

# CROOKS IN SOUTH SIDE JAIL FIGHT FOR BETTER WAGE

## Form Union to Demand Higher Allowance On Fines for Time Served in Custody.

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While police court judges of the South Side police court were taking their annual vacations Police Captains John E. Briggs and George Allen were busy rounding up the crooks as usual and the South Side jail began to fill up. The alleged crooks had plenty of time to ruminate and reminisce.

"It's a howling shame," remarked the burglar in cell No. 4.  
"It's worse than that," retorted the thief in cell No. 3. "It's a disgrace to the community. It's class legislation, that's what it is. Something ought to be done about it. I'm in favor of starting a campaign, with a big drive and all that, with a slogan, you know, 'Better Wages for Crooks,' or 'Bum Pay, Bum Work, How's that?'"

"It's rank discrimination, that's what it is," said the burglar. "Five years ago I got fined \$200 and costs. That meant the regular working scale of \$2 a day, 101 days to work the fine out. That was fair enough then. I had no luck coming."

**No Rise in Wages.**  
"An' whiddaya git now?" queried the thief in disgust. "Two hundred and costs means just what it did five years ago, 101 days in jail. It's enough to make a decent, respectable crook give in, in disgust and turn to jail labor."

"And with wages in every other fine going up every day," exclaimed the burglar. "Carpenters used to be glad to get \$2 a day and now they turn up their noses at \$8 a day. And we are struggling along at the same old rate of pay. It's enough to make a man turn holshelvic."

"That ain't all," continued the thief. "Look at the petty larceny fine. Is it any higher than it was five years ago? No. And the cost of living goes up every day."

"Why, five years ago I could steal half a dozen pair of shoes and be comfortably set. I was within the petty larceny limit. Can I do it now? Why, if I steal a single pair of shoes today I'm liable to be charged with grand larceny. And silk shirts! Why, I used to steal half a dozen at a time and I knew I would draw nothing more than a jail sentence. Now if I steal two I'm due for a jolt down at Lincoln. It's awful, that's what it is. Do they want to run us all out of business?"

**No Class Distinction.**  
"I'm glad of it," the thief said. "It helps you and me against us. In the old days a man had to spend his usual life's savings as a thief."

"Now you little fellows can't steal anything that comes in the way of class. You steal something worth while and what happens? Why, at once people call you a burglar. 'Taint fair to us."

"But what good does that do us? You fellows are too stuck up anyhow. And when you get into the yegg class—well, you won't look at your old friends. And there's another thing," the burglar said. "That's this income tax. 'Twas all right during the war. But how about it now? It costs twice as much for an honest burglar to live. Do they consider that? They taxed me twice as much this year."

"Here I am struggling along to support my wife and six children in the manner in which they have been accustomed, and the government comes along and takes most of my hard-earned money away from me. Many a night I have stayed up into the wee small hours trying to make a little extra for the family. Does the government consider that?"

"It wouldn't be so bad if they didn't discriminate. In any other business they make allowance for legitimate expenses. It's the net income they tax you on. But how about us poor burglars? Do they knock off what we have to pay out for fines when we're caught? It's enough to make a man lie down and quit."

**"Poor Struggling Cop."**  
"And how about charity?" broke in the chief. "I thought a certain percentage was eliminated when given to charity. Now take the case of the poor struggling copper who pinched me last month. I felt sorry for him, poor fellow, and slipped him a 20 out of sheer kind-heartedness. Poor fellow, his gratitude was most touching. He appreciated it so much he turned and hurried away, leaving us standing there. But do you suppose the tax collector would allow me to knock that off my income tax return? Not on your life."

"If we don't get what we want, we'll strike. We'll turn honest. We'll boycott the jails. Our strike will throw every policeman in America out of a job."

There was a shout of approval in the South Side jail which woke Desk Sergeant Carter out of a deep dream reverie.

"Hurrah for the Amalgamated Brotherhood of Crooks!" came the cheer from every cell in the jail, and in the meantime Captains Allen and Briggs and their minions of the law are daily adding to the brotherhood of the new organization.

**Associated Diner Smashes Glass-Top Table In Cafe**

Tom Bates, 318 1/2 North Sixteenth street, was arrested by police early this morning, charged with intoxication and malicious destruction of property.

Bates was arrested on complaint of the manager of the Mon Yen Lo cafe, 1508 Howard street, which claimed that Bates, while drunk, came into the cafe and broke a glass top table when he struck it with his fist.

With 127 motor vehicles, Senegal, West Africa, ranks higher in registration than any other of the French colonies.

# Senator Harding Popularized the Front Porch and Omaha Boasts Many Where Domestic Scenes Dominate

## Season Is at Hand When These Vantage Points Are Thick With Family Members.

The front porch is a rendezvous of rest and recreation, where the city dweller enjoys a surcease at eventide, clad in summer-time habiliments, with wife and kiddies at his side and a gentle evening breeze lending an invigorating touch to the scene.

It is one of the institutions which makes the world safe for democrats and republicans, prohibitionists and home-brew addicts. With a smug expression on his countenance and a mug of lemonade nearby, here is where the tired business man and the fatigued artisan may find rejuvenation. It is the Elysium which extends a silent welcome at the close of the day's work. It is the little domestic Bohemia where conventionalities are dismissed.

**Harding Popularizes Porches.**  
Since Warren Gamaliel Harding, United States senator of Marion, O., was nominated at the recent republican frontier day celebration at Chicago, and it became common knowledge that the senator had a spacious front porch, the subject of public places where the spoken word is exchanged. The senator added a new use to the front porch when he announced that he would conduct his campaign on this vantage point. He may sit on his porch, in negligence, and meet the world and his brother as they come and go.

A presidential candidate hereafter without a front porch will be like the person who was all dressed up with nowhere to go.

**Omaha Has 'em, Too.**  
Omaha is enjoying its front porch during these days when the housewives are busy canning cherries and their marital concomitants are engaged in the outdoor sport of obtaining enough sugar to appease their families.

In this era of the front porch one may in fancy see Omaha the evening of a rest period on its porch. Mother and father and the children are in convention assembled. Pa, the keynoter of the ensemble, is reading the political news, and ma, the mid reservationist, is scanning her magazine. One of the youngsters is playing on his kiddie cart.

**Gallant Brings Saxophone.**  
Mary is off in a corner with her beau, who brought his new saxophone. He may have received the instrument from his father as a birthday gift, or he may have saved coupons. It does not make much difference for the purposes of narrative how he received the instrument, just so that he received it honestly. Ma asks the young man if he can play "Dardanella" and pa remarks that when he was a boy he was a humdinger as a mouth-organ



player, whereupon pa exclaims, "Oh, horseradish!" Then the baby falls over with his cart, the dog barks at the saxophone and ma announces that she will read to pa a letter which she received during the day from a sister who lives in California.

And then pleasant little neighborly visits are exchanged on front porches. Mrs. So-And-So skips over to meet and greet the first lady of the Leffingwell front porch, bringing tidings of great joy and a lot of noise about her new bathing suit, which she describes with ecstasy.

**With a Trade Last.**  
"I've got a trade last for you," the neighbor exclaims, as she sticks her chewing gum on a post.  
"Do you know that you left your basement light burning last night?" Mrs. Leffingwell asks, giving Leffingwell a reproving glance for his inattention.

The visitor tells about the tooth which she had extracted by a dentist and how it would not hurt and a good deal so much that she thought she was going to die. She asks if Mrs. Leffingwell had heard of the new baby at the minister's house and she tells how fond her husband is of cherry pie.

Or Mr. Leffingwell may visit the So-And-So porch and discuss with his neighbor such timely town topics as dark horses, white mules and other zoological specimens.

**An Inviting Haven.**  
Did you ever take the missus and the children for an outing, returning tired and dusty, and do you remember how inviting your front porch appeared as it loomed in the distance? And when you arrived home from such an outing, did you ever sit upon your porch and exclaim, "Gee, it is good to be home again?" Your porch on such an occasion was like the appearance of the first glimpse of land to the weary sea voyager after a long journey.

Tarry these days at the front of A. V. Shotwell, county attorney, and you will observe a proud parent

pacifying his fourth born, a miss who but recently arrived upon the scene. And if you have the time and inclination you may hear the prattle of three other little Shotwells which keep A. V. S. quite busy during his front porch sessions.

**On Other Porches.**  
Judge W. W. Slabaugh is enjoying some of the evening hours on his porch, ruminating over the vagaries of his new motor car. On his front porch J. L. Webster will tell you about the tercentenary celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, in which subject he is much interested. Mayor Smith sold

his front porch a few months ago, but he is going to the mountains and he says he will buy another porch next fall.

"Let me build the front porch for my country and I care not who writes her platforms," said an Omaha patriot.

Nero watched a great conflagration from his porch, where he entertained neighbors with his fiddle. Governor McKelvie memorized "Paul Revere's Ride" on his porch. Betsy Ross was frequently observed sewing on her porch. "Lips That Touch Liquor Shall Never Touch Mine" was written on a porch.

**Rich Women Practice Economy in England Shops Are Suffering**

London, July 3.—Women of means and good social position are radically reducing their expenditures.

An exclusive restaurant, catering only to the wealthy class, is said to be running at a loss of over \$5,000 per week through the falling off in trade, and the flower shops are feeling the effects of the new "economy."

"Women are ordering one gown where they used to order three," said a fashionable modiste. "I know of several cases where women who formerly had a new gown for every one of the days at Ascot are only getting one. They will show off the new gown the first day and on the second day will wear cloaks to hide the fact that they are wearing the same gown again."

Commercial travelers have a tale of woe to tell, for they find that orders are not coming in as lavishly as before at this time of the year and many wealthy women are making their own lingerie—or having it made by a woman employed by the day.

# COAL SHORTAGE LIKELY, THOUGH NO FAMINE DUE

## Transportation Most Acute Difficulty Facing Fuel Dealers and Slight Stringency Looms for Fall.

Although coal exportation from eastern fields and coal diversion to New England because of priority orders have reduced to almost zero the middle west's supply from the east, Omaha coal dealers are of the opinion that there will not be an actual famine at this point during the coming winter because of the many different sources of the city's supply.

Indications are for considerable stringency, however, they point out, because of the low production of mines, due to transportation difficulties and because of the depletion of surpluses because of the strike last November.

**Many Buy Early.**  
Retail dealers report that they are disposing of what coal they can acquire to citizens laying in an early supply. Wholesale dealers declare that there is a market here for all the coal they can get, or have prospects of getting.

Sources of supply for Omaha are at present running far behind normal, according to wholesalers. While the average production is about 33 per cent of normal for the entire country, it is actually much less in the Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri fields, where much of this city's supply of coal coal is mined.

**Transportation Is Problem.**  
Many mines in these regions are running only a few hours a day, wholesale coal dealers say. The problem facing mine owners is transportation, they point out. Interstate Commerce commission orders diverting open top cars to coal distribution has had some effect on the situation, they believe.

A serious situation has developed in the matter of eastern coal, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

**Rain and High Temperature Promised Next Week**

Washington, July 3.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Occasional local showers probable until after middle of the week, with temperature averaging above normal; probably fair latter portion.

sylvania coal is being exported. With that supply denied eastern industry, almost all of the Pennsylvania coal is held on the Atlantic seaboard. For that reason there has been very little movement from these fields west.

**Exportation Serious.**  
Coal exportation through Hampton Roads is reaching serious proportions that are rendered still more worthy of notice because it is being done in English ships by English companies, according to information in Omaha.

J. E. Davidson, general manager of the Nebraska Power Co., a member of the United States fuel committee, is in favor of stopping coal exportation and diverting all produced in this country to home use, until the present crisis is past and sound conditions of supply have returned.

**Running at Full Capacity.**  
Of the fields supplying Omaha these in Wyoming are the only ones running at capacity, according to dealers. This is made possible, they say, by the transportation furnished by the Union Pacific railroad. According to William Guild, assistant general manager of the road, 400 cars are moved daily from Wyoming fields. About half of the coal is for the railroad, from its own mines, and the remainder is for commercial purposes.

This coal is almost entirely consumed in Wyoming and Nebraska, Mr. Guild said. Omaha has become a good market for this coal because of the reliability of supply, and about 40 cars a day are received here.

**Shipments Given Preference.**  
Coal shipments are given the right of way and no cars are allowed to stand either full or empty. Diversion of cars from this region to the

# Thos. Cotter Retires After 26 Years With Telephone Company

Thomas Cotter has retired from the service of the American, Bell and Nebraska Telephone companies after 26 years' service.

Mr. Cotter has entered the general insurance business and will be associated with Byrne Bros. in the City National Bank building. He will specialize in surety bonds, particularly with regard to mercantile establishments, but will also write all lines of fire and casualty insurance.

At the time of his retirement from the telephone business Mr. Cotter was engineer in charge of construction of long distance lines. He came to Omaha about 20 years ago from Boston, where he had been engaged in the telephone business for about six years.

**Irwin St. John Tucker To Speak Here Tuesday**

Irwin St. John Tucker, candidate for congressman in Illinois on the socialist ticket, will speak at the teamsters' hall Tuesday evening and will speak in the Lyric building Wednesday.

Mr. Tucker is traveling under the auspices of the socialist party. He was sentenced to 10 years in the federal penitentiary for writing an article, "The Price We Pay," but appealed his case, and trial will soon be in the supreme court.

Illinois and Iowa fields, in effect for about three weeks, may have a noticeable effect on the supply in the middle west in a short time railroad men believe.

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