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The latest political bombshell is the announcement by American Federation of Labor officials that it will go into politics with a vengeance, or for vengeance, depending upon which way you look at it. No one disputes that the labor vote would be a big factor if it could be controlled. However, it's one thing to theorize and another to put it into practice. On a small scale, the thing has been tried out in Lincoln a dozen times while The Herald editor was an ardent labor unionist, and a good many times since, and it was found that, despite resolutions by individual unions and central labor unions, the men voted just about as they pleased. Time and again some prominent labor unionist entered the race, and each time he got it where Nellie got the necklace. Omaha has had no better success. Organized labor has never been able to win the victories in politics that it has won in its own field, because men who will follow strike orders will vote as they please. Indeed, the very fact that it has been on the fence has been a source of strength to it when making demands. It works out in other countries—the more ignorant the laborer, the greater the success—but our opinion is that any effort to line up organized labor for any one political party or any one set of candidates is time and effort thrown away.

Another encouraging sign is the growing sentiment in opposition to universal military training. It is noteworthy that eight out of ten of those who favor a course of this kind are those who have never had military experience of any kind, and the ninth is likely to be a fellow who has held a commission and had little of the hardships that the buck private has undergone. Whenever you find a referendum vote of buck private favoring universal military training, you'll find The Herald boosting for it with all its might. Until that time, count us out.

The special session of the Kansas legislature, just concluded, got down to business in a way that seems nothing short of marvelous. The chief legislation enacted was the industrial regulations court bill, which prohibits strikes or lockouts in essential industries in that state, and provides for a court of three members to adjudicate disputes. This makes Kansas the first state in the union to eliminate strikes which directly affect public interest, and developments will be interesting. The typographical union and the employing printers have found that it is infinitely better to settle their own quarrels without the intervention of a politically appointed board with little or no knowledge of conditions, and it would seem that this is the ideal way. Where employers and employes refuse to get together, and the public is left to suffer, sooner or later some way will be found for the state to step in, and both labor and capital should take due notice of the Kansas enactment. Public wage boards, tried out in New Zealand, were all right as long as they granted the demands of the workmen in whole or in part, but the very first time the board handed down a decision that didn't meet with the approval of the laborers, compulsory arbitration became a joke.

Senator J. Hamilton Lewis pictures official Washington as greatly aroused over the presumption of Viscount Grey of Great Britain in advising President Wilson to accept the Lodge reservations. Wouldn't it be a fine thing if this country could ever be in a position where advice from Great Britain would never have to receive serious consideration?

There is a new proposal up before the constitutional convention providing that the legislature shall have power to provide by law for the levy of taxes in any county, city, town or village, or the state itself, for collecting and disseminating information relative to the advantages of these places. All newspaper men are supposed to arise and wildly shout "Hurrah!" We can see a vision of more tons of the usual free publicity dope headed our way. Intelligent advertising, placed under an approved plan by people who have to pay for it, brings results. The shotgun method employed by most bureaus accomplishes little but the waste of white paper. We hope the measure meets with an early and reasonably painless death.

THE ATHLETIC OATH

We will never bring disgrace on this, our city, by an act of dishonesty or cowardice.

We will fight for the ideals, sacred things of the city, by force alone and with many.

We will reverence and obey the city's laws, and we will do our best to incite a like reverence and respect in those above us who are prone to annul them or set them at naught.

We will strive increasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty.

Thus in all these ways we will transmit this city, not only not less, but greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

The latest news following the two weeks' delay granted to Cole and Grammer, is that Governor McKelvie is to leave the state and that Acting Governor Pell Barrows will hold some sort of a hearing for the condemned men. If Barrows, who is a kind-hearted skate, turns these murderers loose, then it's good night for McKelvie.

A neighboring legislature recently passed a law providing a five to fifteen year sentence for automobile thieves. They do not realize that severe punishment doesn't decrease crime, as those who would abolish capital punishment are urging.

FIGHT TO THE FINISH ON VENEREAL DISEASE

The board of health of the city of Alliance has decided to support the state board in its campaign on venereal diseases, and already the work has been begun. The city council has also signified its willingness to co-operate in every way, and the prospects are that within a short time, a competent public health nurse, with ample police authority supporting her, will be appointed. The program is so far in a tentative stage, but when the details are fully mapped out, it is likely that it will include a strict supervision of persons afflicted with venereal diseases, and the elimination of such persons from certain occupations, such as those requiring the handling of food used by other people.

It was said, up to the first of the present year, that the people were not quite ready to support such a campaign as is now being carried on. Quite to the contrary, it has everywhere been found that the general public is intensely interested in this problem; that they are astounded at the facts shown by the draft as to the prevalence of venereal diseases in the civilian population; and that they are now determined that the venereal diseases shall be checked and their great prevalence reduced as far as possible. The support of the people in this work is absolutely assured.

It is interesting to note that at a conference in Washington with officials of the United States public health service the representatives of practically every state board of health in the United States considered venereal diseases so much a menace that they placed it at the very top of their health program for the coming year," says a bulletin issued by the state department.

It is also good to note that the work rests on a firm foundation. Backed by the United States government, largely as a war measure, practically all of the states have adopted, or put into effect, legislation for the control of venereal diseases and are making rapid headway toward the eventual goal. The war measure has become a peace-time necessity. Convinced that there are few diseases as generally prevalent, as easily communicable, and as great an economic drain, the numerous state assemblies and boards of health decided to take advantage of the ground gained through war legislation and clean up right now.

There are just two things lacking to guarantee a quicker success. These are the proper attitude of the public and the co-operation of city and county officials. The states are well organized so far as co-operation with the government is concerned. It now remains for the cities and counties to organize in co-operation with the state department of health.

"This quite naturally will come about when the public opens its eyes.

"And we might as well begin right here at home. It would be well to realize now as later that the old days are gone for keeps. Not a measure of reform, but because they were breeders and carriers of venereal diseases, segregated districts with their prostitutes have been put out of business. Scarcely any have been left in the United States. They will never come back.

"We should realize that this was accomplished in a little more than a year, and every city must get in the fight or be left behind. It is hardly a time to consider the propriety of the discussion. The United States government and the state boards of

health did not hesitate because some people considered "venereal diseases" words which should not be spoken in public. Because they brushed aside false modesty they have made great headway.

"We must do it here at home. Syphilis, yellow fever, smallpox and gonorrhea all are alike in the lexicon of communicable diseases.

"Let us get busy and assist the department of public welfare, division of venereal diseases and the United States public health service to control these dangerous infections."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Reported by J. D. Emerick, bonded abstractor, First National bank building, Alliance, Neb.:

Grant H. Willard, single to W. W. Norton, NW 1/4 of 17-25-49, \$3,300.
Hallie Curry, single to William E. Schneider, lots 5 and 6, block 20, town of Hemingford, \$450.

P. M. Everson and wife to N. G. Wells, lot 6, block 5, Sheridan addition to Alliance, \$5,600.
Emile Bauer, widow, to J. E. Hughes, lot 4, block A, Sheridan addition to Alliance, \$5,600.

Emily V. Mark and husband to M. S. Hargraves, lot 9, block 2, Wyoming addition to Alliance, \$4,500.

Michael F. Nolan and wife to Mary Anna Acker, tract of land in SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of 25-25-48, \$800.

Michael F. Nolan to Carrie Acker, tract of land in SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of 25-25-48, \$850.

Auguste G. Newman Simpson to Martha J. E. Newman, north 100 feet of lot 1, block V, Sheridan addition to Alliance, \$1.

M. S. Hargraves and wife to Elizabeth M. Hodgkinson, lot 9, block 2, Wyoming addition to Alliance, \$4,500.

Tom Roubis, single, to Marcellus O. New, lot 14, block 27, original town of Alliance, \$7,100.

Sylvester B. Trowbridge to F. M. Knight, lot 9, block 3, Wyoming avenue addition to Alliance, \$10.

Sidney Mason and wife to Joseph M. Holloway, lot 4, block 2, Fairview addition to Alliance, \$235.

S. B. Wright and C. E. Hershman to James M. Kennedy, lots 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, block 12, Fairview addition to Alliance, and lot 1, block E, Nebraska addition to Alliance, \$3,075.

Roy Burroughs and wife to Daniel W. Reiman, NW 1/4 of 14-25-48, \$10,000.

William F. Walker and wife to Frederick W. Melick, lots 9 and 10, block 20, town of Hemingford, \$3,000.

W. F. Walker and wife to Fred W. Melick, lots 1 and 2, block 41, Uhrig's addition to Hemingford, \$475.

Christian F. Matz and wife to Jennie A. Watkins, lot 8, block 9, First addition to Alliance, \$1,850.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE BOY SCOUTS

This is Boy Scout week, February 9 being the tenth anniversary of the

beginning of the Boy Scout movement. The scouts in Alliance are ably led by Scoutmaster Kenneth Hamilton. Sunday morning the scouts, twenty in number, attended the Presbyterian church and Rev. A. J. Kearns in his sermon welcomed the scouts to the service, pointing out the splendid character of the organization that they represent and its altruistic spirit. The great motto of the Boy Scouts, "Be Prepared," was emphasized when the pastor told of the necessity not only of physical preparedness, but of moral and spiritual preparedness for the battle of life and the fight for character, which every good scout must make.

The Woman's club will meet this week at the Parish house, with Mrs. C. E. Slagle and Mrs. Ella Young as hostesses. There will be a literary program: "Virgin Islands and Our New Possessions," by Mrs. S. J. Eppler; "The Philippine Islands," by Mrs. F. W. Lester. There will be music. Altogether a very interesting and helpful meeting is anticipated.

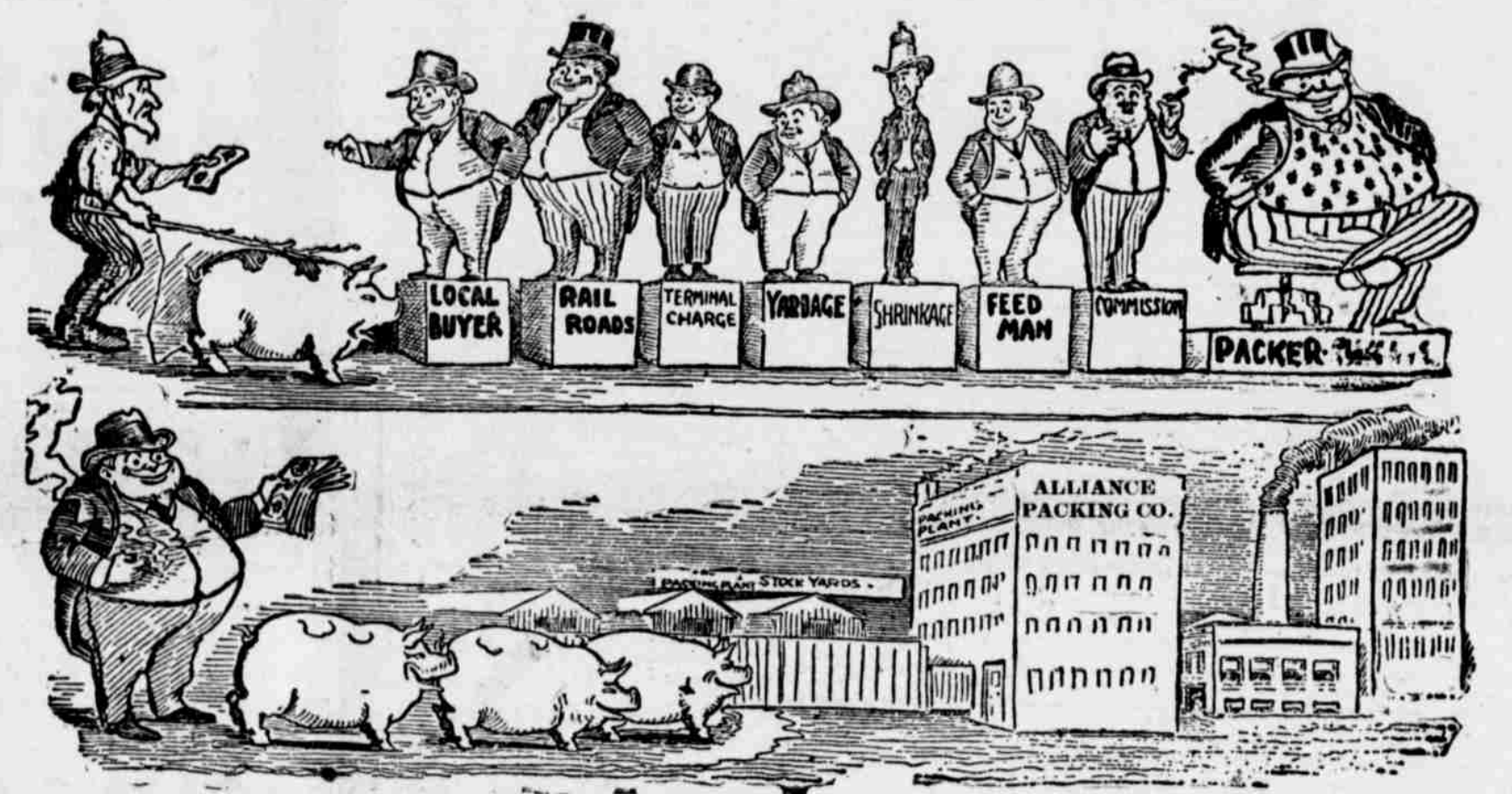
J. A. Pierce, local representative of the Prudential Life Insurance company, has been in Omaha for a week or ten days assisting in the home office while many of the employees were sick with the flu. Mr. Pierce returned Monday afternoon.

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