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FOR A GREATER CITY

(Written for The Times Labor Day Edition by L. A. Barth, Secretary of Central Labor Union.)

No doubt if the subject were put to a vote some people in Indianapolis who are putting out the only advice as to how best to manage the city's industries and municipal affairs would cry down anything I might offer as being radical and one-sided. Yet it is not so.

Organized labor is not organized for nor does it function for self alone. It is for the good of all concerned.

Organized labor! Ah me! What a name! What a thorn in the flesh of some of our citizens!

Instead of offering some solution for the solving of the supposed differences between their policies and ours, which is supposed to be for the interest and betterment of the community as well as for our own betterment, they deride the proposition as selfish and dictatorial in all its elements.

Let's see:

As I said: "What a name! Organized labor." "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

Union is no different than association, club, league or society (social or otherwise). They are all formed for personal interests or for the betterment of the community—mostly personal, however, to those interested.

Why not let us all get together and commune with one another? What for? Not just to unionize some particular job, but to get together and work for one another's good and for the betterment of Indianapolis, and thus make for Indianapolis a city much desired to live in and to which to bring manufacturers or factories and be one grand big family.

No! Don't say, "Look for the millennium." By the way, why can't your paper agitate for another physician or two out at the city hospital to relieve or help those overburdened ones to take care of the unfortunate charity patients in that institution? There is a necessity.

There are possibly many other propositions that might be taken up or improved on, such as better street car service, different parking conditions, cheaper gas, a few of the chuck holes fixed up, and other things too numerous to mention that might be beneficial to all concerned. What say you? Let's all go. Get on the band wagon for a bigger and better Indianapolis.

BELL'S RECORD LIVES

ENDURING monuments to the memory of Joseph E. Bell, who accidentally killed himself Saturday, exist in Indianapolis. Working against the greatest odds conceivable, he, during his term as mayor, accomplished results which always will make him remembered as a benefactor of his city.

He became mayor at a most trying time. Less than a year before he took office a disastrous flood all but wiped out a large section of the city. Only a few weeks before he took the oath the city had been almost in state of anarchy as a result of labor troubles. Riots had occurred in the heart of the downtown district. His predecessor had resigned in the midst of the trouble. Added to these troubles, Mr. Bell's personal enemies were powerfully organized and bent on ruining him.

The mayor's first concern was a program of flood prevention. Under his administration the flood walls were built and the city protected, at least to a large extent, against a repetition of the 1913 disaster.

Track elevation already had been planned, but it was under the Bell administration that it was rushed forward to the point where the Jewett administration took it up and practically completed it. To the Bell administration must go the credit for most of this work. Track elevation opened up the south side and added to the prosperity of that section of the city as nothing else ever did. In connection with both track elevation and the flood prevention work was built the enormous Pogue's Run sewer, in which a stream that had always been a menace to the city was imprisoned and its menace removed.

Mr. Bell will be remembered in Indianapolis, not in the light in which his enemies attempted to place him, but as an able mayor, a man who achieved great things for his city, and as a good citizen. His sudden passing has caused universal regret.

WHEN YOU DIE

AT SOME unknown date in the future, your heart will stop beating. What then? Death, of course. But what is death? Read the strange case of 8-year-old Jack Leaney of Stratford, Canada.

He was ill, in agony. At 10 o'clock at night, his heart fluttered and ceased beating. Physicians applied every test known to science. "It's all over," they announced gravely. "The lad is dead."

But shortly after midnight, two hours later, his heart began beating again. He breathed. Life was miraculously restored, though only for three hours. At 5 in the morning, he died for the second time. This death was final. Jack Leaney is buried, gone into the hereafter.

Medical journals soon will be discussing this.

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You see a man driving an auto. It runs along smoothly. Then it goes dead, stops. A little tinkering . . . a broken-down part replaced with a new one . . . and the auto runs again. If the collapse of the mechanism is too emphatic, the owner buys a new car.

What a pity shoes won't stay shined, as noses do!

Our bodies are the autos driven by our spirits. The auto wears out. The driver gets a new car.

Place a few auto tags end to end. Read left to right. It is how many marks for a dollar.

The California report that a movie star and her husband are close friends is probably untrue.

ANY ONE CAN MAKE TALK IN ENGLAND

They Speak Out of Doors and All Orate at Same Time.

By JOHN W. RAPER

ENGLAND: If you have a desire to relieve your feelings by making a speech, and the police of America won't let you, come over here, where the police will protect you while you talk. Great Britain is the paradise of the gabby man and woman.

You must not expect to talk without interruption, for interruption is part of the game. It is the price you pay for gabbing. But the interruption comes from the audience, not the police, and it is only an interruption, not an effort to put an end to you and your speech. If a crowd should become so unruly as that, the police will go to your rescue.

Every Sunday afternoon an army of gabbers gathers just inside one of the entrances to Hyde Park. Each speaker has either a chair or a portable rostrum that lifts him a few feet over the heads of the audience. Most of them have upon their rostrum printed or painted sign telling the name of the organizations they represent.

Five Thousand Listen

With their rostrums pitched in a crescent-shaped line several hundred feet long, and not a great deal of distance between rostrums, the speakers thunder their arguments at the crowds around them, crowds composed of followers, opponents, probably a few open-minded persons, and, I am pretty certain, a large number who are there for the same reason Mr. Hyde went to the funeral—for the ride.

The session was in full bloom when I arrived at 4 o'clock one Sunday afternoon. There were probably 5,000 listeners—and interrupters—and a dozen speakers.

Most of the orators were waving their arms wildly and shrieking at the tops of their voices, for all the world like a lot of patent medicine salesmen or ballyhoo men at a circusesideshow.

The effect of it was so ludicrous that it was almost impossible to keep in mind the serious part of it—that you are in a monarchy that guarantees free speech to its subjects.

Going down the line I found meetings conducted by the following organizations: Christian Evidence Society, the speaker being heckled by a Hindoo; Reconstruction Society, anti-Socialist; Bishops and Joanna Southcott, speaker, a woman; it was impossible to make out what she was talking about, but she was apparently attacking the Church of England for not teaching the doctrines of Joanna, a crazy woman or a fake who made some predictions a century ago or more, but what they were I can't learn; the National Citizens Union, anti-Socialist; the Church Army, the speaker in a uniform something like a Salvation Army officer; National Union Association, anti-Socialist; the Salvation Army; Catholic Evidence Guild; Christ Church Mission; Divorce and Remarriage Opponents, the speaker in a sort of clerical garb, and the Bible Witness Union.

Some Speakers Change

I listened for more than an hour and left, but upon returning at 8 o'clock I found all the above organizations still at it, some with fresh speakers and some with the same speakers who had been talking four hours before.

In addition there were meetings being conducted by the Protestant Alliance, the United Evangelical Society, two religious organizations unnamed, four Socialist meetings, one Communist meeting and four religious meetings conducted by groups. One of the last named had a boy evangelist about 12 years old.

At one of the others a girl of 8 or 9 years was singing "Oh, Appy Dye," and from the air I was able to identify it as "Oh, Happy Day."

Indiana Sunshine

If your fliver has trouble navigating the traffic take a hint from the Muncie owner who appeared with this inscribed on his car, "Don't rush this can."

While a rear hoof of a mule is regarded as the business end, Elbert McCullough Clinton says that a mule's front leg also is fit of dynamite. He received a cut on his head when a mule let loose with a front foot.

Speaking of slow mail service, O. J. DeLoach, Kokomo, recently received a letter that was mailed ten years ago by a girl friend of Findlay, Ohio.

While a number of Washington tourists peacefully slept in camp on the East fork of White River, a thief slipped into the grounds and drained the gasoline from their automobiles.

Arden Klineade, Warsaw restaurant proprietor says girls can't successfully wash dishes and smoke cigarettes at the same time. In his advertisement for help he said "cigarettes smoking women and girls not wanted."

A street commissioner at Bloomington found a small steel hand shovel imbedded in a limb in the top of a tree. Maybe the squirrels had been drinking Gary moonshine.

While on a trip with his parents, "Buddy" Floyd, 6, Richmond, bounced off the rear seat of the car at Vandalia, Ohio, and wasn't missed by the parents until they reached Richmond. Buddy was bruised but not seriously hurt.

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Heard in Smoking Room

Respectively, they were from Iowa, Missouri and Arkansas, and, quite naturally, they fell to discussing crops the while they smoked. The Iowans boasted of excellent corn crops in their State, in its every section. The Missourian was less enthusiastic. He said corn was doing fine in the northern part of his State, but in the south it had been ill affected by adverse weather conditions. "How are

6OM SIMS --- Says

A Brooklyn baby who swallowed a toy auto will recover. Please tie your fliver outside.

The eclipse due Sept. 10 is not the Firpo-Dempsey fight.

Baby fell into a Wisconsin river and was saved; a real baby, not a bathing beauty.

Fourteen men were unable to land a fish off New Jersey, where booze is thrown overboard.

Just as boys are rushing off to college an Oregon professor quits to come a plasterer.

A gentle, loving Los Angeles creature wants to drink iodine if they won't hang her husband.

Pennsylvania man has escaped from jail three times. If you think this is easy try it once.

Fat men hold a convention in Portland, Me. The funny thing is all are not landlords.

Even though an Elkhorn (Md.) minister married 9,000 couples he has died a natural death.

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Furs and fur coats will be about three arguments and one crying spell higher this fall.

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What are the possible products of 100 pounds of milk?

In an experiment conducted by the Department of Agriculture it was found that by using 100 pounds of milk which tests 4 per cent there can be made about 4.8 pounds of butter, 11 pounds of Cheddar cheese, 45 1/2 ounce cans of condensed milk, 12.5 pounds of whole milk powder, 8.2 pounds of Swiss cheese, or 23 pounds of Camembert cheese. The exact amounts of these products that can be made varies with the richness of the milk in fat and other solids.

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indiana State Board of Health, Bureau, 1322 N. 2nd Avenue, Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps. Medical legal questions, however, cannot be given nor can extended research be undertaken, or papers prepared. Letters cannot be answered, but letters are confidential, and receive personal replies.—Editor.

Win Over Open Shop

In the realm of warfare, labor is able apparently to claim a pretty complete victory over the forces behind the open shop movement and the movement to force wages down to the pre-war level. It is asserted that the roll call of organized labor is as long or longer than it was this day one year ago, while wages have not gone down. In fact it may be said that the country taken as a whole, the margin between wages and the cost of living has been slightly reduced. Plentiful employment, with labor in demand, has helped to bring this about. The longest struggle since the war against a proposed wage cut was finally won in July, when, after eighteen months, the granite and quarry workers of the country went back to work.

Rail Strike Biggest

The outstanding strike of the year was that of the railroad shopmen, which brought on the Daugherty demand for an injunction and Judge Wilkerson's granting of the demand. This injunction, so sweeping in its terms that labor leaders claimed with much justification that it violated the bill of rights in the United States Constitution, proved of doubtful benefit to the railroads. Indicating this is the fact that the majority of the roads proceeded to settle the strike by dealing with the very labor leaders enjoined by the court from having any hand in the strike. A minority, however, refused to settle and this strike still proceeds, notwithstanding that the drastic court order was made permanent during the summer at the request of the attorney general.

At the same time, the attorney general asked and obtained the quashing of proceedings in another Federal Court, whereby it had been sought to tie the hands of the coal miners' leaders in their efforts to direct and control a strike of bituminous miners.

Opinion Friendly

In the field of public opinion, labor has gained materially and one of the forces contributing largely to this important fact has been that of the churches. The Federal Council of Churches has continued its investigations of the twelve-hour-day in the steel mills and has pressed its objections so insistently and convincingly that the long hoped-for reform seems about to be effected. The mill owners have admitted that in moving toward better hours they are bowing to public opinion and the churches are given much of the credit for marshaling public opinion in behalf of the workers.

What was the origin of the phrase, "If the Mountain will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet will go to the Mountain?"

According to one of Bacon's essays, Mahomet made the people believe that he would call a hill to him and from the top of it offer up his prayers for the observers of law. The people assembled, Mahomet called the hill to him again and again, and when the hill still stood he was not confused but said: "If the hill will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet will come to the mountain." Obviously this story is the original of the old proverb.

What does "Yankee dime" mean?

Tramps for a kiss.

What are the periods after billions?

Trillions, quadrillions, quintillions, sextillions, septillions, octillions, nonillions, and decillions.

What is the best way to rid kittens of fleas?

Rub a good insect powder on their fur and leave it on for ten minutes; then brush it all out.

What will prevent a canary from pulling out its feathers?

A piece of raw bacon hung in the cage is helpful.

How often and what should a water turtle in captivity be fed?

It should be fed once a day, and not overfed. Any kind of raw fish, chopped liver or chopped mushrooms makes a good diet.

Did the ancient Egyptians have better teeth than the present generation? Did they ever wear false teeth?

Specimens of dental work in the shape of natural teeth bound together with gold, or artificial teeth of ivory, bone, wood or stone, attached to the natural ones by means of cord, or gold or silver bands or ligatures, have been found in the jaws of mummies which were probably buried 500 or 600 years before the Christian era.

What is the best way to rid chickens of fleas?

"Yes," said little Bob, "but the old hen always goes with them."—Judge.

It tickles the baby.

Aunt Mary was trying to persuade little Bob to retire at sunset using the argument that all little chickens went to bed at that time.

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What is inertia, as Dad sees it?

"Pa, what is inertia?"