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INTRODUCTORY

In response to the wishes of the committee which initiated the movement in Somerset Co. for a weekly publication of, by and for the workers, I have assumed charge of The Meyersdale Commercial and will act as Editor and Proprietor of this well known publication commencing this week and continuing as long as it may be the desire of my host of friends and loyal supporters that I shall serve them in this capacity.

During these strenuous days while the nation is engaged in war many sacrifices have to be made, and whether we like it or not we are compelled to face the facts and realize that we have no rights but only authority in time of war. This I have learned by my own experience with the federal authorities in a case of rights versus authority. There is only method of getting justice in a time like the present and that is by assuming the authority, which is to say that we must remove the authorities who have betrayed and abused authority and replace them with men of principal who hold due respect for the rights of other men who think for themselves and act on their convictions for the benefit of humanity. While the federal authorities have been crushing every known attempt at opposition by suppressing the radical newspapers and by thrusting into prison all persons who raise a voice of protest or criticism, they have not dared to postpone or abandon the general elections in this country as the junkies have done in some other countries, and as long as this privilege is not denied us we have still one way of adjusting matters in this country.

But as Editor of The Commercial, I am not permitted to speak about such important matters in the paper during the period of the war. I must refrain from mentioning anything that can be construed by the federal authorities as interfering with recruiting or obstructing the successful prosecution of the war. The censor at Washington is the supreme authority in these matters and no good comes from engaging in an argument with that authority. I will conduct The Commercial primarily as a news paper and will feature labor news as much as possible while I am its Editor. I will count upon the support of the workers, organized and unorganized, skilled and unskilled, industrial and agricultural, and with their co-operation and yours will proceed to build up The Commercial to something like what it used to be when it was the largest and best known paper in the county.

Cordially yours, Eber K. Cockley.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev J. Luther Frantz, pastor.

9:30 A. M. "Go-to-Sunday School Day." Brotherhood Bible Class. Singing led by Prof. Butler. A record attendance is expected.

10:30 A. M., Sermon by the Pastor on "The Unchained Bible."

7:30 P. M., Harvest Home Service. Chancel will be decorated with the fruits of the field and garden. Service led by a large men's chorus. The Pastor will preach.

All welcome to the services.

NO TRESPASSING

Persons are hereby notified that hunting or trespassing on my premises will not be permitted.

John Heining, Garrett, R. D. No. 2

Carload of Golden Leaf Flour just arrived, \$13.00 per bbl., at— HABEL & PHILLIPS

WHAT'S SO AND WHAT ISN'T

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THE STALEST OF THE STALE

No, Socialism does not stand for dividing up.

Capitalism stands for dividing up.

I feel a good bit like apologizing for referring to the absurd dividing up objection. But if you consider it an insult to your intelligence, remember that there are still many people who actually believe that Socialism stands for dividing up.

Capitalism does stand for dividing up.

Capitalism compels the industrious to divide up with the idle.

Suppose you are the average wage worker.

You work about nine hours a day.

In the first hour or two of your day's work you earn by your labor the amount you receive for the entire day.

In another hour or two you earn your proportion of the wear and tear, the running expenses, the raw material, and the wages of superintendence.

Well, then, having done this, it is time for you to take up your coat and hat and dinner pail and go home to your wife and babies.

Do you do it?

No, you don't.

What do you do?

You go ahead and work the rest of the day and add still more to the world's wealth by your labor.

Who earned that surplus?

You earned it.

Who gets it?

The capitalist gets it.

You divide up with him.

The Socialist party says that you, who earned it, shall get it.

The reason you do not get it now is because a few private individuals and corporations are permitted to own the means of production and distribution and to compel you to hand over to them the bulk of the value of your labor in exchange for an opportunity to earn a bare living.

By voting a capitalist ticket you have extended to the capitalists the privilege of exploiting you out of the lion's share of your earnings.

The Socialist party says that that portion of the means of production and distribution which when privately owned can be used by the private owners to gouge other people, shall be collectively owned and controlled, that exploitation shall thereby be banished from the earth, and that the workers shall thereby secure the full value of their labor.

So much for the wage earner. Now suppose you are the average farmer.

A capitalist, individual or corporate, either owns the farm you live on or holds a mortgage against it.

Out of your product you pay him rent or interest.

You divide up with him.

But that is not all.

No matter whether you are a farmer with a farm free of encumbrance, a farmer with a mortgaged farm, or a farmer on a rented farm, you are compelled to hand over a slice of your product, in the form of profit, to each of the retail stores with which you trade.

You divide up with them.

You are also compelled to hand over a slice of your product to the elevator company.

Another to the railroad company.

Another to the commission merchant.

Another to the board of trade speculators.

Another to the beef trust.

Another to the agricultural implement trust.

Another to the binding twine trust.

Another to the barbed wire trust.

Another to the steel trust.

Another to the lumber trust.

Another to the rubber trust.

Another to the hide and leather trust.

Another to the cooper trust.

Another to the brass trust.

Another to the glass trust.

Another to the paper trust.

Another to the shoe trust.

Another to the coal trust.

Another to the oil trust.

Another to the flour trust.

Another to the woolen trust.

Another to the cotton trust.

Another to the sugar trust. And others to various other exploiters and grafters.

You divide up with them. You have to.

That is, you have to so long as capitalism exists.

But you can abolish capitalism by voting the Socialist ticket.

No, Socialism does not stand for dividing up.

Socialism is the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution which are now used to exploit the masses of the people out of the bulk of the value of their honest toil.

Socialism will prevent dividing up.

It will enable those who earn the wealth to get it and enjoy it.

SOMERSET

Mrs. Frances Dobers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matyore Watkums, of Hooversville, and Robert Bolonzky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bolonzky, of Landstreet, were married at Hooversville, by the Rev. Jos. A. Wozny.

Miss Agnes Conway of Rockwood, has returned home after visiting relatives and friends in Somerset.

Mrs. John Kenney has returned home after visiting relatives and friends in Pittsburgh.

Miss Nellie Gorman visited friends in Johnstown.

Mrs. Aaron C. Holbert has returned home after visiting her sister in Pittsburgh.

The regular business meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. W. W. Gastin, Tuesday, evening, November 6th, at 7:30.

Frank Forney is transacting business in Augusta, Ga.

Mrs. Harry Pyle and daughter, Miss Margaret, spent Sunday in Johnstown.

Budd Boose is transacting business in Pittsburgh.

The contracted illness of Roy Pletcher, of Somerset, made it impossible for him to appear recently before the Exemption Board in Zone No. 1, for physical examination. He has been an invalid for several years.

Prof. Russell O. Moore, formerly of Somerset, now Principal of the sixth ward schools at Greensburg, has been elected a member of the faculty of the Y. M. C. A. Night School, opened in that city last Monday.

Mrs. Oscar Pyle, of Milford, was visiting relatives and friends in Somerset.

Miss Margaret Donahue, of Boswell, has returned home after visiting relatives and friends in Somerset.

Mrs. Frank W. Simpson and her sister, Miss Martha Scott, are visiting at the home of their sister, Mrs. R. M. Brown, at New Cumberland, W. Va.

Judge Ruppel, on Monday forenoon, appointed James M. Mayse constable for Jenner Township, vice Roy D. Hostetler, who has moved from the district.

Mrs. S. S. Schlag is recovering from a siege of sickness which kept her confined to her home for several weeks.

Mrs. Louise Mason left Somerset Thursday for Pittsburgh in order to enter upon her duties as superintendent of a ward in the Eye and Ear Hospital, to which she recently was elected.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kimmel, of Pittsburgh, are visiting at the home of the former's sister, Miss Margaret Kimmel of West Union street.

Russell Stewart and several of his neighbors attended the stock and dairy show last week at Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Edna Shaffer, of Jenner township, former school teacher, has been elected assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Boswell.

Norman Blackwell, of Jeanette, has returned home after visiting friends in Somerset.

Irvin Stahl, of Johnstown, is transacting business in Somerset.

Miss Anna Zurewel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Zurewel of Youngstown, Ohio, and Jee Cheniga, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Cheniga, of Jerome, were married at Jerome, by the Rev. J. Dimmick.

Miss Victorian Perian daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel Perian, of Boswell, and August Maltern, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Maltern, of Jennertown, by the Rev. Elmer H. Rice.

Miss Anna Frances Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, and Warren Younkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Younkin, both of Ursina, were married at Ursina, by the Rev. J. T. Davis.

Miss Edna Ray Gindlesberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Gindlesberger, of Somerset Borough, and Homer Foust, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Foust of Somerset township, were married at Somerset by Chas. I. Shaver, Clerk of the Orphans' Court.

Miss Martha Ann Mahaffy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mahaffy, of Boswell, and Frederick A. Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Knight of Belle Vernon, Pa., were married at Boswell, by the Rev. Elmer H. Rice.

Miss Eliza E. Glessner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Glessner, of Allegheny township, and Lester Weigle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Weigle, of Stoneycreek township, were married at Berlin by the Rev. H. B. Burkholder.

Miss Amanda Hershberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hershberger, of Maryland, and Eli Yoder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Yoder, of Elk Lick township, were married at Flag Run, by the Rev. Moses M. Beachy.

Miss Elizabeth Lavada Lohr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Lohr, and Orville Roy Berkebile, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doman Berkebile, both of Stoyestown, were married at Carnbrook, by the Rev. John K. Huey.

Miss Anna Florence Saylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Saylor, of Meyersdale, and Robert Lee Spreat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Spreat, of Windber were married at Meyersdale, by the Rev. A. E. Truxal.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Creditors in the said assigned estate of S. D. Livengood are hereby notified that on the 30th of November, 1917, a petition was presented by the Assignee in the said estate setting forth that he had an offer of Seven Hundred (\$700.00) Dollars for all the right, title and interest of the said S. D. Livengood of, in and to a certain tract or parcel of land situate in Upper Turkeyfoot Township Somerset County, Pennsylvania, adjoining lands now or formerly of Harah & Roddy, A. J. Sembower, Aaron Cramer and others, containing fifty-one and one half (51 1-2) acres more or less, and praying the Court for an order of sale and permission to make, execute and deliver a deed for said land. Whereupon the Court awarded a rule to show cause why a sale should not be made as prayed for, returnable November 19th, 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M., and directed notice to be given by publication in two newspapers.

Jonas M. Cook, Prothonotary.

A PIECE OF GOOD FORTUNE

In these days of high prices it is refreshing to find one article of nation-wide demand that will not cost more than it did last year, and yet will be more valuable than it has ever been.

The Youth's Companion subscription price, \$2.00, will not be increased. The 52 issues of 1918 will be packed full of the best stories by the most popular writers. The Editorial Page the Boys' Page, Girls' Page, Family Page and all the departments will bring a vast amount of cheer, good entertainment and information for every reader in the family circle.

By special arrangement new subscribers for The Companion can also have McCall's Magazine—the fashion authority—for 1918, both publications for only \$2.25.

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