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LITTLE TALKS WITH MEN IN OREGON WHO ARE DOING THINGS

IS A ROOM WITH ONE PRESS IN IT A FACTORY?

It has been held and decided by the state bureau of labor statistics that any one-press printing office is a factory. The effort is being made to compel all printing offices to pay ten dollars of back taxes for inspection of their "factory." As there are between three and four hundred newspaper offices and job offices in the state and if this is collected from all of them it will amount to a large tax on the industry, let us inquire into it for a few moments. Who will get this money? If anyone in the legislature had proposed such an inspection and such a tax, the "factory inspection act" would never have become a law.

But the factory inspection law was aimed at large manufacturing establishments, sawmills, woolen mills, machine shops, etc.

It was aimed to protect life against dangerous machinery. At first its provisions were not enforced against the One-Press country printing offices. The commissioner was working it easy.

The commissioner of labor statistics believes in holding his job along the line of the least resistance.

He would not have dared make a demand for an inspection fee from the One-Press country printing offices, because they are in no sense workshops or factories, and many have not even a payroll.

The Capital Journal has been running its One-Press workshop for twenty years, and not a boy, man or woman has ever so much as had a finger mashed, although there have been several cases of employees getting mashed on one another and marrying as a result of their workshop experiences.

Now in the year of our Lord 1909 comes the honorable commissioner and tries to collect two years back pay for the years 1908 and 1907.

This ten dollars is to come out of the pocket of every One-Press printing office in the state, a demand that is graft pure and simple.

In this year of our Lord Hoff would take ten big hard dollars away from every poor devil who has to turn the crank or pull the lever of his One-Press jerk-water printing office, and five dollars each year for all time to come for "re-examination."

Brothers of the press, shall we submit to this imposition? Are we to be classed as factories at the mere pleasure of the high-muck-a-muck of the bureau of statistics, at five plunks per year?

When you let the camel get his head under the tent, how short a time before the animal intrudes his whole body?

Steps are to be taken through the district attorneys to collect from each and every One-Press printshop of this state this ten dollars.

This office is in receipt of the following letter from the public prosecutor, who is requested to collect the same:

"The labor commissioner has notified me that you have failed to comply with chapter 158 of the laws of 1907 of this state, providing for the protection and health of employes of factories, mills, workshops, stores, etc., in this: you have failed to pay to the treasurer of the state of Oregon the annual fee for the last two years, which is \$5 for each year, as required by Sec. 7 of said act. Will you kindly send your remittance for the full amount to the office of the secretary of state?"

The commissioner of labor statistics is doing just what many other commissioners are doing—extending its functions and multiplying its offices.

The newspapers should fight this proposition to a finish and should make war on the aggregation of similar leg-pulling schemes.

The business men of Oregon are bled for high state taxes, for high county taxes, and for a multiplicity of taxes like the above, that are enough to create a spirit of rebellion in the hearts of a less spirited people.

The press of the state should above all resent this demand placed in the hands of the district attorneys and probably to be followed up by indictments for violating a state law.

Let the newspaper men and the printers of the state unite to test this law instead of paying this tax on their industry.

If this extension of the factory inspection tax will stand next year peanut roasters will be included.

The gradual extension of the law in this factory and workshop act is noticeable.

At first it was confined to big concerns.

It was next extended to warehouses and docks and all places where machinery is employed.

Now it is sought to extend it to stores and all buildings where elevators are employed.

The fees in all cases are five to ten dollars, and the next thing will be to extend it to creameries and ice cream freezers, and windmills.

It is easy to see how, by extending its scope, any such sys-

tem could have a princely income from the industries of the state.

Such a proposition as an annual inspection of all the One-Press printshops of the state was never dreamed of when this law was enacted.

It is always in order to start a new tax on industry. Let us fight to kill off a lot of them and allow no new ones to be established.

It cannot be shown in any court that an ordinary country newspaper office, where one press runs a few hours a day, or perhaps only once or twice a week, is a factory.

This ten dollars back taxes cannot be collected and should not be paid by any newspaper or job printing office in the state, because they are not factories.

Let the State Press Association unite to make a test case and see whether a printing office with one press is a factory.

A copy of this paper is being sent to every newspaper and job office in the state and we want them to write us what they think about the matter and whether they are willing to pay this tax or not.

The same legislature that has repealed publication laws enacts such schemes as the above, and the time has come to fight all such impositions.

CATHOLICS WILL HAVE GREAT TIME AT BROOKS

One of the grandest events of the season is planned for Brooks on May 29th. Seven Salem schools are invited to send one from their best talent to contest in elocution for a gold medal. Mt. Angel, St. Paul, Chemawa, Brooks, Gervais, Woodburn and Hubbard are likewise invited.

A splendid musical program. A specialty by a musical genius, who performed during the entire season at the St. Louis fair, on a Xylophone, will be worth hearing.

The Chemawas, one of the most popular lines in the state, are invited to contest in a game of ball with St. Paul for a silver cup. This will be a tug of war, locally, equal to the famous Latah races, between England and the United States, for St. Paul is a local nine, provokingly successful, which takes the greatest pride in never letting their laurels fade. It will be a free game; no charge for anything. The only source of revenue will be 25c meals, served by the ladies of the Catholic church, for a good cause. Everybody welcomed. Special crowds are expected from Albany and Portland. Remember it.

Notice.

Is hereby given that sealed bids for re-wiring the State Capitol building at Salem, Oregon, will be received by the Board of Capitol Building Commissioners until June 7th, at 12 o'clock, noon, at which hour all bids will be opened by the undersigned at the executive chambers, Salem, Oregon, in the presence of the aforesaid board.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check in a sum of at least ten per cent (10 per cent) of the amount of the bid and made payable to the undersigned.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the offices of MacNaughton, Raymond & Lawrence, architects, Concord building, Portland, Oregon, or at the executive chambers, Salem, Oregon.

The Board of Capitol Building Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

C. N. M'ARTHUR, Clerk of the Board. Salem, Oregon, May 18, 1909. 5-19-14'

MRS. PETER TOFT SAVES TRAIN FROM WRECK

[United Press Leased Wire] Pendleton, Or., May 19.—Mrs. Peter Toft, wife of a rancher, living at Echo, is today a real heroine, for it was due to her presence of mind that a disastrous train wreck was averted in this vicinity yesterday.

While a freight train was approaching Echo at full speed Mrs. Toft discovered that a break in a ditch nearby had carried away a portion of the track on which the train was running. She seized a piece of cloth, gathered up her skirts and ran in the direction of the approaching train.

The manner in which she signaled convinced the engineer that something was wrong, and he stopped his train within a few feet of the spot where he and his fireman might have been killed had it not been for Mrs. Toft. At least the loss to the railroad company would have been heavy.

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 Jos. H. Albert, Cashier
SAVINGS DEPARTMENT
 Pays Interest on Savings Accounts

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| standing risks | 2,941,901.51 |
| Due for commission and brokerage | 180,156.95 |
| All other liabilities | 102,027.70 |
| Total liabilities | \$3,642,572.60 |
| Total insurance in force December 31, 1908 | \$432,301,401 |
| Business in Oregon for the Year | |
| Total risks written during the year | \$6,257,292.00 |
| Gross premiums received during the year | 92,631.58 |
| Premiums returned during the year | 13,674.07 |
| Losses paid during the year | 16,121.44 |
| Losses incurred during the year | 17,426.66 |

Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1908 \$5,009,511.00
FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY.
 By Bernard Fayrnonville, Vice-President.
 Statutory resident general agent and attorney in fact:
 Chas. R. Thompson, Portland, Oregon.
 Note—Special deposits not held for the protection of all policy holders of the company cannot be admitted as an asset and included in the published statement, except the deposit with the State Treasurer for the protection of Oregon policy holders only.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HEALTH & ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO. OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

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| Amount of capital paid up | \$ 300,000.00 |
| Income. | |
| Premiums received during the year | \$ 938,557.10 |
| Interest, dividends and rents received during the year | 26,650.50 |
| Income from other sources received during the year | 8,086.63 |
| Policy fees required by applications | 135,575.00 |
| Total income | \$1,108,899.23 |
| Disbursements. | |
| Losses paid during the year including adjustment, expenses, etc | \$ 428,516.50 |
| Dividends paid during the year on capital stock | 36,000.00 |
| Commissions and salaries paid during the year | 356,491.26 |
| Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year | 22,579.31 |
| Amount of all other expenditures | 83,301.28 |
| Policy fees retained by agents | 135,575.00 |
| Total expenditures | \$1,062,463.35 |
| Assets. | |
| Value of real estate owned | 0.00 |
| Value of stocks and bonds owned | 625,575.99 |
| Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc | 6,300.00 |
| Cash in banks and on hand | 69,866.63 |
| Premiums in course of collection and in transmission | 62,797.93 |
| Interest accrued on bonds, stocks and | |

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| mortgages | 10,076.82 |
| Total admitted assets | \$ 774,617.37 |
| Liabilities. | |
| Gross claims for losses unpaid | \$ 54,808.37 |
| Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks | 87,145.39 |
| Advance premiums 100 per cent | 11,804.07 |
| Due for commissions and brokerage | 21,922.28 |
| State, county and municipal taxes due and accrued | 18,885.79 |
| All other liabilities | 4,168.05 |
| Total liabilities except capital | \$ 198,733.95 |
| Surplus as regards policy holders | 575,883.42 |
| Total premiums in force December 31, 1908 | 174,290.78 |
| Business in Oregon for the Year | |
| Gross premiums received during the year | \$ 5,488.21 |
| Premiums returned during the year | 0.00 |
| Losses paid during the year | 1,765.90 |
| Losses incurred during the year | 1,810.90 |
| Total amount of premiums outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1908 | 0.00 |

United States Health and Accident Insurance Company.
 Statutory resident general agent and attorney in fact:
 R. L. ALDRICH.
 For further information and agencies, call or write 209-210 Marquam Bldg., Portland, Or.

Notice of Intention to Improve a Portion of Ferry Street.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Salem, Oregon, deems it expedient to improve, and proposes to improve, at the expense of abutting and adjacent property, Ferry street in said city, full width from curb to curb, with Warren Brothers' Bitulithic Waterproof Pavement, from the east line of Front street to the West curb line of Liberty street, excepting that portion of said Ferry street which is intersected by Commercial street and extending a strip eight feet in width extending along the center of the proposed improvement which is to receive the street railway track of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company, and excepting a strip seven feet in width which is to receive a switch track of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and which shall extend from the alley running through block 35 in the City of Salem, Oregon, to connect with the said street railway track of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company, as shown in the plan.

Said improvement shall be made in accordance with the plans and specifications adopted by the Common Council of said city on the 17th day of May, 1909, and which are hereby referred to and made a part of this notice.

Date of the first publication of this notice May 18, 1909.
 By order of the common council.
 W. A. MOORES,
 City Recorder.

Prosperity is very deliberate about returning, when it is considered that the Democratic party is not in power.

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