



The Worker's Opportunity

Take off your overalls, my boys, and join with me in making noise. Lift up your voices loud and shrill until the country feels the thrill. Parade the streets and all enthuse like union men who pay their dues. Hurrah for Taft—for 'tis a fact he's told us just how we may act.

Hurrah for Taft! He says we may pile up strike funds like ricks of hay. He says we may accumulate the stuff that always pays the freight. But after we have got the dough a judge says, "Boys, you must go slow! You've got the money—here's a writ; you'll go to jail for spending it."

Hurrah for Taft! He says we can withdraw support from any man who hands us lemons big and sour from day to day, from hour to hour. But after we withdraw support we'll all be haled before the court and given such a dose of jail that will each dust-grimed visage pale.

Hurrah for Taft! He now declares that rich and poor have equal shares in justice when the law is dealt and all its benefits are felt. But when the worker, in despair, goes on a strike to get his share, injunctions come in perfect gale, and off the striker goes to jail.

Hurrah for Taft! In jail or out lift up your voice in lusty shout! There's no injunction issued yet 'gainst shouts for Taft—nor won't, you bet! You all may organize and pay your union dues from day to day. But if you try much more to do—"Contempt of court—the jail for you!"

Hurrah for Taft! Roll up each sleeve and get in line with James Van Cleave. Display your union card with pride—and vote with "Buck" upon the side. Hurrah for Taft and smile and smile when you're denied a jury trial and sent to jail upon the whim of some big judge controlled by Jim.

Hurrah for Taft! You should support injunction writs, contempt of court, and jail for those who dare declare their right to have a trial fair. Vote for the doughnut with a hole as big as grandma's sugar-bowl. Wave high the empty dinnerpail—for that you'll never go to jail.

Germs and Things

Don't breathe—the germs will get their work in on your lungs. But did you ever notice what a husky lot of men make up the street cleaning brigades—and I guess they breathe about as many germs as a man can well breathe and live. Boil the water—it's full of germs and bacilli. But did you ever notice how healthy the hoboes are, and I guess they drink about as many kinds of water, and other things, as a man can well drink and avoid diphtheria, typhoid, jaundice, phlebitis, lumbago, rheumatism and locomotor ataxia. Eat regularly and avoid over-eating—that's a grave danger. But did you ever notice the appetite of the small boy who can eat three square meals a day, with big

lunches in between, to say nothing of green apples and watermelons and peaches and bananas? I guess the average small boy loses nothing by ignoring the advice of the scientific sharps.

Must be a whole lot of guff about this germ business, after all.

Different

"At any rate you must admit that the president has the courage of his convictions," shouted the officeholder.

"Of course," retorted the quiet man who had listened for an hour to the harangue, "but what about the non-convictions that have followed all of the denunciations and the threats?"

Kind

The poor and unfortunate tourist knocked at the back door of a cottage in Skowhepukeganicook, Maine, and when the housewife appeared he said:

"Mum, kin ye help a poor feller wot ain't got no job an' is so hungry he don't know where he is goin' t' sleep t'night?"

"No, I'll not give you a bite," said the housewife. "But here is three cents. I advise you to go right out to Kansas where they are just crying for harvest hands."

Grave Fears

"But why do you object to physical valuation of railroads?" we asked of the Great Magnate who controlled most of them.

"We oppose it because we are not certain how the valuation will be made. If our tax agents were permitted to fix the valuation we would not seriously object. But we fear the government would insist on taking the statements made by our enterprising advertising men in their summer and winter excursion folders. That would bankrupt us."

August

Gee whiz!
This biz
Of writing guff
And stuff
By the running yard
Is hard.
Seems to me each day
That drags away
Gets longer than the day before.
The sun—
A red-hot bun—
Drives me to think
Of cooling drink—
Lemonade, or pop, or soda water,
And when I drink it makes me hotter.
O, gee!
I'd like to be
Down by the cool seashore.
But I must write
Before night
Three feet of dope.
That's why I hope
You will excuse
My use
Of this short line meter.
You see,
"Twixt you and me,
This sort of style
Used for a while
And the task—I'll soon complete her.

Wise Orator

J. E. Lamb of Indiana says the highest compliment he ever received as a public speaker was paid him in Cincinnati in the late 80's, when Governor Campbell defeated Foraker after an exciting campaign. Mr.

Lamb went to Cincinnati to speak from the same platform with Mr. Campbell, and on Mr. Campbell's request spoke first.

"I knew," said Mr. Lamb, "that they wanted to hear Campbell, not me, so I spoke rapidly for about ten minutes and then introduced Governor Campbell. As I concluded and turned to take my seat a man in the gallery shouted with a loud voice and in a rich Irish brogue:

"Shure, but Lamb's th' bhoys thot knows when t' quit sphakin', an' more's th' pity there ain't more loike him!

"And the applause that followed was enough to warm the cockles of any man's heart."

All Right

"What's this!" shouted the tariff baron, throwing down his paper and kicking a big dent in the mahogany desk. "What's this in the papers about Taft talking of making justice 'cheaper and surer?'"

"You are mistaken, sir," said the secretary. "He said nothing about making it surer."

"O, that's all right then," growled the tariff baron. "The cheapness don't worry me; what I'm afraid of is that it may be made surer."

Being thus encouraged the tariff baron proceeded to punch another hole in the anti-trust law with one hand, while he used the other to put a fat contribution in the collection box held out by Treasurer Sheldon.

Sure!

"How did the straw vote come out?" eagerly asked the manager of the Jimperly Trust and Manufacturing company, looking out of his palatial drawing room in the rear Pullman.

"Ah, heard, sah," replied the porter, "that th' vote, sah, was ninety-fo' foh Mr. Bryan and seventeen foh Mr. Taft, sah."

"Of all the fool things this thing of taking straw votes on railroad trains is the worst," growled the manager of the Jimperly Trust and Manufacturing company.

Then he pulled his head inside and slammed the door of the drawing room so hard that the engineer stopped the train, thinking he had run over a torpedo.

Brain Leaks

Most "quick lunches" are eaten on faith.

No man acquires an enviable reputation by always tearing down.

Some young men work awfully hard to land an easy job.

Any one of us can forget politics for the minute that the fish is nibbling.

A lot of men hold to the moral code that says the sin is merely in being found out.

Politicians talk slightly of the labor vote when they discover that they can not "work" it.

Two classes of people worry about money—those who have none and those who have a lot of it.

The bookbinders' strike is almost over. Now we wish the book borrowers would go on strike.

Some men hold to the idea that justice means giving them what they want instead of what they deserve.

Ever notice how many toothpicks you can accumulate by the time you are vainly searching for just one more match?

If our first ambitions were the ones we realized, most of us would be beating the snare drum in the village band.

Speaking about "cryptogramic utterances," ever try to figure out how a mother manages to understand what the baby means by its cooing utterances?

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