speak for labor. In his address to the convention he said:

"I would like to give expression to one conclusion I have arrived at since I have been here, and that is that you have taught the world in America how to maintain the purchasing power of the workers, and therefore you have maintained a higher standard of living in America for the workers of America. Although you earn a considerable amount of

dollars in wages, it is not the amount of dollars that convinces me that your standard is higher than the standard of living in our country. I have seen, I have witnessed, I have definitely adjudged that, apart from the monetary expression of the dollar, your standard of living is higher than any standard of living I have ever come across for the working class movement."

. . .

The highest standard of living in the world! There it is. It is the testimony of a man who knows what he is talking about. A message from the representative of British workers to a convention of American workers. Mr. Hodges did not rest his statement on what he had seen at Portland alone. He had covered a considerable portion of the United States on his visit. He knew what he was saying.

How was that standard established? Have the . British workers, with their labor government been able to approach it? Not yet. The British standerd is higher, however, than that of any continental marks the message:

Davis less but that he hates Coolidge more, he "decided to stick."

What sort of spectacle does the great moral leader present in this? He decided to stick, to swallow Davis, Morgan, Wall Street, Smith, Brennan and all, that he might have a party and help his brother. No wonder Bre'er Barkeley objects when the "squabble" is mentioned.

FARMER AND THE TARIFF.

Lieutenant Governor Robert F. Rockwell of Colorado, who hopes to be nominated and elected governor, tells the farmers of his state just where he stands on one important issue. Mr. Rockwell knows something of farming, for he comes from a farming community and for eighteen years has been a dirt farmer. Addressing the Colorado Farmers congress at the State Agricultural college last week, he said:

"One of the things which is absolutely necessary to the producer today is the tariff. The American market is still the best market in the world, and with the bars let down, our country would again be swamped with the grain, sugar and cheap meats from South America, Australia, Canada and other foreign countries.

We cannot compete with the present price of our lands and our present standard of living with the tax free lands of South America, at 9 cents an acre, where they are not called upon to feed their cattle at all, but merely exchange pastures.

"Our beet industry of Colorado will be reduced to nothing if Cuban sugar is let into the United States free of duty.'

The farmer needs, too, better and cheaper transportation, better facilities for credit, and improved marketing and distributing methods. All these are contemplated in the program laid down by the president in his message to congress last December, and by the platform adopted by the republican convention at Cleveland. Here is the pledge:

"We promise every assistance in the reorganization of the market system on sounder and more economical lines, and where diversification is needed government assistance during the period of transition. Vigorous efforts of this administration toward broadening our exports market will be continued. The republican party pledges itself to the development and enactment of measures which will place the agricultural interests of America on a basis of economic equality with other industries to assure its prosperity and success. We favor adequate tariff protection to such of our agricultural products as are threatened by competition. We favor, without putting the government into business, the establishment of a federal system of organization for cooperative marketing of farm products."

Every point Governor Rockwell raised is covered in this plank. It is a promise, too, that will be kept. Last winter the farmers found out who were their friends, when they saw one relief measure after another go down under the onslaught of the democrats and the radicals. It was not the farmer the opposition was after, so much as it was Coolidge. The platform plank contains the president's message program. He will put it through, unless the elements that defeated him in congress get support from the voters in reward for their betrayal of the farmer. This does not seem possible.

REPARATIONS "POKER" IN PROGRESS.

General Dawes may have gone a little beyond diplomatic usage in wiring direct to the American representative at the interallied conference at Lon-Answer to a Wailer. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The only point I gain from reading James W. Hanson's let-Independent says it is really wonder-ful the number of women who can't drive cars but can drive husbands. T'm not," growled the clerk who don. He did, however, exhibit the common sense that has so notably characterized even his most explosive outbursts. In this case a fervor that will challenge more attention than his favorite expletive

The Bunk About "Wall Street"



IF WE WERE TO BELIEVE THE POLITICIAN WALL STREET IS FULL OF POP-EYED OGRES WITH HORNS AND FORKED TAILS



SUNNY STDF IIP Jake Comfort, nor forget That sumrise never failed us yet Calle Thatter

Franklin P. Adams of the New York Tribune and Jay E. House of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, the two most dis-tinguished column conductors in the world, agree that the column conductor who talks most about himself is the one who wins greatest recognition.

That handicaps us beyond hope of success. If we romance about ourself everybody will know it and give us the laugh. If we tell the truth about ourself we'll lose our job.

We gather from consultation with divers and sundry friends We gather from consultation with divers and subdry intends who attended the New York convention that they had a fine time socially, but nothing politically that would incline them to favor holding another democratic convention in Gotham. The trouble with the average New Yorker is his belief that the west begins where the sun-down side of New York ends.

Noting that Chairman Sackett insists that every voter be given a full and free opportunity to vote his preference, a lot of democrats are hopeful of finding a way to vote for Davis and Dawes.

Since disposing of the family auto, having wearied of pay-ing storage and repair bills, we have lost all interest in the governor's campaign for cheaper gasoline. But if he begins a campaign for cheaper-shoes, he will at once enlist our en-thusiastic approbation. It seems that we are compelled to buy a pair of shoes every other day.

Twenty years ago, when we passed the Lindell hotel at Lincoln two or three times a day, we saw a dozen or fifteen veterans of the civil war sitting in the shade and fighting 'em Now only three or four are to be seen, a little over again. remnant of the once Grand Army post. It is when we com-pare those old days with the present that we realize that Tempus continues to fugit with an ever increasing galt.

Hot weather has solved one of our social problems, at least temporarily. When in doubt about the proper time to remove our hat in the presence of the ladies, bless 'em, we lift it and pretend that we are wiping the perspiration from our noble expanse of brow.

Nebraska Limerick,

A plunger who lived in Orleans Spent money beyond his real means. Now caught in the crash He diets on hash, With now and then helpings of beans.

Speaking of the law of supply and demand, what is the reason for the insistent demand for those old-fashioned, tall, dark brown quart bottles?

The present mix-up about getting names on ballots is taken by us to be a vindication of divers and sundry remarks we have made about our primary law. And we hereby broadcast to a breathless public that what we actually think about our present primary law would be barred from the mails if pub-lished. WILL M. MAUPIN.



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European country. The American standard of living was not set up exclusively for the union men and women, or for the nonunion workers, but for all Americans. It has been gained not by class efforts or manifestations, but through co-operation. By policies that include everybody. Whatever of improvement in conditions is ascribable to organizations of labor, and it is admitted they have achieved much, has been accomplished through economic and not through political endeavor.

What Frank Hodges said publicly was echoed privately by other visitors to the Portland convention from foreign lands. No one comes to America from abroad but is struck by the same thought with regard to our life.

. . .

Blatherskites are busy, telling the workers of , the land about the injustices and wrongs they suffer under our "capitalistic" system. The existing institutions should be overthrown, we should adopt the system that prevails abroad. Then our workers will be as happy and as prosperous as those of Russia, of Germany, of France, of England, where a million or more draw the "dole," and loaf at public expense. Frank Hodges, who does most of his talking in England, expresses surprise and delight at the American standard of living. He congratulates American workers on their ability to maintain it. They have taught the world a lesson, he says. Yet our La Follette friends say we have much to learn from the old country. How silly!

If the workers really are anxious for a change, let them return to power the democrats, who promise free trade. Or elect La Follette, who regards Russia as a model, and whose chief supporters want to sovietize industry. That will be one very certain way to alter the conditions which led Frank Hodges to so warmly congratulate the workers of America.

DEMOCRATIC FAMILY JAR.

Hon. A. W. Barkeley comes all the way up from Kentucky to tell us that republicans should not concern themselves over what Mr. Bryan said about Mr. Davis. This is a private affair of the democrats, "a family squabble," and the family ought to be allowed. to take care of its own troubles. Very good, we say. Just now the democrats have so many troubles, though, that their noise disturbs the entire neighborhood, and folks can not help noticing.

By the way, just how does the matter stand as regards William Jennings Bryan and John William Davis? Of course, Mr. Bryan will give his undivided support to Brother Charlie. Let "W. J. B." tell his own tale in his own words. After his interview with Mr. Davis, following the convention, Mr. Bryan issued a formal statement, saying:

"After Mr. Davis was nominated I was compelled to decide whether to support the democratic ticket in spite of my objections or attempt to defeat the democratic party in the hope of getting reforms outside that party.

"I was confident that if I left I would carry some democrats with me, but I was afraid I might help the republican, ticket instead of the independent ticket.

"Inasmuch as there is no assurance that an independent ticket will be permanent, I faced the possibility through deserting the democrats of being a man without a party.

"So I decided to stick."

In other words, the Great Commoner has not changed his opinion of Davis at all. He still regards him as a "tool of Wall Street," and not worthy to be effected president for that reason. But, if Davis is not elected, who will be? So, not that he hater

our work must be and will be approved by the of the world because personal considerations were always buried in our efforts to point out a practical, economic and common sense basis for the future co-operation between the allies and Germany.

"It is my prayer and expectation that the important conference now in session will demonstrate that the nations are facing away from chaos with a sincere determination to found an enduring, Christian peace, based upon common good faith."

Thursday is the day set for the plenary session of the conference. Three committees into which it has been divided will make report. The proceedings will then take on a formal nature. The attitude of both Germany and France causes apprehension. 'Neither of these comes through with the frank acceptance of the Dawes report. France continues to insist on being permitted to take individual action against Germany, in event of default in payment. Germany hopes to secure some pledge of protection against France. England is firmly for the Dawes plan. The same is true almost wholly as to Belgium and Italy. Neither of the latter is inclined to openly break with France. Opinion inclines to the belief, however, that Belgium at least will go with England, if France insists on terms that are not acceptable to all.

The hands again have been dealt. The great reparations poker game is once more approaching the stage of a showdown. It is significant that originally poker in American was called "bluff." That appears to be what is now going on in London.

His field of opportunity having been enlarged, will Brother Charley assure the consumers of the east that he will keep down the rising price of bread in the face of the rapidly rising price of wheat.

Little Finland is prompt to pay Uncle Sam the interest on money borrowed. But little Finland is so busy at work that it hasn't any time to sit around and whine in self-pity.

Aviators now fly after dark by aid of compass. Some very notable flights have been made after night without guide of any sort.

The market quotations are depriving the democrats of most of their political thunder.

Omaha will be proud to have the globe-circling fliers as guests for a day or two.

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie

STERN IS JUSTICE.

- Stern is justice, cruel seeming, when a little child at
- play Gets disgusted with surroundings and decides to run
- away, And in face of countless dangers where those wonders are unfurled.
- Hastens forth to glimpse the magic of a visionary world.
- Tense are moments when the searchers hunt in every spot and nook.
- Roam each street until 'tis certain there is no place
- else to look Then appears the little skeezix, innocent and full of joy. And one's fear is changed to anger to the sorrow o
- the boy. Stern is justice, cruel seeming, to a father-more per-
- chance Than it seemeth to the rascal as he shricks and tries to dance,
- there's few who don't remember vividly the distant day
- When the disregarded orders and from home went swift away.

from reading James W. Hanson's let-ter in Monday's Bee is that whatever is, is rotten-due, according to this bright "economist," to the fact that republicans are and have been in for vice president. Fred Howard of How we do despise, brate you! the Clay Center Sun says, "Not on How we'd fain annihilate you! Here and there I hear the mouth- your life."

On the Nebraska Press.

reactionary." . . .

And your bills we'd veto. . . . We hate your humming through th ngs of socialistic ne'er-do-wells. Al-A justice of the peace at Columbus night. Your dunning us with bills at sight.

ways their plaint is that the govern-ment, with a capital "G," will not put them on Easy Street. A justice of the peace at Columbus decided that chewing gum is a drug. Gus Buechler of the Grand Island In-dependent overrules the decision. Gus

Ethel-Oh, dear, I'm in such

uandary!

Charley Botkin of the Gothenburg my favor.-Boston Transcript.

Not one of these failures ever stops to consider that the government could not if it would. Not one of them honestly analyzes his own self In "I caught my boy Josh laughin' at a my grammar," said Farmer Corntos-n't sel. them honestly analyzes his own self and then faces his personal weakness and hack of guis. Always it is the useful citizen, even if the result isn't 'Did you reprove him?"

One much. party in power that is at fault. "I did. I told him that while he was welcome to use the dear old home . . . alibi for failure is as good as another. Speaking out of years of experience Meantime these mouthy communists draw their weekly stipend and blow it in, expecting the millenium to dawn before long, so what's the use of saving. And, if their income est working officials and the most use of saving. And, if their income est working omenas and the most out the mesh out the mesh out the mesh out the mesh of the weekly stipend mentioned ets.

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a real treat-in the beautiful

of the weekly stipend mentioned ers. helps pay bridge losses of the wife, social expenses beyond their means, a better car than they can afford-and when, at the end of the year, they owe for their groceries, etc., the damned republicans are to blame. Prosperity lies within your own brain and you can have it to any reasonable degree if you will pay the But why talk of "brain" to a so

Letters From

Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Com-munications of 200 words and less will be given preference.

cialist? If they had anything of the kind they wouldn't be socialists. COMMON SENSE.

Jerry Picks a Winner.

Omaha.-To the Editor of The a Bee: The political situation puzzle to our most astute Imaha Bee: politicians, including Governor Bryan, who seems to be the absolute dictator as to who shall be the candidate for governor

I wish to call attention to the fact that Andy McMullen is a formidable candidate, consequently it would be amusing if it were not so ridiculous, to witness the political maneuvers of nonenties striving to get on the ticket.

I have no desire to imitate the cosses and dictate who shall or must be selected, but as a citizen who be came such without any mental reseration whatsoever, I am interested in the election of men with ability and lignity to office who will enforce the laws, so that this glorious republic of ours shall endure. Therefore, after due deliberation and a careful survey of the political situation, I am fully convinced that Harley G. Moorhead is the only man who can defeat Adam McMullen, the pin-head politicians and other wiseacres to the contrary notwithstand ing. JERRY HOWARD.

Natural.

Wife-D'ye know you're growing quite handsome, John? Husband-Yes, Mary; it's a way I have when it gets anywhere near your birthday.-London Tit-Bits.

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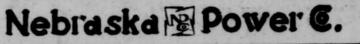
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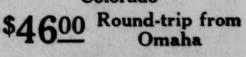
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