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THE RAIL STRIKE

In any consideration of the threatened strike of the railroad workers of the United States there should be taken into account, it seems to us, two or three essential factors before a decision is reached as to whether or not the men are justified in carrying out their announced plans. The strike vote was taken last summer after a 12 per cent cut in pay had been made but no steps have been taken toward putting it into effect until within the last 10 days when railroad officials announced plans for a further cut of 10 per cent.

The first question one would want answered is "What are the various pay scales with the 12 per cent cut in effect and what will they be if a further reduction is made?" In other words, will the pay be fair or too low for present living costs? We cannot answer the question off hand. We have at hand no tables showing what the various scales may be but it is our impression, and we believe, the general feeling that the various increases granted during the war and after made the various railroad workers about the best paid class in the country.

In the past 12 months wage reductions have been general. Here at home the timber worker's wage has been reduced about 40 per cent. Farmers and stock raisers have had a hard time to make wages at all. Unless the rail men can show that the pay which will result from the cuts made and proposed will leave them too little there is no reason why they should not share the general lot and take the cuts that are coming to them.

Another factor lies in the legal situation. A board to deal with the question of wages, the railroad labor board, has been established by law and has all the machinery necessary to handle the matter. In threatening a strike the rail men are ignoring the labor board and the law. If there were no such machinery the matter would bear a different aspect. With it the public feels that it cannot give its support to a selfish, highhanded proceeding that will mean much suffering.

After all public sympathy and support will determine the result. There can be no doubt today that the public is not with, but is strongly against, the rail unions and their plans.

SOUTH IS SLIPPING

At various times in the past we have pointed out the growing indications of the centering of the lumber industry in the west. Here, of course, is the country's greatest timber reserve. The largest portion of the standing timber in the United States is concentrated in the states of Oregon and Washington. In spite of this concentration, however, other sections have led in the production of lumber, their lower production

costs and closer proximity to the markets of the country having given them an advantage, so long as they had timber, that the northwest could not overcome.

Slowly but surely this dominance of other sections, chiefly the south, has been passing. Southern operators, facing the approaching end of their resources, have been buying timber in Oregon and Washington. Today one of the biggest southern operators is building a plant on the Columbia river. This same firm has bought heavily of timber north of Klamath Falls. Others are in the field.

Now comes a report from the Forest service telling of the lumber cut in 1920. In the whole country the cut decreased in that year but here in the west the timber states showed an increase. Washington is first as usual, says the report, and Oregon goes into second place for the first time, displacing Louisiana from a position held for 15 years, while California takes rank among the first five displacing another southern yellow pine state.

In short, the south is slipping and the west is coming into its own. The future is secure.

AN OPEN CONFERENCE

As the time draws near for the Washington disarmament conference the demand that the meetings be public grows in strength and volume. This is not because anyone is especially curious to know what may go on in the conference room but because the people want to be assured that wars are to be brought to an end and they are satisfied that unless the old ways of secret diplomacy are ended there may still be chances of war.

Only a few years ago, the people remember, the world was engaged in a terrible struggle to curb the German war beast. It was the war to end war. Idealistic hope looked through the horrors of the conflict to a future that would be peaceful just because that was such an awful calamity for the nations to pass through. With the armistice hope ran high. The peace conference was to bring permanent peace and then the conference began and behind closed doors all the bargains and trades were made that left the world sick at heart and peace apparently as far away as ever.

Possibly the result would have been the same had the people known from day to day what was going on but it is unlikely. Public sentiment would have forced a different ending. In the case of the coming Washington meeting no one wants to have any such chances of failure taken. The people want the doors open, the cards on the table and the trading. If there is to be any, done in the daylight. Only by such means, they know, will the causes of war be brought out into the light and removed and the horror ended.

If you who read this feel that only by publicity will the disarmament conference reach its greatest possibilities write at once to President Harding and Secretary Hughes and join your voice to the voices of all those from every part of the country who are urging open meetings and the very utmost in the way of limitation of armaments.

The life of Wallace C. Birdsell meant much to Bend. His death recalls the services which he continuously offered the community. Under his management the Pilot Butte Inn

became known as one of the foremost hostleries of the northwest, and through this Bend received much desirable notice. No one realized more than he the value of Central Oregon's magnificent scenery in stimulating tourist interest, and his greatest service to Bend and to Central Oregon was in working to acquaint the outside world with the scenic glories of this section of the state.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

(Klamath Falls Record.)

Shakespeare held a mere title didn't matter and that the rose would keep right on radiating perfume, no matter what it was called.

But for pure, 100 per cent aptitude in choosing a name that will cling, commend us to the grape grower of the San Joaquin valley who honored the creator of his great prosperity by naming his railroad siding, the point of shipment of 150 cars of wine grapes in a season, for Volstead, the man behind the amendment.

As is well known, grape growers of the San Joaquin date their real prosperity from the passage of the Volstead act. When prohibition was seen in the offing, vineyards were grubbed up and general gloom overcast all who were even remotely connected with the business of growing grapes in California.

Then followed the development of an entirely new industry, that of home brewing. Grapes grown in the San Joaquin valley sold for unheard-of prices and the growers grew rich and prosperous.

George F. Covell was one of these. He has a vineyard of wine grapes on the Tidewater Southern railroad, a branch of the Western Pacific, 20 miles south of Stockton.

Since prohibition became a fact his business and prosperity has increased and the importance of his shipping point became such that he believed it should receive a name. He suggested this to Western Pacific officials and stipulated that the title chosen should typify in some way the culture of grapes.

The railroad officials scratched their heads and wrinkled their brows in thought. Ideas came slowly and the weeks passed. The traffic manager of the road suggested "Grapo," but the general passenger agent merely frowned heavily. He in turn suggested "Grapeland," but Covell himself put the kibosh on that and the christening party was right where it started.

More weeks went by in the search for a name that would please the soul of the poet and at the same time indicate briefly the fact of heavy grape shipments and possibly their mission in filling a want in the homes of non-resident homebrewers of the east and middle west.

Finally Covell took the thing in hand himself. He wired the railroad officials he was tired of waiting for them to christen his siding and that he had named it himself. Thereafter it would be known to the world as "Volstead."

Happy thought! Here was placing credit right where it belonged and by this graceful tribute Covell honored the source of his greatest prosperity, Mr. Volstead himself.

On the railroad maps in the future the name of the congressman who reformed a nation will be displayed as the location of the home of Mr. Covell, whence his lucious fruit is yanked east by fast freight to be transmogrified into high voltage home brew.

THE STOCK SHOW

Again the time draws near for the annual Pacific International Live Stock Exposition and again The Bulletin urges all who can to attend. Subsidized as it is by the state the show, in a way, belongs to all the people just as the state fair at Salem does and the people owe it to themselves to get the greatest benefit from it.

Of course, the big interest in the exposition is to the stock breeder. There he may enter his in competition with stock from many parts of the country and learn valuable lessons. Students from agricultural classes also have an opportunity, in the judging contests, to improve their knowledge of fine stock and its good points and since they are the stock men of the future the opportunity is invaluable. The rancher, too, who wants to add to or build up his flocks or herds, can attend the exposition and find collections of stock to buy from unequalled in any other place or time.

The show is not entirely for the expert or the stock man, however. It has an enormous interest for all who love animals or who like to see collected specimens of the best in any line. Most of us will go out of our way to see a leader. Those who can will find it worth while to be in Portland on some of the show days and see a lot of real leaders.

The Bulletin offers its apology to A. Whisman for the incorrect statement in its Saturday issue to the effect that he was leaving town that

night for a two month's stay. On Friday evening Mr. Whisman's associate, James H. Fisher, in the presence of witnesses gave to a Bulletin reporter the information on which the news item was based and which Mr. Whisman now states is not true.

HORNER'S "OREGON"

The Bulletin has received a copy of J. B. Horner's "Oregon," the second edition of the work, and while it has nothing but praise for the material included in the book it regrets to note an almost complete absence of any mention of Oregon east of the Cascades. The early history of the Columbia and west-Cascade section is told with considerable detail but there is nothing about the rest of the state worth mentioning. In short the author, like so many other Oregonians, knows and sees only a limited portion of the state.

One would hardly call the book a history. It is more of a reference and text book. As such one may find it in brief, topical form all the facts he needs to know concerning the chief personages and events in the development of the state (in the limits mentioned above) since the early pioneer days.

Professor Horner has recently visited Central Oregon, we believe, for the first time. It is to be hoped that his visit has shown him enough of this section to suggest that the next edition of his book will not be complete without some treatment of its history with that of the rest of the state.

Fifteen Years Ago

(From the columns of The Bulletin of October 26, 1906.)

One of the most important steps that could be taken in the development of the country contiguous to Bend and the upper Deschutes valley was taken this week when the management of the Deschutes Telephone Company, with headquarters in Bend, decided on a number of extensions to their present lines.

A telephone line from the south will be built into Silver Lake.

Another irrigation canal is to be built by the Squaw Creek Irrigation Company. The work is to be through the McAllister neighborhood.

Some of the Oregon Eastern surveying crews that left the upper Deschutes country several weeks ago around Burns have returned to this section of the state.

Tom Sharp and Harry Corbett, of Portland, who with Jim Overturf and Bill Brock have been hunting bear in the up-river country for the past ten days, returned to Bend Wednesday after bagging two black bears.

Much land is being sold by the D. I. & P. Company this fall.

Mrs. F. O. Minor will return to Bend from Shaniko in a few days.

Elmer Niswonger was in the Silver Lake country the first of the week looking for timber claims.

Nick Smith has moved with his family and household goods to his homestead on the river several miles south of Bend.

BOYS BUMP HEADS, CONCUSSION RESULT

PLAINVIEW, Oct. 27.—While playing at school last week Elvin Elkins and another small boy attempted to go through a hole in the barn at the same time, and bumped heads—Elvin was quite severely injured causing a slight concussion, he is now able to be out again and will soon be able to return to school.

Mrs. Al Gipson is able to be up again, after a week's illness.

Wilma Bennett spent Sunday with Mrs. A. G. Morfitt.

Alex Leverenz and William Morfitt were in Bend Monday on business.

Earl Chalfan spent Saturday with Lloyd Anderson.

The directors of the McAllister ditch held a meeting at the Morfitt home Wednesday evening.

Most of the ranchers are very busy digging potatoes this week. The crop is generally reported good.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morfitt and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Morfitt were callers in Sisters Sunday.

DANCE IS GIVEN AT DESCHUTES HOTEL

DESCHUTES, Oct. 27.—A dance was given at the Deschutes Hotel Saturday evening. A very large crowd of people attended. The Deschutes hotel served sandwiches, coffee and cake. All the people report a very enjoyable time.

Mr. G. W. Bales of Tumalo was in Prineville on business Friday.

Mrs. G. M. Holten, and Mrs. D. D. Stanton attended the Ladies Aid society in Tumalo Thursday.

Mr. Dee Lowe and his mother Mrs. Minnie Lowe of Prineville is visiting Mrs. W. Lowe of Deschutes.

Mr. C. W. Nelson took a load of hay to Bend Friday.

Mr. J. C. Silvers and son Wilbur of Bend were visitors in Tumalo Sunday.

E. J. Corley of Deschutes has been kalsomining his house this week.

Mrs. R. W. Nelson was a visitor at Mrs. R. L. Thurston's home in Deschutes Thursday.

A surprise birthday party was given at the Tumalo school Friday

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Mr. Neal Ray of Tumalo is thrashing his grain.

M. M. Rogers is working for the Anderson Bros. of Tumalo.

Mr. S. Debing has brought some of his cattle home from the forest reserve.

D. D. Stanton and Clarence Elder were working on the Swalley ditch Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Gile, and son, Ernal of Bend are helping E. M. Swalley dig potatoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford and children of Bend are helping the Cooke Bros. dig potatoes.

Old Lovers Exchange Tokens.

The fashion for love tokens was at its height about the middle of the Eighteenth century, when engraved tokens were exchanged between lovers.

Some of these tokens were engraved with initials, others had two hearts joined and a date, and many were inscribed with mottoes.

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