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UNIONS REPUDIATE LABOR PUBLICATION

Roseburg Merchants Contribute to Alleged Representative Union Labor.

SALEM FILCHED $4,000

Business Men "Purchase" Their Way Into Good Graces of Labor Unions Through the Efforts of One W. A. Vanderhoff.

Confiding Roseburg merchants are reported to have paid several hundred dollars, cash, in advance, to be placarded as "friends of labor" and for advertising in a proposed union labor paper, to be called "the Pacific Coast Labor News," on the solicitation of the publisher, R. A. Vanderhoff, of San Francisco, and the representation that the publication office was to be moved to Roseburg, and the paper would be the official organ of coast labor unions.

Copies of the publication arrived in Roseburg last week. Instead of being a local exclusive edition, which local merchants allege was promised, the paper shows that it was printed in San Francisco, with a page devoted to Roseburg advertising, for which the local merchants contributed handsomely. The same story was undoubtedly told in other towns in Oregon, for the newspapers are exposing the deal this week. According to the Portland Labor Press, the publisher of the so-called union paper is in bad with union labor and has been repudiated by both metal and building trades of Portland and San Francisco.

Roseburg merchants who were practically forced to advertise with this San Francisco publication have no recourse. They signed up with a year's contract, and will, of course, have to continue their advertising for that length of time.

Commenting on the situation, the Portland Labor Press, says:

The Portland Metal Trades council has put the stamp of disapproval on the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Worker, published in San Francisco by W. A. Vanderhoff, and delegates of the council say that the Pacific coast council will be asked to withdraw its indorsement at the convention to be held in January.

Not in Good Standing.

The action was taken Tuesday by the local body when an inquiry was received by the council from Sandy McLain, secretary of the Pendleton Central Labor Council, asking Vanderhoff's standing with Oregon Labor. It was explained that McLains inquiry was prompted by a desire to know whether Pendleton labor should indorse the Worker for the purpose of aiding in soliciting advertising from Pendleton business men. The Portland council instructed the secretary to wire Mr Lain the Metal Trade Worker is not in good standing with the Portland Metal Trades council. Delegates from different organizations gave their reasons for condemning the editorial and business policies of the paper.

"Co-incident with the action of the Metal Trades council, comes the report, which appears to be from authentic sources, that Mr. Vanderhoff is planning to move the office of the publication to Salem, Oregon, and that he will discontinue the publication of the Metal Trades Worker and the Building Trades Worker and issue a paper under the title of The Pacific Coast Labor News, with the object of soliciting advertising from all points of the coast, under the claim that the paper is a representative of all sections of labor in all cities of the coast. The report has it that A. V. McAdoo, of Salem, is to be the editor of the paper. McAdoo recently began publication of the Salem Labor Leader, but discontinued publication after one issue was published.

Started at Long Beach

"Vanderhoff began his coast activities at Long Beach, California, but abandoned that field after a few weeks, to come to Portland to begin publication of the Metal Trades Worker. The paper was published in this city for about five months, and was moved to San Francisco, where publication was resumed after being suspended for a few weeks. Next Vanderhoff began publication of the California Building Trades Worker, which the California Building Trades council resented as an intrusion as the council is publishing its own official organ.

"The opposition to Vanderhoff, which appears to have arisen at each Pacific coast point where he has operated, seems to be prompted largely by the belief among unionists, that his chief object in publishing a "labor" paper is to secure the prestige of organized labor in securing advertisements.

"In Portland the charge is made that the paper published here did not conform to the policies which the rank and file were led to believe would be adopted. The ownership of the paper was also a disappointmnt to many.

Repudiated at San Francisco.

"P. H. McCarthy, of San Francisco, president of the State Building Trades council, some time ago issued the following warning.

"'It has been reported to this office that a certain individual by the name of Vanderhoff is soliciting advertisements and subscriptions for a publication which he calls the 'Pacific Coast Building Trades Worker.' We desire to advise you and the public generally that this publication is issued without the authorization of the State Building Trades Council, and is not connected with this council in any manner whatsoever. We request you to give this information the widest publicity possible.'

"The paper was launched by Vanderhoff in Portland about the first of last January with a great blare of trumpets and rosy promises of how the sheet would almost usher in the millineum of labor. The local Metal Trades council gave its indorsement to the paper, which, according to its sponsors, would be extremely progressive—if not radical. It was also announced that a large printing plant would be installed and that the sheet would be published daily in a very short time. The promoters held out the hope that the downtrodden of the northwest—and Portland in particular——would have a daily organ which would be independent and fearless.

Advertising Scheme.

"Numerous complaints were made as it appeared to the workers that the paper was primarily an advertising scheme conducted for the profit of Vanderhoff.

"About the time the publication of the paper was begun in Portland, the advertising solicitors also secured announcements from business firms to be placed on large framed cards and hung in union halls. The advertisers are designated as 'friends of labor' and the card also purports to be an argument for the good influence of the labor press, the term, "labor press" being used in a gneral sense to mean all labor publications. The name of the official organ of labor in Portland being the Oregon Labor Press, it was easy for advertisers to confuse the terms and to buy the advertising with the belief that they were patronizing the Oregon Labor Press, which paper has come to be recognized as a paper of standing, with a circulation that makes the purchase of advertising space by business men a good investment"

Awaiting Result of Controversy

By Associated Press

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—The Southern Pacific decided to permit the Great Northern and North Bank roads to use the Union station until the interstate commerce commission examines the controversy resulting from an order ousting the roads on December 31st.

Part of Mayflower Yacht is Destroyed

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The mess room and several state rooms in the officers' quarters of the presidential yacht Mayflower were burned out today while the yacht was tied up in the navy yard here. A board of inquiry was convened.

Countess to Serve Two Years

By Associated Press

DUBLIN, Dec. 28.—Countess Georgina Markievicz was tried by a courtmartial on a charge of conspiracy to organize a seditious society and was sentenced to two years in prison.

Newspaper Ask for Expense Curtailment

By Associated Press

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Newspapers ask that the United States, Great Britain and Japan agree to curtail naval expenditures by mutual agreement.

Negotiating For New Jap Treaty

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Congressional leaders were called into conference between the State department and the Japanese Ambassodor, Shidehara, for a new treaty. A proposal will be made to California to enact a law barring all aliens from the acquiring of property in the state as a substitute for the anti-Japanese law recently adopted.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Griffith arrived in Roseburg this morning from Grants Pass to spend a short time visiting with friends.

RAFFETY ATTENDS PORTLAND MEETING

Secretaries of Several States Convened For Purpose Determining Laws

TO MARK HIGHWAYS

Prevailing Thought Was to Let The Motorists Travel as Unmolested as Possible. Great Deal of Good From Meeting.

T. A. Raffety, field deputy for the auto license department of the state, who is here this week, was in attendance at the meeting of the secretaries of the states of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, which was called by Secretary of State Kozer at the suggestion of Mr. Raffety. The meeting was for the purpose of revising the road laws and among the main things discusses they strongly recommended that the department in charge of the highways, in the respective states, post the highways with uniform signs and road markers for the convenience of the traveling public.

"They also strongly endorsed the Oregon law providing for a tax on gasoline, deeming this method of taxation a more equitable distribution of the cost of road and highway construction, as the owner of the automobile by virtue thereof contributes proportionately as he may use the roads, whether for pleasure or in the pursuit of his business," said Mr. Raffety.

The Secretaries, instead of providing that a non-resident of the respective states upon entering another state register with the nearest police department, and this department being required to forward such registration to the Secretary of State for general reference as a clearance bureau, decided that the necessary information regarding non-residents, for the proper policing of the highways of the state could be secured by a mutual exchange of registration lists. This will give the Secretaries of State of each of the states a complete registration list of the motor vehicle owners in the other states, which lists will be open to the public at all times.

"The prevailing thought of the secretaries is to permit the motorist to travel unmolested as much as is possible, and not require of him any duties that are not enforced, or rather, enacted of others who may travel from one state to another by other means of travel. The idea was to make the reciprocal privileges between the states as broad as possible.

"The principal subject, and one which has been unanimously agreed upon was that of uniform traffic regulations and motor vehicle equipment. Conditions being different in many of the cities and towns of the respective states, it becomes necessary to have an effective uniform law, to include restrictions which do not noy exist in some of the cities, and again to exclude others which exist at this time, but with the experience of the traffic officers believe that the suggested regulations will meet every requirement, so that the motorist in Oregon, being fully acquainted with the laws of the state when motoring in Washington, Idaho, or Montana, by complying with the laws of Oregon will know that he is not violating any of the traffic regulations in any of these states in which he may be travelling.

"The light and equipment of cars was also taken up and we believe requirements will not be oppressive or difficult to comply with as suggested. These suggestions will be more specifically formulat d and embodied in proposed laws upon which the legislature of the respective states will be asked to enact at the coming sessions of their assemblies.

"It was the concensus of opinion that licensing a motor vehicle is purely a local regulation, as well as the fees exacted, on account thereof, as some of the states, by reason of the big license fees, exempt the motor vehicle from the personal property tax, while others where the license fee is low, include a personal property tax and in addition is enacted.

"Further it was the unanimous opinion of the secretaries that the privileges accorder motor vehicle dealers under dealers' licenses should extend only to the states in which the dealers reside.

"It was also unanimously recommended that the license years be made uniform, that is, that the license year should correspond with the calendar year, which is not the case now in many states.

"The operator's license law was also strongly endorsed, and it was the unanimous opinion of the secretaries of state that the age limit for driving automobiles, should not be made less than 16 years of age, as the Oregon law provides. Some of them were strongly in favor of the raising of the age limit to 18 years, but 16 years was agreed upon as the minimum age.

"It was also strongly recommended that chauffeurs be required to give bond, as none of the laws of the state now make such exactions of persons engaged in driving automobiles for hire in carrying passengers or freight."

EDWARD KIDDLE DIES.

LA GRANDE, Dec. 28.—Edward E. Kiddle, state highway commissioner, died early today after a two hours illness with acute indigestion. He returned only a few days ago from Washington, D. C., where he went with others in the interests of the McArthur road bill.

Injured Man In Precarious Condition

J. B. Fessler, who was struck by an automobile driven by Roy Siegrist Saturday evening, is reported to be in a precarious condition at Mercy hospital today. Through an error the name was reported to be Wolfgang Fest, but this was a mistake, the victim of the accident being Mr. Fessler, who is also a resident of Edenbower. A search is on for the driver whose failure to dim his lights was responsible for the accident which may cost Mr. Fessler his life.

Postoffice Does Big Xmas Business

Business at the Roseburg post office during the Christmas period of the present year was by a large margin the biggest in the history of the office. During the ten business days immediately preceding December 25, the postal receipts of the office reached an aggregate total of $1848.02. This represents an increase of 37.3 per cent over the receipts of the corresponding period of last year, when the stamp sales recorded a total of $1345.08. In keeping with the record was the volume of incoming parcels, which was noticeably much larger than in any previous year. Although sorely handicapped by delayed mail trains, the efficient force at the post office proved equal to the emergency, and no effort was spared to give the public prompt and complete service.

Representatives Get Barrage Telegrams

American Legion posts throughout the state of Oregon laid down a barrage of telegrams to Oregon representatives in Congress at noon today urging their support to the bonus measure. Umpqua post sent several telegrams to the senators and representatives voicing the sentiment of the Legionnaires of Douglas county. The following telegram was received by adjutant Leon McClintock from State Adjutant Elvins: "National legislative committee asks that a barrage be put down on our representatives in congress. Legions legislative program in danger of being defeated, including compensation bill."

Livestock Project Leaders Meet

The leaders of the livestock projects of the Farm Bureau, representing the various communities met in Roseburg today for the purpose of electing a county chairman and discussing the proper methods of procedure in the project which they represent. Several interesting talks were made and plans proposed. Those present at the meeting, which was held in the offices of County Agent H. E. Haslett, were, John Kruse, of Yoncalla; J. S. Wilson, Yoncalla; F. A. Raymond, Drain; R. R. Clarke, Millwood; H. E. Kruger, Oakland; B. S. Adams, Elkton; W. H. Northcraft, Olalla; J. R. Russell, Camas Valley and Earl Olivant, Olalla.

Grange Has Xmas Tree For Community

A very enjoyable time was spent at the South Deer Creek grange hall Saturday night when the Grange gave a Christmas entertainment and dance. A program was presented by a number of children, music being furnished by the orchestra. Practically all the residents of the community were present and all received a present of candy and nuts. Following the program, a dance was held until midnight.

The Myrtle Creek prune ranch belonging to A. B. Heneslee, the sale of which was reported in yesterdays News-Review was sold by the Lawrence and Cordon company. The name of the firm making the deal was omitted in yesterday's issue.

MANY LOSE WHEN BOND HOUSE FAILS

Large Number of Roseburg People Had Money Invested in Fake Certificates.

LOCAL BANKS ARE SAFE

Financial Houses in Roseburg Were "Tipped Off" to Weak Condition of Portland Bond Firm, Which Has Failed.

HAS $4000 IN BONDS.

B. F. Skinner, a local resident, gives credit to a "lucky hunch" for the $4000 worth of city of Edmonton 6 per cent gold certificates which he was proudly carrying about in his pocket today. Two weeks ago Mr. Skinner invested in $4000 worth of interim certificates. He later became worried over this investment and a few days ago sent his certificates to the Ladd & Tilton bank in Portland and instructed them to get the bonds or something as good. Today he received the bonds, which the bank forced from the bonding house before the crash came.

Several local business men and laboring men are due to lose heavily as a result of the failure of Morris Bros., Inc., bonding house, which last night filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy and procured the appointment of W. D. Whitcomb as temporary receiver. It has been learned that four or five business men of Roseburg have bought interim certificates varying in value from $100 to $1000 on the City of Edmonton bonds. First payments on these bonds differed in amounts from $50 to $500, arrangements having been made by the majority of the purchasers to pay out on the bonds on the installment plan. Laboring men, particularly railroad employes, it is learned, have also placed money in these certificates, although the amounts in these cases are for the greater part in sums of $100. These men, however, will probably lose more than the others as the most of them have paid for the certificates outright. A local railroad engineer and his wife, holders of $500 worth of interim certificates, left last night for Portland to obtain more information regarding the affair.

No Loss to Banks.

Local banks report that they have experienced no loss and that their clients were protected. A local banker stated this morning that the Roseburg banks were "tipped off" on the condition of the bonding house and that no dealings have been carried on except for legitimate bonds, all transactions being kept clear so that there was no possible chance for a financial loss either to the bank or the customer. It has geen known in the higher financial circles for several weeks that Morris Bros. were not financially sound, although the true reason for this fact was not generally accepted. However, the larger banking houses, always cautious, have refused to deal with the company except in the purchase of secured bonds and even in such transactions all danger of loss was removed.

Investments Luring.

The interim certificates were sold direct to individuals by representatives of the company and were not handled through any of the local banks or bond brokers. Having practically a nine per cent yield, they were extremely attractive investments, and many persons having money were eager to secure the bonds.

The loss of these certificates may not be complete, as there will be sufficient assets to cover at least a portion of the liabilities of the company and it is very probable that a refund of at least a portion of the payments will be made.

The seizure of $75,000 in bonds, which Etheridge, the fleeing ex-president of the firm had placed in the express office at Tacoma, will undoubtedly go to pay off a portion of the sum which he looted from the company's treasury. It is estimated that the loss sustained will be between $750,000 and $1,000,000, although no definite figures can be given until the audit is complete.

Events Follow Rapidly.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—Events involved in the wrecking of the bond firm and the search for the fleeing ex-president of the company, moved yesterday with kaleidoscopic rapidity.

Long ghefore 10 o'clock crowds of disappointed investors began gathering before the barred doors of the firm's building where uniformed police stood guard throughout the day.

Etheridge Consents to Return.

At 11 o'clock this morning, G. E. Anderson of Silverton, appeared at the office of District Attorney Evans and signed a complaint charging Etheridge with larceny by bailee. A warrant for the arrest of the missing ex-president was signed by District Judge Hawkins, who placed bail at $7500.

Then at intermittent periods during the afternoon came other steps in the investigation, terminating in news of the arrest of Etheridge at Minneapolis, and the latter announcement that Etheridge had consented to return to Portland without extradition.

Fred S. Morris, who took over the tottering bond house, after Etheridge was compelled to retire as president last Thursday night, remained at his office in the Gasco building throughout the day yesterday.

Expert Accountants Busy.

Expert accountants were at work on the books in an effort to determine the exact amount of deficiency. W. D. Whitcomb, who was appointed temporary receiver, is head of the accounting firm now engaged in probing the books.

Not until the audit is completed will Mr. Morris give any additional information regarding the firm's business, he said last night. Mr. Whitcomb said it possibly will be several days before this is done. He does not believe the deficiency will total more than $750,000, although a complete check may possibly place the deficit nearer the $1,000,000 mark.

In the petition for voluntary bankruptcy as filed late in the afternoon, the firm showed assets already uncovered amounting to $1,495,315, with the statement that assets were being brought to light hourly as the audit of the books progresses.

Liabilities Not Yet Known.

Against these assets were liabilities of an unknown quantity. It was known, however, that the city of Edmonton bonds constitute by far the largest liability, as these Edmonton bonds amounting to $2,066,000 are listed under this head.

The Central National bank of Oakland, Cal., was listed in the bankruptcy petition as the largest single investor in the city of Edmonton bonds, the schedule showing that it holds interim certificates of $147,000 with collateral security to cover this investment. The Union Trust company of Walla Walla, Wash., holds interim certificates of $50,000 on this same class of bonds.

The petition named several hundred investors from various cities of the Pacific northwest who have purchased the city of Edmonton bonds and who hold nothing more than the interim certificates as a protection against loss. A major part of these individual investments range from $1000 to $5000.

State Has No Power.

SALEM, Dec. 28.—Neither the state banking department nor the state corporation department has any supervision over the bond house of Morris Bros., Portland, according to developments this morning following announcement of the failure of the firm.

Corporation Commissioner Handley explains this status of affairs is evidently due to an oversight on the part of the lawmakers who have exempted dealers in municipal bonds from the provisions of the Oregon blue sky law which requires dealers in other classes of securities to make regular reports to the corporation department and provides for supervision by the state department.

Opinion Is Divided.

The state banking department also denies any supervision over corporations dealing in bonds and which do not transact a banking or trust business.

It is contended, however, on the part of some attorneys that it would not require a very great stretch of the imagination to interpret the sale of bonds through the use of interim certificates as conducting a trust business, bringing the bond house under the supervision of the state banking department.

That the lack of state supervision which has made possible the collapse of the bond house with its attendant loss to hundreds of investors, will be corrected at the forthcoming session of the legislature, is freely predicted in state house circles today.

May Cancel Papers.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—Cancellation of the citizenship papers granted to John L. Etheridge on July 18, 1918, will be sought by local naturalization officials, it was announced yesterday. Indisputable proof of fraud and perjury on the part of Etheridge in procuring his final papers as an American citizen was uncovered by Examiner Tomlinson in charge of the Portland office.

The final petition for citizenship signed by Etheridge was accompanied by an affidavit in which he denied he had ever been arrested except for speeding in some small town in Pennsylvania.

Etheridge Is Arrested.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 27.—John L. Etheridge, ex-president of Morris Bros., bond dealers, whose houses at Portland, Seattle and Tacoma did not open today, was arrested here late today by local police at the request of Portland authorities.

Etheridge was taken from a train here. It was said he was on his way east to take a boat for England. He was held pending the arrival of a Portland officer to take him back to that city.

Etheridge and his wife were taken off of an east bound train on the Milwaukie road by Minneapolis de-

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PROHI OFFICERS RAID WET TOWN

Forty Eight Federal Agents Enter Hurley; Seize Liquor and Make Arrests.

SALOONS WIDE OPEN

North Woods District Has Been Regarded as a Law Defying Community for Some Time By the Federal Officers.

By Associated Press

HURLEY, Dec. 28.—Forty-eight federal prohibition enforcement agents from Chicago walked in unexpectedly on Hurley's wide open saloons today and seized large quantities of liquor and arrested 47 persons, including several well known local men. This camp town has been the center of anti-prohibition feeling for several months. The whole district in this part of the north woods has been regarded by the dry officers as a law defying community.

Before the raiders got through 70 persons were arrested and 37 saloons raided. Two bobsled loads of liquor were seized.

McCumber Gives Advice.

MARION, Dec. 28.—Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, the only republican member of the senate who voted for the ratification of the Versailles treaty without reservations, advised Harding to go ahead with the proposition for the formation of the association of nations independent of the league. He considered the league dead as far as the United States is concerned.

Occupation Believed.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—There is reason to believe that Fiume has been occupied by the Italian regular troops, Premier Giolitti declared at a press conference in Rome, says a dispatch.

May Suspend Hostilities.

ROME, Dec. 28.—The mayor of Fiume has asked General Caviglia, commander of the Italian forces, for a suspension of hostilities, says a Fiume dispatch. Caviglia stipulated two conditions, one of which has already been accepted. It is expected that the terms of capitulation will be arranged today.

Slightly Wounded.

TRIESTE, Dec. 28.—D'Annunzio was slightly wounded in the head by a piece of shell while conversing in the palace, according to latest advices.

No Activity In Real Estate Market

There is little activity now in the real estate business, according to local dealers. Although a good many places are listed there are few buyers and only a few inquiries are received from prospective purchasers. During the summer and fall months there was a good business in houses and farms, but during the past few weeks there has been a decided reduction in the number of sales and only a small amount of real estate has been moved. There is still a great demand for furnished rooms and furnished apartments and also for vacant houses, although this demand is less than a few months ago. It is believed that with the spring there will be a much greater demand for houses and that there will be a renewed activity in the real estate business.

Hobo Arrested For Stealing Grapefruit

Richard West, a young transient, was arrested yesterday by officer Shandrook, charged with disorderly conduct, and was sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail. Sentence was suspended upon his promise to leave Roseburg. It is claimed that West broke into a Southern Pacific freight car and appropriated a large number of grape fruit, which he sold by a house to house canvass in the southern part of the city, disposing of several dollars worth. He admitted the crime and proceeded to leave the city at once.

TRAINED MONKEY IS BIG DRAWING CARD

Picture fans at the Majestic theater last night were more than astonished at the antics of the big trained monkey called "Smoky," who is becoming more of a drawing card with every picture in which he "stars." The monkey is as nearly human as any animal of that kind that has ever been trained, and the stunts which he is called upon to do such as rolling a cigarette, lighting and smoking it, and many others call for an active, thinking brain such as it is almost impossible to believe could belong to an animal.