

## SOCIALIST COLUMN

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### HOW THE MINERS ARE ROBBED.

The mine owners are not merely content to exploit the miners through the ordinary channels of the wage system, but exercise downright robbery of the miners at the scales. John Kenneth Turner who has gotten inside information says "One big company alone in West Virginia has sold and received an annual average of 840,000 tons of coal more than ever appeared on the payrolls, which at the average selling price of \$1.15 amounts to \$966,000 converted by sheer theft from the miners each year by one operation."

This is really what the operators of West Virginia are fighting to retain. They would be willing enough to pay higher wages, but to have a check-weighman at the scales would mean millions of brazenly stolen wealth from the poorest of the poor out of the operator's pockets. That is why all law and constitutions are set aside by the former attorneys of and stockholders in the mine corporations who now constitute the office holding clique of slave-ridden West Virginia.

The miners of the Somerset county section have always bitterly complained of like robbery. Some day the books of the Somerset county coal corporations are going to be opened, and then the most startling theft will likewise be shown here.

What else can one expect? The capitalist system is cornered on the robbery of the workers, and so long as it lasts, robbery in one form or another will continue. The workers must be knit closer together in a class-conscious army of emancipation. Union organization and socialist political action must go hand in hand and the struggle must go on until the workers win for society the collective ownership of the industries.

### THE APPEAL TO REASON.

After seven years of persecution by the United States Government, started in Colonel Roosevelt's administration and continued by Prof. Taft, in which the entire secret service force has hounded this valiant little paper, in which the heroic Genl. H. G. Otis, of the notorious Los Angeles Times spent about \$100,000 on a fake exposure, all the cases against the Appeal have been thrown out of court, there being nothing to hold its editors on.

That such things can happen in this land of freedom of speech (?) is not so astounding to those who know that the Appeal's only crime has been the exposure of and the fight for the abolition of the capitalist system, and that under capitalism the government is merely a committee of the capitalist class to carry out its will. The fight is not over, for the Appeal is going right after the corrupt officials who have stooped at nothing to bankrupt and put the paper out of business; and the conspirators including the brave? underhanded general H. G. Otis, may well quake in their boots.

The workers are with you, Comrade Warren. More power to your fight. Our Fight.

### THE SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY.

I love to go among my dear comrades, the people, loafing the streets with my spirit alert and approving, Not afraid to admit the bad with the good or losing faith when evil brags or blasphemes, Giving my whole self for the whole self of the crowd, Withholding nothing from the free interchange of the hours, Liberal with life as the crowd is liberal with life,

In the sacred stream without question of precedence commingling. The mad sea tosses—the sea of my comrades.

Horace Traubel.

### THE CLASS STRUGGLE AT HARRISBURG.

Whoever thinks there is not a class struggle in society should read the accounts of the hearing at Harrisburg, Pa., on the Walnut Child Labor bill. There one witnesses the entire force of the Manufacturers Assn. represented by the most brilliant lawyers, pleading that they be allowed to continue the ruthless exploitation of little children in the mills and factories before a committee elected by the workers but friendly to the exploiters; while opposed to them stands the entire convention of the Penna. Federation of Labor under the leadership of that staunch Socialist and plain workman, Jim Maurer, who vigorously smashes the arguments of the brilliant lawyers and silences that champion of graft and exploitation, Jim McNichol.

### ROCKEFELLER SHOULD WORRY.

The shares of the Standard Oil Trust which was busted by President Taft are soaring in anticipation of the cutting of a big melon, which means Profits. In spite of all the trust busting hocus pocus by our capitalistic Supreme Court, it seems that the resurrection has come—for the Oil Trust. Rockefeller should worry so long as his class own the courts.

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### ORPHANS COURT.

In the estate of Andrew Johnson, late of Jenner twp., the Hon. Robert W. Lohr, administrator awarded an order of sale. Bond \$1,200.

Order of sale awarded D. S. and J. T. Yoder, executors, in the estate of Joseph Yoder, late of Windber. Bond \$4,000.

R. W. Maneval and J. C. Harding, appointed appraisers in the estate of Stephen Ropaszki, late of Windber.

In the estate of John Calvin Hauger, late of Garrett, an allowance of \$200 awarded.

Auditor's report confirmed in the estate of Augustus H. Tospon, late of Somerset twp.

In the estate of Michael J. Kelley, late of Sand Patch, the County Trust company appointed guardian of Robert L. Kelley, a minor. Bond \$1,000.

Widows' elections confirmed in the following estates: A Newton Tissue, late of Confluence; Uriah L. Glessner, late of Stonycreek twp.; Stephen Ropaszki, late of Windber; John N. Davis, late of Elk Lick twp. Abraham M. Sivits, late of Brothersvalley twp. Cornelius Cober, late of Somerset twp.

In the estate of Sarah J. Romesburg, late of Middlecreek twp., auditor's report confirmed.

Citation awarded in the estate of Brothersvalley twp.

In the estate of Adam S. Miller, late of Lincoln twp., the County Trust company appointed guardian of Edith L. and Ernest R. Miller, minors. Bond \$500.

In the estate of Conrad Schiller, late of Allegheny twp., the County Trust company appointed guardian of Curtis Lewis Hartge, a minor. Bond \$1,000.

A. F. Hartge appointed guardian of Annie Elizabeth Hartge, a minor, in the estate of Conrad Schiller, late of Allegheny twp. Bond \$1,000.

In the estate of Peter H. Auman, a minor. Bond \$6,200.

An allowance of \$100 awarded Susan Barron, in the estate of Norman B. Barron, late of Rockwood.

In the estate of G. H. Bauman, late of Larimer twp., widow's appraisement confirmed.

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What Would Newspapers Do? If it were not for our mistakes, life would be pretty monotonous.—Judge.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

### LESSON FOR MAY 25.

JOSEPH AND BENJAMIN.

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 42:11, 19, 23-24. GOLDEN TEXT—"He that loveth his brother abideth in the light." I John 2:10.

Jacob's plaintive cry as uttered in verse six of this chapter touches the heart of any father, but God is working out his plan unknown to Jacob. The brothers must have been impressed by Joseph's words that they should dare starvation, and their father's grief and anger, rather than return to Egypt without their brother Benjamin.

Judah, who before had sought to deliver Joseph, now offers to become surety for Benjamin. Thus it was that Jacob was persuaded, but to make as good an impression as possible with this strange Egyptian ruler Jacob directed that in addition to the necessary funds a present also be prepared (42:11), and remembering the strange return of the money before, that this time a double portion be taken. Two words will serve to divide the lesson. Fear and Feasting.

#### Sought His Brother.

I. Fear, vv. 18-25. Ordinarily such an invitation to Joseph's house would be considered a great honor, but in this strange land and possessed by guilty conscience we read, "And the men were afraid." They who so carelessly sold their brother into slavery are themselves fearful of becoming "bondmen." Joseph did seek an occasion against them but it was that he might secure his brother Benjamin (the others were only half-brothers), to abide with him in Egypt. Notice how eagerly they explain the matter of the money in their sacks to the steward. The steward seeks to reassure them by telling them that, "your God, the God of your father hath given you treasure in your sacks." Indeed God had, but he gave them their blessing through another. Even so we through grace are blessed by means of another who is our Joseph. Christ is constantly seeking to reassure our hearts.

II. Feasting, vv. 26-34. In last week's lesson we beheld these brothers bowing before Joseph even as his dream had indicated (37:5-8) and now a second time they are on their faces before him. They had bragged that it should never be so, "we shall see" (37:20) and indeed they are now seeing. That man who says to God, "I will not" in the end is always compelled to do that very thing he in his pride said he would not do. Those who now mock our Joseph will in the end be compelled to do him obeisance, Rom. 14:11; Phil. 2:10. It was that Joseph might gain his brother Benjamin that he made all of these delays in revealing himself to his other brothers. As we have seen Benjamin was Joseph's only full brother 30:22 etc., and had no part in the conspiracy against Joseph, hence Joseph's heart went out in great love for Benjamin, vv. 29-31. Joseph's tears were no sign of weakness but rather of strength, John 11:35; 2 Tim. 1:4. Such a manifestation of emotion ought never to be suppressed.

#### Bold Pretense.

Joseph knew full well how to control his emotions (v. 31) till the proper time. Joseph (v. 27) is fearful that his father might have passed away yet his question does not reveal his identity. We wonder if there must not have been some suspicion in the minds of these Hebrews when their Egyptian host told the exact order of their respective ages, v. 33 (see also 44:12), and that perhaps Joseph might after all be alive. Doubtless their guilty consciences were again aroused when they beheld their youngest brother singled out for such manifest partiality (v. 34). They, however, made a bold pretense and "drank largely." R. V., making merry to cover their confusion. If their drink caused intoxication we do not know. Anyhow they are not held before us as an example in this particular, nor does the biblical account demand that we defend them in this matter.

This was a strange feast. The sight of Benjamin recalls to Joseph the memories of home and mother and caused him to retire from the presence of his brothers lest he reveal himself through his tears. Returning he restrains his emotions while at the same time his brothers are laboring under the constraint of their fears. What differing emotions haunting memories recall. Joseph's memories fill him with love and tenderness while the brothers are filled with suspicion of the entertainment they are receiving.

The golden text as applied to Joseph reveals the secret of the strength of his character. To abide in the light is to be always true to God. It means to reveal ultimately the meaning of the darkness. All of this comes out more clearly when Joseph at last fully reveals himself to his brothers. To walk in the light alone will enable us to keep the golden rule for "Love is goodness in action." This is a tender lesson to relate to the young and for the older we might discuss such questions as Emotion and Religion. What is it to walk in the light, The intellect and emotions.

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### CHURCH SERVICES.

Methodist Episcopal church service, Rev. G. A. Neeld pastor—Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30.

Church of the Brethren—Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Christian Workers Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Bible Class, Saturday evening, 7:30 p. m. Teacher Training classes meet Monday evening 7 and 8 o'clock, respectively. Sunday School Workers' Meeting, Friday evening, 30th inst., at 7:30.

Evangelical Lutheran church—Rev. J. A. Yount, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning service at 10:30. Luther League at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. Lenten service every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Evangelical church, Rev. L. B. Ritzenhouse pastor—Services will be held next Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 2:00 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at 7:30 p. m.

St. Philip and James Catholic church, Rev. J. J. Brady, pastor.—Mass next Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7:30 p. m.

At the A. M. E. Zion church Sunday School at 3:00 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor, at 7:45 p. m.

St. Paul, Wilhelm Reformed charge E. S. Hassler pastor. Services next Sunday, at Grantsville at 10 a. m. and at St. Paul at 2:30 p. m. Sunday school one hour earlier at both places.

Brethren Church—H. L. Goughnour, pastor.—Services are being held each evening this week in the Summit Mills church. On May 18th preaching service will be held in the morning at Salisbury and in the afternoon at Summit Mills. In the evening the Summit Mills congregation will observe the Lord's Supper. In the Meyersdale church the Men's Society of the congregation will have charge of the Sunday evening service. The feature of the service will be the showing of a series of lantern reproductions of Harold Copping's water-color drawings of the Old and New Testament scenes Sunday school and Christian Endeavor at usual hours. All are invited to these services.

### For Peach Leaf Curl

The most common disease of the peach trees this year is the disease of the leaf known as the Peach Leaf Curl. It causes the leaves to become swollen and abnormally red and blotched in color. It has been observed to be much worse upon trees like the "Elberta." Numerous specimens have recently been sent to the office of State Zoologist H. A. Surface, Harrisburg, and to one inquiry concerning this disease he recently replied as follows:

"Replying to your recent letter asking about the disease of your peach leaves, I can say that, as you suppose, they are infected with the leaf curl. In my bulletins I have said to spray with a strong fungicide, like Lime-sulphur Solution or Bordeaux mixture, before the leaves appear. A man who is in the peach growing business and his income depends upon it will do this, and not wait until he sees the disease on his leaves before he commences to give treatment. After the disease shows in the leaf, it is impossible to cure that individual leaf, consequently, spraying now will do nothing more than to help prevent the disease of some young leaves that are commencing to develop. The best thing to do now under the circumstances, since you did not spray with Lime-sulphur Solution as directed for San Jose Scale when the trees were dormant, would be to spray with two quarts of concentrated Lime-sulphur Solution in fifty gallons of water, or make up the soft-boiled Lime-sulphur, according to Scott's formula of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and spray with this once per week

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until your diseased leaves have all dropped off and there is no longer any evidence of the disease present, which may be four or five weeks. If there is much of the infestation the fruit crop will be lessened by the removal of the leaves, but as a rule practical fruit growers do not do much leaf curl at this time of the year. My Elberta peach trees are infected at the present time, but other varieties do not show much curl. I shall do nothing more for it at this time of year, as the diseased leaves soon drop off and healthy ones will develop. I think the Lime-sulphur spraying last winter would have prevented it in part, but not wholly.

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