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THE CLOSED SHOP CRISIS

It appears that the indictment of fifty-four unionists for complicity in over one hundred dynamite outrages, averaging over one death in each case, rests upon evidence obtained from forty thousand letters passing between officials of the unions implicated, and seized at the union headquarters. That such things should happen in America in this century challenges credulity. Nothing in war is more shocking than the planting of mines. Bullets kill combatants, but mines slay miscellaneous, and these mines were planted where they could not avoid injuring non-combatants. Neither the capitalists nor the non-unionists whose lives and property suffered were engaged in any warfare upon the unions. They were engaged in rearing structures of universal benefit; and they were slain or maimed as though they were public enemies. In order to learn who really were the enemies of the public interests, instead of soldiers of the common weal, as is their boast, it is necessary to understand the nature of the delusion which alone can explain without excusing the hideous crimes which somebody has committed. If the savages who are responsible for these crimes—whether those under arrest or any others—shall finally be convicted and punished, much will have been accomplished. It will be a greater accomplishment if the by-product of the outrages shall be a general understanding of the nature of the closed shop, which is the objective of all the trades-union outrages, whose number surpasses any exact knowledge or statement.

If the closed shop shall be established, no man can earn wages without a union license, and the union is under no necessity to grant the license. The right to live includes the right to earn a living. Work for the unemployed is one of the first demands of the unions upon the society which they condemn and propose to improve by their own methods. And yet the unions would deny that right to any except their own members. That is to say, the right to live would depend not only upon universal law, but upon compliance with union standards and bearing of union burdens. The man unable or unwilling to comply with the union requirement would be a social pariah, possessing only the right to starve. Let nobody imagine that this is something which concerns only ironworkers. Whoever buys anything bearing a union label subscribes to the theory of the closed shop. The merchant who submits to sell such articles bows his neck to the yoke. The master of a million minds has decreed that open-shop articles shall not be bought, sold, or transported in inter-State commerce, and is now evading punishment for criminal contempt of court in insisting upon this as a matter of conscience. He is unable to appreciate the enormity of his offense against non-unionists because he labors under the delusion that whatever is good for any unionist is good for everybody. Cases like his call for heroic remedies. Nothing is suggested here worse than a general appreciation of the meaning of the closed shop, which in its essence, and as practiced, surpasses in cold-blooded malice and oppression of the needy and the innocent the dynamite outrages themselves. At worst there were only a hundred of them, and only a hundred or so were slain. The closed shop principle affects scores of millions.

It is a political outrage that there should be obstacles to any man's realization of his own plans for an honest livelihood. The economic wrong on the community is equally offensive, and can be translated into facts of easy understanding. Bricklayers used to work ten hours for \$3.00 or \$4.00, and lay upward of 2,000 bricks. The trade is "closed" now, and wages are \$2.00 higher for two hours' less work. Behold what the union has done for the poor bricklayer, and remark also that the bricks laid in the shorter day for the higher wage are fewer by half. This simply starts an endless chain of higher cost, including higher rent, the greatest single burden upon living, next to food. Carpenters used to hang a door in an hour—eight or ten a day. The shops are closed now, and four doors a day are a full output. When the structural iron shops were closed scarcely one hundred rivets would be driven in a day. The dynamite outrages were the result of the proof that 200 to 400 rivets could be driven in a day by workers glad of the chance, if they were not murdered at the job. Carry these figures through all the trades, and whoever complains of the cost of living can see what the closed shop means to him. It is proclaimed in the name of human uplift, and is the synonym for sloth and inefficiency and cost of living beyond endurance, even if free labor be permitted.

The closed shop is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of humanity and of our system of government. If anybody prefers the system of government by trades unionism, now is the time to proclaim his preference and to support the idea of an industrial commission to defend the rights of the meek and suffering advocates of the closed shop.—New York Times.

Oregon Savings & Trust company, receives a parole or not, is now for Governor West to say, for the parole board has recommended that he be paroled at the expiration of his minimum sentence which is May 26. This move was made quietly by the board and it came as a complete surprise as the board when the case came up several weeks ago declined to act favorably on the case, postponing it for several months.

The conditions of the parole for Morris, as recommended, are attached to the requirement that his friends produce a \$250 bond. The sole reason for this bond is to indemnify the state against any possible violation of the parole by Morris. The board believes that the \$250 would be sufficient to pay the expenses of returning him to the prison in case he proved recreant to his trust.

Old Ditch Filled, and Klamath Objects Klamath Falls.—Water has again been turned into the old Ankeny ditch by the government. Last year the canal was condemned by the city health officer, and it is expected that some action will be taken to get the canal closed this year. The negotiations to accomplish this have been pending for three years.

Sanitarium May Rise at Tolman Ashland.—Minneapolis capitalists are contemplating the erection of a modern sanitarium at Tolman Springs, about 14 miles east of this city. The place at present is the mountain home of M. G. Lawrence of this city, and has been used as a sort of private retreat. It is designed to erect on the property a \$200,000 institution.

GRANGE AGAINST SINGLE TAX

West's Road Bills are Also Fought and Order Will Support its Own.

Roseburg.—After wrangling the greater part of one day over U'Ren's pro-single tax resolution, which was defeated, the state grange closed its labors Saturday.

The grange is opposed to Governor West's road plans and the Pacific Highway; is opposed to the consolidation of the state university and agricultural college; is in favor of equal suffrage; is in favor of building good roads by bonding, provided that home rule be applied in fixing the highways to be improved. The grange is also in favor of taking state institutions out of politics.

There were four days of active discussion by the grange. During the meeting each of the great problems before the people of the state was taken up and fully discussed.

Doane Boys, Alleged Thieves, Caught Pendleton.—Piez and Bascom Doane, brothers who recently, it is alleged, drove away a band of sheep belonging to John Wynne, a McKay creek rancher, sheared them, sold the wool and escaped, have been arrested at Elgin as they rode in from their trip across the mountains.

Hood River Berries Ripe.

Hood River.—The first crate of Hood River strawberries was shipped Saturday. The crate came from the patch of Gus Miller and was consigned to Manager Powers of the Multnomah hotel, who paid \$10 for it.

Dayton Votes New City Charter.

Dayton.—The special election to vote on the proposed new city charter was held Saturday and a very light vote was cast, there being 43 in favor and 31 against the proposal.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The Haines water system has been completed.

Asa Holaday, a well known pioneer of 1853, is dead at Scappoose, aged 84 years.

The annual Lincoln county Fair and Festival will be held at Toledo August 20 to 23.

Superintendent of Banks Wright has appointed H. E. Albert as state bank examiner.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of William E. Tate to be postmaster at Wasco.

Of the 298 pupils who took the state eighth grade examinations in Linn county last week 133 passed.

Out of the 109 children of the Hood River valley who, took the eighth grade examinations, but 42 passed.

Portland folk so far have contributed \$443.25 toward the fund for the relief of 3,000,000 starving people in China.

Former Cashier James Evars, of the defunct Philomath State Bank, will receive no clemency from the state parole board.

Frank Allen, insane, ringleader in an escape of five men from the state asylum for the insane recently, has been deported.

There has probably not been a time during the past 20 years when the ranges of Grant county were in as good condition as the present time.

It is probable that the Illibee club, of Salem, organized 25 years ago, and which has played a prominent part in the social life of the capital, will disband.

The state railroad commission has named June 18 as the date for a hearing at Baker on the question of the valuation of the Sumpter Valley railroad.

Thirty or more southern Oregon physicians assembled in Roseburg Saturday for the twenty-first annual session of the Southern Oregon Medical association.

There promises to be a very active street campaign in Eugene this summer. The city council has ordered three miles of streets paved and there are petitions in for another mile.

Representation in the legislature based on the population as shown by the 1910 census is proposed by the People's Power league. This idea is incorporated in the measure to be submitted to the voters of the state.

More than 200 persons, representatives of threshing machine concerns and others interested in grain farming in Oregon will attend the fourth annual convention of the Oregon State Threshers' Association, which meets at Condon Thursday and Friday.

F. W. Waters, representing the Welch railroad interests which recently purchased the Salem street car system, announces that his company is preparing to expend not less than \$3,000,000 in extension and development of their lines in and about Salem.

With a view to eliminating saloons from the Oregon Electric depot at Jefferson street, Portland, Railroad Commissioner Miller directed Attorney-General Crawford to look up the law on the subject, and should he find that it is possible, he will bring a suit.

Positive assurance is given that the Eugene-Coos Bay railroad will be built at once, with construction commencing from the Marshfield end. The McArthur-Perks contracting company and Porter Brothers have secured the contract from the Southern Pacific.

That the Harriman interests will build a railroad up the South Santiam valley from Lebanon to a point above Foster this summer is indicated by the filing in the county clerk's office at Albany of a copy of a resolution authorizing the construction of the line.

Bell, Wildman & Co., a Portland firm, has been awarded the contract for constructing the \$50,000 storage plant of the National Apple company at Hood River. The plant will be 80 by 100 feet, four stories, and will have a capacity of 120,000 boxes of apples.

A new coal mine, which it is claimed will be the best ever opened in the Coos Bay country, is to be developed at once by a new company which has been formed with C. A. Smith at the head. The mine is on Isthmus Inlet and it is estimated that there are 1,000,000 tons above water level.

The 1912 schedule is out for the twentieth annual session of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua assembly, which will continue for 11 days, beginning with July 2. The program will embrace musical attractions, lectures, readings and sermons, some of the foremost talent coming from beyond the Atlantic.

Congressman Hawley has been advised that an appropriation of \$225,000 for the reimbursement of settlers of Sherman county who were compelled to abandon lands because of the Dalles military road grants, has been agreed upon by the house claims committee, and will be reported with the next omnibus claims bill.

Although the law passed by the people in 1910 provided that necessary expenses of delegates to national conventions up to \$200 should be paid by the state, the last legislature failed to make a specific appropriation for this purpose, and the delegates will have to await the mercy of the next legislature before they receive their money.

The government is again taking up the fight against the small beetles that have been ravaging the forests of eastern Oregon. This year, however, the official in charge of the work expects to have a much easier task than last season, when more than \$15,000 was expended in the war on the little insects.

The exhibits for prizes in Linn county's first industrial school fair will be shown both at Albany and at Scio. The school fair will be held first at Albany on August 23 and 24 and then the entire exhibit will be taken to Scio and made a part of the Linn county fair, which will be held this year on August 28 to 30 inclusive.

It has been discovered that a Linn county man, Ringo Butler, of Halsey, was among those lost in the wreck of the Titanic. Butler had written from England to friends in Halsey that he expected to return on the Titanic, but through some oversight his name did not appear in most of the lists of passengers which were published after the disaster.

A Business Victim. "Does you 'member dat dawg I used to have?" asked Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "Yes," replied Uncle Raspberry. "You means dat mixed dog?"

"He was kind o' mixed. He was what I calls a black-an'-tan-dale terrier. Well, sub, dat dawg als' brought me nuffin' but bad luck. I sold 'im to a man for two dollars, an' de two dollars he shipped me were counterfeits."

"What you giner do?" "What kin I do? If I shows 'im any way to prove de transaction was unlegal he's giner make me take de dawg back."—Washington Star.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

**Bull Run Guarded From Forest Fires**  
Portland.—Taking heed from the forest fire which started several days ago on Clear Creek, about 12 miles west of the summit of Mount Hood and destroyed much valuable timber and a number of the homes of settlers, arrangements have been made by the federal authorities and the city water department for a careful patrol of the borders of the Bull Run reserve

for the protection of the watershed of the Portland water supply.

**Roseburg Festival Great Success**  
Roseburg.—Roseburg's fourth annual strawberry carnival came to an end here with a masked carnival, at which everybody was permitted to go nearly as far as he liked with amusements, and gaiety reigned supreme. With the state grange convention, the Southern Oregon Medical association convention and the strawberry carnival all on here, Roseburg passed a most exciting week.

**MORRIS MAY GET FREEDOM**  
Parole Board Asks That Portland Banker be Released.  
Salem.—Whether W. Cooper Morris of Portland, convicted for embezzlement in connection with the failure of