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WHO IS JUDGE WRIGHT?

Who is Judge Wright, the judge who recently sentenced Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail for daring to exercise the right of free speech? There appears to be a difference of opinion concerning his political antecedents.

One thing certain, Judge Wright was not elected by the people, therefore he is not responsible to them. He holds office for life, and therefore is beyond the reach of an outraged people. But perhaps it will be interesting to investigate this judicial gentleman. Something might be revealed that would explain a few things that may now appear somewhat mixed.

Judge Wright was appointed to the supreme bench of the District of Columbia in 1903.

He was appointed by Theodore Roosevelt, the gentleman who pre-judged the Moyer-Haywood case and declared the defendants guilty before they were arraigned for trial.

He was appointed upon the recommendation of Joseph Benson Foraker, senator from Ohio.

Senator Foraker is the eminent representative of the Standard Oil company who assisted that giant monopoly in fastening its puppets upon the bench, who accepted its retainers and who has just been forced into private life by an outraged people.

Dear beloved, do you not begin to see a great light? Wright—Foraker—Standard Oil Co.

Of course Judge Wright is a republican, but that has no particular bearing on the case. We have long since discovered that it is not the political affiliation of the judge that cuts the figure—it is the personal equation. In other words, show us the class of men the judge has been training with and we can predict the trend of his judicial opinions when the clash comes between his class and a class looked upon as being inferior.

We have for centuries been asked to believe that just as soon as some lawyer is invested with judicial ermine he loses all his human traits and is immediately invested with infallibility.

And whenever some ordinary man ventured the opinion that the judge was only human and as prone to err as the rest of mankind, immediately the ordinary man was adjudged in contempt of court and thrown into jail.

But we have been progressing lately. They still would love to jail all who deny infallibility to the judiciary, but there are so many of us who do deny it that the jail facilities are inadequate.

Joseph Foraker, satellite of the Standard Oil Company, recommended Wright for a position on the federal bench. Wright was appointed. The first time a question arose concerning the rights of the common people as against the claimed rights of the self-appointed trustees of Divine Providence, the common people got the worst of it. And need any close observer be surprised thereat?

Until the people of this country awaken to the danger of allowing a judiciary appointed for life at the behest of dangerous elements in society to run things, just so long will their liberties be curtailed, until finally they will have none left.

A federal judiciary appointed for life must be abolished. A judge responsible to no authority and able to work his own sweet will is repugnant to the spirit of our free institutions.

UNIONS ARE NOT TRUSTS.

Trades Unions are not trusts—not in Nebraska. The anti-trust act of Nebraska specifically exempts the trades unions from the provisions of the anti-trust law. Sec. 5342a of chap. 91a—the anti-trust act—says:

"Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any assemblies or associations of laboring men from passing and adopting such regulations as they may think proper in reference to wages and the compensation of labor, and such assemblies and associations shall retain, and there is hereby reserved to them, all the rights

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and privileges now accorded to them by law, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding."

Of course this applies only in the courts of Nebraska, for any pinheaded federal judge who so desires can set aside the whole legal code of Nebraska, nullify the state's constitution and assume jurisdiction over the liberties of every Nebraskan.

Trades unions are also recognized in other ways by the laws of Nebraska. Sec. 132 of Chap. 17, says:

"In all cities governed by this act (cities having less than 40,000 and more than 25,000 inhabitants), where work is performed upon the streets, sewers, boulevards or in parks, etc., by virtue of any contract with any person, company or corporations, for such city, shall be done by union labor and be paid for at the rate of \$2 per day: Provided, that when skilled labor is employed by the city, said labor shall be paid the current scale of union wages: Provided, that eight hours shall constitute a day's labor."

But, of course, any multheaded federal judge can knock this higher than the gallows upon which Harman swung. There is nothing that a federal judge can not do if he is so minded. He is responsible to no one, not even the law, for the federal judge can enact laws, interpret them and enforce them, utterly disregarding the fact that this is supposed to be a government divided into three coordinate branches, one branch to enact laws, another to interpret them and another to enforce them. The federal judge, appointed for life, has assumed to be a trinity—a three-in-one—in which is combined all three branches of the government.

The federal judiciary appointed for life is a menace to our free institutions and must be abolished if civil liberty is to continue.

Trades unions should be the leaders in the fight against judicial usurpation.

BUT—

It is illegal to boycott Buck stoves and ranges, and it is declared a crime to tell your union brother that Buck stoves and ranges are unfair.

The editor of The Wageworker is a union man, and he will not buy a Buck stove or range because by so doing he will injure his fellow unionists.

He holds to the opinion that no union man will do anything calculated to injure his fellow unionists, even though by so doing he might reap a temporary benefit. He has the highest respect for law and for the courts.

But— He has a supreme contempt for some judges, especially a judge who undertakes to say that one man may not tell another man that a certain course of action is prejudicial to the best interests of both of them.

We, speaking editorially, do not patronize the Buck Stove & Range Co. How about you, Mr. Union Brother?

Mayor Brown has been studiously ignored by the eminent gentlemen who are framing up the new city charter. But Mayor Brown has shown himself an adept in trumping an occasional trick played by those who would throw him down.

If the new city charter should contain the provision that no present city official should be eligible for election to the first board of commissioners two or three of the present pushers of the charter would not be so active.

Better hurry up and demand the union label. They may be sending you to jail in a week or two for doing it.

Unsalared city commissioners would be all right for gentlemen who have some axes to grind and could afford to pay their own expenses, but it

would be all wrong for those who want equal benefits for all.

There is not a Buck stove or range sold in the city of Toledo, Ohio. Toledo is setting a powerfully good example.

About the only right left to organized labor is the right to bury its dead, and we are expecting an injunction against that just as soon as some "scab" undertaker loses a job.

All this talk of a commission form of city government by commissioners serving without pay is a "pipe dream." The men who are advocating it are indicting their own intelligence.

Thirty-five thousand men and women were killed in industrial accidents in the United States during the last twelve months. And union men are urged to let capital look after the interests of workers.

The Wageworker advertising columns will tell union men and women where to find bargains offered by the friends of organized labor. The enemies of organized labor do not advertise in a labor paper.

The Dred Scott decision was a triumph for the slaveholders, but it marked the downfall of slavery. The Wright decision is a temporary triumph for the enemies of trades unionism, but it marks the downfall of judicial tyranny and government by injunction.

Just now a whole lot of union men who were partisans before they were union men are moving to ask President Roosevelt to pardon Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison. Wouldn't it be better to get together and make it unnecessary to ask for a pardon for doing what one has a right to do?

A NEW ONE.

The Council Bluffs Weekly Times is the latest labor exchange to come to The Wageworker desk. It is a six-quarto and starts off with a fine line of advertising and a choice lot of labor news, local and general. Council Bluffs is a good union town and there is every reason why the Times should prosper. Here's hoping it will live long and prosper.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

First Meeting in New Year Will Be Held Next Tuesday Evening.

The first meeting of the Central Labor Union in 1909 will be held at Bruce's hall next Tuesday evening. One of the most important matters in many months will be the discussion of the proposed new city charter. The provisions of the new charter will be fairly well known by that time, and the committee from the central body will be in fair shape to make a report.

It is understood that a proposition will be submitted to have the central body stand sponsor for a "protest meeting" in the very near future to protest against the decision of Judge Wright.

There promises to be something doing concerning this proposed commission form of municipal government. There are those who insist that the vote last fall fastened the commission form upon the city without recourse. There are others who insist that the vote then was merely an expression of opinion and in no sense binding. If the charter doesn't suit it ought to be possible to reject it, and if there is anything in the referendum law there will be a chance to reject it if unsatisfactory. There is a growing suspicion that there are two or three gentlemen actively interested in framing the charter who are doing so with a view to providing themselves with a further tenure of office.

In addition to considering the char-

ter the central body will discuss the proposed new high school scheme.

It is possible that an organizer of the American Federation of Labor will be present at the meeting next Tuesday. At any rate an organizer is expected to be in Lincoln in the very near future and consult with some of the local officials concerning a plan of organization work to be followed out.

HOME FOR "BIG SIX."

A seven-story building with fifty foot front, costing a quarter of a million dollars, to be located somewhere south of Twenty-third street and east of Broadway, is the tentative plan of the building committee of New York Typographical Union, No. 6. The union printers are determined to have a home for themselves, the allied printing trades, and if there is room left, for other labor organizations. It is planned that the building will have offices, meeting rooms and a large hall with a seating capacity of 2,000.

WILL FINANCE LABOR PAPER.

The trade unions of Holyoke, Mass., have voted to finance their official paper, the Artisan, indefinitely. One by one the labor communities are beginning to adopt the wisest plan.

GLASSWORKERS.

Glass Workers to the number of 900 are on strike in West Virginia.

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