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### WILL GET THE BLAME.

No one will deprecate the awful tragedy at Los Angeles more than the trades unionists of the country—yet trades unionism will be blamed for the horrible deed. We may now expect union haters to rush to the front and point out "one more awful murder by union men."

It is all useless to ask men to withhold judgment until the facts are made known. They will jump at conclusions. The verdict is already made up—the trades unions are guilty in the eyes of those who are either ignorant of the true meaning of trades unionism or actuated by selfish motives to oppose unionism. Those who know what trades unionism means know full well that the Los Angeles tragedy is not the fruits of trades union teaching.

Some frenzied fanatic carrying a union card may have exploded a bomb. It has been done—not because the man carried a union card but because he was a fanatic. Unionism as a whole should no more be judged by the actions of one union man than that the church of Jesus Christ should be judged as a whole by the fanatic who offers his child as a sacrifice to religion.

The Los Angeles tragedy is the outcome of fanaticism on both sides in a controversy that has caused heartaches, hunger and suffering. Harrison Gray Otis has become crazed on the subject of anti-unionism. There is no other explanation of his actions. In all his fight against unionism he has been aided and abetted by selfish men who seek to profit by exploiting labor, and by politicians who sought place and power. As a result Los Angeles has been in turmoil for months. Is it any wonder, then, that some poor devil, hounded by subservient officers of the law and blacklisted by haters of organized labor, sought to revenge himself upon the arch enemy?

Mid you, we do not believe that the Los Angeles Times was destroyed by a bomb. There is nothing to prove that to have been the case—nothing more than the desperate effort of a crazy man to further discredit men who have dared to fight for their rights.

The finding of "bombs" at Otis' residence—or rather, the report of finding them—within a couple of hours after the Times building was wrecked, casts more suspicion upon the police and the Otis crowd than it does upon organized labor. Due allowance, too, must be made for the zeal of reporters anxious for "copy."

Organized labor should, and will, stand out and not only denounce violence of all kinds, but it should lend every effort to solving the mystery of the Los Angeles explosion. It should make manifest its opposition to methods of violence. It should ferret out the conspirators, if such there be, and make an example of them.

Organized has nothing to fear from the fullest and freest investigation. Its methods are as open as the light of day. It admits that it makes mistakes. But it points with pride to the fact that it profits by its mistakes. Its records of achievements in the interests of downtrodden humanity is the best answer it can make to those who seek to make it appear that organized labor is built on violence and maintained through intimidation.

### JUDGE HOPEWELL

Lieutenant Governor Hopewell is a candidate for re-election, and he ought, for numerous reasons, be re-elected by an overwhelming majority. First, he has proved his ability, his honesty and his fairness as a presiding officer. Secondly, his democratic opponent, Ralph Clark, neither by temperament nor association fitted for the position. Judge Hopewell is in sympathy with the people in their every effort to prevent the corporations running things; Mr. Clark is by instinct a corporationist. As the democratic floor leader in the last legislature Mr. Clark took good care of his corporation friends whenever opportunity afforded.

Nor has organized labor any reason to feel grateful to Mr. Clark. Pretending friendship for the railroad employes he stabbed the maximum train law, and while pretending to be for

the full crew law he did his best to emasculate it.

Judge Hopewell has served two terms as lieutenant governor and has proved himself a man to be trusted. As presiding officer of the senate the lieutenant governor can wield a tremendous influence and Judge Hopewell has always thrown his influence upon the side of the people.

The highly moral gentleman who refused to dine with Lorimer before he had finished picking from his prominent molars the remnants of the Guggenheim dinner, is now presenting the not unexpected spectacle of a boasted progressive advocating the re-election of a Henry Cabot Lodge in Massachusetts and overlooking a Robert LaFollette in Wisconsin.

Honestly, brethren and friends, we do not believe that if county option is defeated that state house visitors will sash around in whiskey to their knees; neither do we believe that if county option prevails that business will be ruined or that the millennium will be ushered in. We are too busy making a living to grow excited about this so-called issue.

The Methodist conference has adopted resolutions denouncing Dahlman. We haven't heard of it if the conference adopted resolutions denouncing the prayerful hypocrite in the "amen corner" who employs girls at starvation wages, compelling them to sell themselves in order to keep souls and bodies together.

Rev. H. H. Harmon of Lincoln believes that God's business ought to be advertised in a business-like manner. The greatest trouble we see about carrying out such a policy is the fact that the men who are loudest in their churchly professions are too often trying to cover up their methods of carrying on their private business.

Governor Shallenberger need have no regret over the causes that led to his defeat. The truth is the causes leading to his defeat are the highest tributes that could have been paid to a clean, capable, business-like and moral administration.

Sinbad managed to rid himself of the little old man that straddled his neck, in which matter Sinbad seems to have been more fortunate than President Taft, who is still carrying Richard Achilles Ballinger on his shoulder.

Twelve years ago Bryan pictures were exhibited upsidown in Lincoln as a mark of derision by a lot of people who are surprised that Candidate Aldrich was treated with respect and consideration in Omaha.

Mr. Aldrich asserts that the brewery and distillery business of Omaha represents less than two per cent of Omaha's grand business total. But it seems to hold about 90 per cent of Omaha's attention.

Had President Taft been as quick to promise spoils to the progressives as he was to issue injunctions against wage-earners, there might have been a different result in several republican primaries.

Perhaps you have noticed the look of surprise upon the face of Senator "Billy" Lorimer when he was confronted with the news that some one had actually bought a few votes for him.

If all the Nebraskans who have nothing to conceal about their past lives will step to the front to denounce Dahlman because of his life story, the resultant silence will be oppressive.

Terrible Teddy continues to plagiarize the Ten Commandments and wax wroth at those who fail to give him credit for being the original discoverer.

The way the Omaha Bee is warming up to the candidacy of Aldrich somehow or other reminds one of the voracious appetite of a cat for hot vinegar.

It really seems that when our coal dealer can not lay his hand upon an excuse for raising the price of coal he loses no time in making one.

After reading Abe Gruber's speech at the Saratoga convention we added one more name to a now extended list of "undesirable citizens."

Ask the first democrat you meet to tell you the names of the candidates for state office on his ticket.

The sudden subsidence of one M. S. Poulson seems to indicate a falling off in the collections.

## ANCIENT LUXURIES.

### Silver Lined Cooking Utensils Used Twenty Centuries Ago.

While the housewife of today may reasonably pride herself on the conveniences which her kitchen affords, she need not smile too superciliously at the thought of the makeshifts of days long gone by. She would certainly not do so were she to spend a little time inspecting the kitchen and other household utensils that were in use 2,000 years ago, as exhibited in the national museum at Naples. Saucepans lined with silver, pails richly inlaid with arabesques in silver and shovels handsomely carved figure among the household goods of those times.

An egg frame that would cook twenty eggs at once and pastry molds shaped like shells suggest luxuries of the kitchen of 2,000 years ago. Gridirons and frying pans, tart dishes and cheese graters were in use then as now.

The Roman lady's toilet table was well supplied. Ivory combs, bottles of perfume, pots of cosmetics, buttons, hairpins and even a hair net of gold wire figure in the museum.

Bronze thimbles and spindles are to be seen among the relics. The Roman lady even had her safety pin, for there is a specimen of this little convenience which, before the one in the Naples museum was found, was believed to be a strictly modern invention.

The Roman lady, however, apparently lacked one essential. She had no hairbrush. Neither had she a glass mirror. All the mirrors in the museum, with one exception, are of silver or some other white metal. The exception is a dark purple piece of glass set into the wall of a bedroom at the house Sprechto in Pompeii.

In surgical instruments the ancient world was rich. Those found at Pompeii deprive modern science of the credit of more than one invention. Needles, probes and forceps resemble closely those in use at the present day.—Harper's Weekly.

### THE CZAR'S LEAVINGS.

#### A Doubtful Honor That Was Rejected by a Polish Girl.

In Russia royalty is so revered that to the loyal subject it seems a great honor to follow the czar. The government is eminently patriarchal—in theory, at least—and the emperor must supervise as well as patronize the schools. At the Easter festival the pupils are treated with especial favor. Young girls of the upper classes of the Imperial Girls' school are driven in a long procession through the streets in the imperial carriages. The pleasure for them is only that of being allowed to take a drive in a stylish court carriage, with coachman and footman in the imperial livery. There is nothing special to be seen.

The theory of this is that the czar stands in a sort of higher parental relation to all these children. When he once a year visits one of these schools—to which only the children of the nobility are admitted—it is a custom that as a sign of his favor he drops his pocket handkerchief, and the girls all scramble for it, tearing it in pieces, so that each one can get a fragment.

He takes the most brilliant girl to the table and tastes of the food of the institution. It is valued as the highest distinction when he gives one of the girls his plate with what is left upon it. It is the custom and usage for her to eat it with delight shown in all her features. Great was the astonishment of Alexander II. when a young girl, a Pole, whom the czar had taken to the table as being the most distinguished scholar of the institute and to whom he had passed what was left of his meat and potatoes, nodded to a servant and calmly gave him the czar's plate to take away.

#### An Unfair Attack.

Pietro was working with a gang at railroad construction. He had been told to beware of rattlesnakes, but assured that they would always give the warning rattle before striking.

One hot day he was eating his noon luncheon on a pine log when he saw a big rattler coiled a few feet in front of him. He eyed the serpent and began to lift his legs over the log. He had barely got them out of the way when the snake's fangs, hit the bark beneath him.

"Son of a gun!" yelled Pietro. "Why you no ringa da bell?"—Everybody's.

#### Forgot Once in Awhits.

The health of the body as well as of the mind depends upon forgetting. To let the memory of a wrong, of angry words, of petty meanness, linger and rankle in your memory will not only dissipate your mental energy, but it will react upon the body. The secretions will be diminished, digestion impaired, sleep disturbed and the general health suffer in consequence. Forgetting is a splendid mental calisthenic and a good medicine for the body.

#### First and Foremost.

"My wife has a great deal to say to me about her first husband."  
"Nonsense. Your wife was never married before."

"I know it. That's what makes her reflections so painful."—Puck.

#### His Class.

"I say, my man, is that dog of yours a mongrel?"  
"No, sah; ain't no class to 'im. Jes' common dog, sah."—Baltimore American.

The great mass of people have eyes and ears, but not much more, especially little power of judgment, and even memory.—Schopenhauer.

# The Superior Quality of Service

Service to our customers is the basis upon which we have builded success—the superior service of our salesman, coupled with the superior service rendered by the goods we sell. Getting rather than giving seems to be the sole aim of many concerns—houses which are not high class, and really not important enough to affect the growing demand for high grade clothing. Such is not our policy. We are looking for the continuous customer—the satisfied customer—the customer who keeps coming because he is satisfied with his treatment.

This store, by its liberal methods of doing business and by the quality of merchandise carried, has become recognized as a store of the very highest class; we know that the safest foundation upon which to build our business is service to our customers, and the better we can serve you, the greater will be our gain.

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### MRS. HENRY HUCKINS.

#### Passes Into the Great Beyond After a Lingering Illness.

Mrs. Henry Huckins died at the family home, Eighteenth and O streets, last Sunday morning, after a lingering illness. A few months ago the "white plague" laid its hold upon Mrs. Huckins, and despite the best efforts of physicians and all that loving hands could do it speedily claimed its victim. During the long weeks of her illness Mrs. Huckins was the same bright, cheerful woman, the same lov-

ing helpmate, and her chief thought was not to be a burden upon those about her.

Mrs. Huckins was a woman of more than ordinary culture and ability. A graduate from the Peru normal school, she taught school for a time and achieved success in that profession. She possessed marked talents as a writer and proved a great help to her husband in his newspaper business. But above all else she was a homemaker and delighted most in the tasks of making her home a resting place for those she loved and for the many friends

who were always welcome. The funeral services were held last Tuesday. To the bereaved husband and relatives The Wageworker extends its deepest sympathy.

#### None to Do the Chores.

More than four million people are estimated to attend moving picture shows in the United States every day. No wonder it is getting so hard to find somebody willing to do the chores.

#### Exact Definition.

A gentleman is a gentleman. A party is a man who gets his hair cut on Saturday night.—Topeka Capital.