

HOW ABOUT AN ANNUAL KING?

Few more valuable books on government ownership have been issued recently than a symposium entitled "The Limits of State Industrial Control" edited by Huntly Carter and published by Stokes. It gives the opinions of forty such Englishmen as Lloyd George, Bonar Law, General Smuts, Sir Edward Carson, John Zorn, Hilaire Belloc and George Bernard Shaw. Their opinions have direct bearing on industrial conditions in America because our labor problems are growing to resemble those of Great Britain with increasing rapidity. The suggestion of an annual king is that of Mr. John Zorn.

George Bernard Shaw declares that experience has shown that state regulation is the best thing for the country. "Our captains of industry," says the famous Irishman, "have been convicted by the

war, and by the civil servants whom they despised, of being for the most part 'silly people who did not know their own silly business.' They have been taught how to keep accounts, especially costing accounts; and much of the huge war profits are the results of the economies forced on them by state control. This is nothing new. Ever since the imposition of the block system many years ago on the railways, which showed the railway managers how to run express trains at intervals of two minutes instead of ten, ration is always effective and beneficial when it is honestly meant to be so. The leading example is the decay of agriculture in the absence of all state regulation as contrasted with the tremendous development of factory industry, under a code so stringent that almost every leading point in the conduct of a factory was imposed by the state and no factory owner was for a moment allowed to "do as he liked with his own."

LINCOLN POST OF AMERICAN LEGION HAS MANY MEMBERS

The Lincoln Post of the American Legion have a greater percentage of members for number of men in the service than any other city in the U. S. Over 90 per cent of all the men in the service have now joined the American Legion.

This membership is due to the hard work of the members of the local Post No. 3, and the splendid co-operation of the Lincoln Commercial club. The former service men say the city certainly gave them a fine homecoming and they enjoyed it immensely.

The next meeting will be held December 3, at which time the post will officially thank the city and the Lincoln Commercial club for the hearty co-operation and assistance given.

The local Post No. 3 gained 1,388 new members November 10 and 11, and now has a total of 1,865 loyal members.

The post is planning on a lot of entertainment in the future and wants to have every man take an active part in the organization. The Lincoln post no doubt will be the largest in the entire state.

ACCURACY FIRST, OKLAHOMA EDITOR TELLS STUDENTS

If you want to succeed as a newspaper reporter, above all things be accurate.

Then be aggressive, write in a simple, direct style, and work hard, according to Walter M. Harrison, managing editor of the Oklahoma Daily Oklahoman and Times. Mr. Harrison gave some splendid pointers to University of Oklahoma journalism students in an address recently.

He stressed accuracy as the greatest asset of the reporter and related many incidents in his own newspaper career of eleven years, from cub reporter to managing editor, in illustrating the various points in his talk.

Mr. Harrison said men and women turned out by schools of journalism are becoming more and more in demand by large newspapers of the country. The papers appreciate, he said, that these students have laid the foundation for successful journalistic work, and they advance more rapidly than the cub reporter who must be taught everything by the city editor or copy-desk man.

"Never put anything into your copy which you do not expect to appear in print," warned Harrison. When a cub reported he had added to a funeral notice that the pallbearers "shot craps" on the way to the cemetery. The city editor hurriedly glanced over the copy, failed to see or eliminate that paragraph, and as a result, Mr. Harrison was fired.

Mr. Harrison went on record as opposed to organization of reporters and affiliation with union labor. He believes it impossible to gauge writing ability by any standard which determines the pay the reporter should receive and also says practically all reporters would be biased in favor of union labor in handling all stories regarding issues between capital and labor.

Following the dinner Mr. Harrison was initiated into Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalistic fraternity. Harrison attended Iowa State College, at Ames, which now has a chapter of that fraternity.

THE INTERNATIONAL EAR

There will be little ears of corn, medium sized ears of corn and big ears of corn exhibited at the International Grain and Hay Show to be held November 29-December 6 in connection with the International Live Stock Exhibition, Chicago.

A giant ear of corn has been entered by one of the corn belt states and has been termed "The International Ear." This ear of corn is 37 inches in circumference, has 82 rows with 225 kernels to the row, making a total of 18,450 kernels on the ear. This will be, no doubt, the largest ear of corn ever exhibited and one that is so unusual that it will attract the attention of every visitor.

The exhibitors are insisting that the management shall place this ear in a glass case for the reason that many might insist on securing grains that they may attempt to reproduce this large ear.

Throughout the entire country farmers are examining their corn and their grains, selecting the best that can be found and are grooming and preparing them for the great International show.

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