

WAGES AND LIVING COSTS

The cost of living is going up and the wages of workmen in many basic industries of the country are being steadily hammered down.

Reductions in wages against which the railroad shopmen are striking brings the earnings of a large number "below the level of a minimum living standard," according to a statement issued a few days ago by the research department of the Social Service Commission of the federal council of the Churches of Christ of America.

The bureau thus estimates wage scales under the reduction, assuming a year's full time employment: Maintenance of Way Employes—Maximum at average of 32.7 an hour, \$817.55; minimum at 23, \$574.

After a survey of the reductions the statement concludes: "It is perfectly patent that the wage reductions ordered bring the earnings of large numbers of employes below the level of a minimum living standard."

While it may be possible the estimates of the labor board of the cost of living may be too high, it is quite certain that pay standards of certain railroad employes, as fixed by the same board, is altogether too low at this time.

RIGHT USE OF REST TIME.

It is often remarked that you can tell the people who are getting home from a vacation, by their look of weariness. After they get over the physical fatigue, they will be the better for the change in scene and the refreshment of new faces and pursuits.

Formerly the business men of cities and towns never seemed to think it was their business to do anything to increase rural production. They thought that was the farmer's affair exclusively. Now progressive organizations of business men are taking hold of projects to improve agricultural production, so that it shall create new sources of wealth.

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Country Club Is Being Improved

The golf course of the Roseburg Country club is attracting many these days, and the links are in fine condition for playing.

professional golfer, with the Country club, is at the grounds daily to give instructions, and he states that much fine material exists among the members.



BY BERT G. BATES.

HOW'S YER HOME BREW?

Pep is anything that puts happiness into the heart, energy into the body, determination into the soul and invincible courage in the will.

The young folks used to say they'd rather have a touring car, so they could take their friends riding, but lately they have decided that a coupe is just as good, since the whole party piles into the front seat anyhow.

NOT ASLEEP.

On the corner of a block in a downtown section is a restaurant with the flaming sign: "Never Closed." On the other corner a drug store displays its motto: "Open All Night."

Between the two, Wu Ting Lung has his modest laundry. Not to be outdone by the Yankees, he has flung out an electric sign that can be read for a block or more. It reads: "Me Wakes Too."

ALMOST EVERY MAN HAS TWO VOICES—

one for the telephone and an entirely different one for other purposes.

AUNT HET SAYS:

"I never in my life tried to listen to Jim Brown and his wife quarrellin' next door that a dratted old automobile didn't start up somewhere and make such a racket a body couldn't hear it thunder."

PESSIMIST.

Since hard times came down like a wolf on the fold Lots of folks have lost their grins; Others are mad 'cause the world's so bad

And would legislate away all sins. There are grouches and grumps all over the map—

But the very maddest man I know is the one with the radio outfit When static huts in on his show.

The druggists Riddled last eve and many of them shook a wicked instep until the clock twelved.

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A Five-Minute Sermon on Church Advertising

Did you ever think of the church as a business proposition? Why should a church always be considered a subject for charity? How often have you heard men say: "I don't go to church very often, but when I do go they are always begging for money. That's the reason I don't go oftener."

It's a narrow point of view, of course, for a church needs money to run it, just the same as a business. But why shouldn't a church be run as a business and be independent and not dependent? It can be, but business methods must be adopted.

All successful businesses advertise. The greatest competitor of the church on Sundays—the movies—advertises liberally. You have attractions in your church. You have a story to tell. You have a minister who can preach with a punch. The "regulars" may know it, but it isn't the "regulars" you want to reach—it's the "irregulars" and the "neverwuzers."

You know that every business man keeps track of his sales every week and every month and he compares them with a year ago. And if he isn't running ahead he wants to know why. Do the churches keep track of their attendance? They know what the subscriptions are, for that's vital; yet increased attendance would mean increased subscriptions.

The church should cease to be dependent. It should go after business Ministers who have tried it have been well compensated. Suggesting this advertisement should appear in this paper this week:

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH This Sunday Evening at 7:45 THE REV. JOHN KNOX ALLEN, D. D. will preach on "OUR TOWN" Front Seats Free. Rear Seats, Ten Cents Each.

Letter Concerns Strike Situation

The following letter clipped from The Dalhart Texas Texan, has been handed to the News-Review for publication: The Editor—Dear Sir:—May I have a little space to call the attention of the people of Dalhart to one aspect of the strike?

In the matter of publicity the railroad shopmen are at a decided disadvantage. The editorial writers and the reporters on the leading dailies of the country are not members of any union of any kind. With the turn of a sentence or a paragraph they can prejudice the mind of the public against the shopmen. In fact, they are doing so. They have already made this a "strike against the government."

They are fond of a short and striking phrase. And so the shopmen have all at once become anarchists and outlaws. The fact is, they are just as good Americans today as ever. They did not fall the country in the war. They did not strike until they simply had to strike in defense of their rights. They quit work in protest against unfair decisions of the railway labor board. They have every right as American citizens to utter that protest in just that way. If they were preachers, they could preach against it. If they were politicians, they could scheme against it. If they were lawyers, they could hurl the statutes of the various states against it. But being only workmen, their only effective protest was to quietly lay down their tools and quit work.

They are not interfering with anyone. They are waiting for the public to realize the meaning of their protest. They have raised a silent voice against injustice. They are waiting for you and me to understand their position. And we owe it to them not to be misled by the pert phrases and the scare headlines that are penned by some metropolitan cub reporter or biased city editor who has never handled any heavier tools than knife and fork. You and I are personally acquainted with the rank and file of the striking shopmen of Dalhart. They are our neighbors and our friends. We know they would rather cut off their right hands than raise them against our common country. And if they win those things for which they are now on strike we know it will help Dalhart and help the entire nation much more than if they were to lose. If every other class of people within the limits of our country could be trusted as the organized workers in the railroad shops and service can be trusted, we would indeed have reason for gratitude. If the government decides against their strike they will accept the decision. If the government decides to revise the unfair decision of the railway labor board they will be back in their old places in the shops. When they are working they work a whole lot harder than most of us. A few days' rest will not hurt them. And while they are resting they are not entitled to any misunderstanding or abuse. Yours truly, PATRICK J. MURPHY.

INSTITUTE DATES SET

The dates of October 4, 5 and 6 have been tentatively set as the dates for the Douglas County Teachers Institute. Plans for the institute are being made early this year and it is expected that the program will be the best that has been had for several years.

REVIVAL MEETINGS CONTINUE

The meeting at the tent on the court house grounds is progressing nicely, and if you are not attending you are missing a rare treat in failing to hear the splendid Bible lessons being taught by Evangelists McCoy and McGlasson. Come! Services begin each evening promptly at 8:00 o'clock.

Returns From Vacation—

Roy Bellows, of the Bellows store, returned yesterday from Winchester Bay, where his family is taking a vacation. Mr. Bellows states that the weather in the lower Umpqua country is ideal, and that the Winchester Bay section is a wonderful place to spend a vacation. With the opening of the road down the Umpqua the people of this section will no doubt take advantage of this beauty spot and make it the mecca during the hot summer months.

Simply Wonderful For Hair and Scalp

Bacteriologists, Medical Science, endorse the wonderful action of Sepsol. After years of experimenting to obtain the exact requirements in formulating Sepsol combined with Sepsol Dip Deodorant and other medical properties the results have met the approval of thousands of men and women. The remarkable action of Sepsol protects the scalp from germ life which is essential to prevent hair growth and beautiful hair. Giving a new life-like gloss, lustre and attractiveness. For Excessive Oil, Itching Hair, Thinning Scales, Dandruff and Falling Hair it has no equal. You today can double the beauty of your hair by the regular use of Sepsol. Being far superior to ordinary Soap and water. Delightful to use. Sepsol is on sale at all Drug Stores—Adv.

Your Diamond Jewelry EXAMINED AND CLEANED WITHOUT CHARGE

We will be glad to examine the mountings and advise you should the diamonds be insecure, and at the same time we will clean the jewelry as only experts can. This service is rendered with our compliments.

Be sure and let us look your jewelry over after your vacation. BUBAR BROTHERS JEWELERS-OPTOMETRISTS

Bids Wanted on Winchester Bridge

SALEM, July 13.—Bids on the construction of the bridge on the Pacific highway over the Umpqua river near Winchester, Douglas county, will be received by the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland, July 25 and 26, according to announcement by the highway department here today. This structure, which will be approximately 900 feet long over all, is described by engineers in the highway department as one of the most beautiful structures to be built in this state. The structure will be of Gothic design and will consist of a series of arches. Its cost is estimated at approximately \$100,000.

Improvement of 50 miles of highway and the construction of seven bridges at a total cost of \$1,000,000 will be up for consideration by the commission at its July meeting. The list of jobs on which bids are to be received follows:

Grading 15.5 miles of the Stices Gulch-Baker section of the Baker-Unity highway in Baker county. Grading and paving 9 mile of the Pacific highway in the city of Jefferson, Marion county. Broken stone and gravel surfacing of 15.7 miles of Island City-Elgin section of the La Grande-Enterprise highway, Union county. Paving, bridge paving and pavement repair work on the West Side and Tillamook highways in the vicinity of McMinnville, Yamhill county. Grading .8 miles of the Oregon City-

Idleld Park THE UMPQUA VALLEY PLAY GROUND. Cabins for Rent Store and Restaurant Free Camp Grounds. BEST FISHING AND DEER HUNTING IN THE NORTHWEST. Vosburgh & Wiard Grocery Store 227 N. Jackson St.

Southern Oregon Gas Co.

Announces: To the People of Roseburg

that a first class gas and good service is at their disposal. Gas is the best, surest, and quickest fuel that can be used. Fifty million people in the U. S. A. are using it exclusively for fuel and heat. From now until the 15th of June we will extend our mains 200 feet for a customer and run the service 40 ft. inside of the property line.

THOS. D. PETCH, General Manager

Cleaning Pressing \$1.50 ROSEBURG CLEANERS J. F. DILLARD, Prop. 308 N. Jackson Alterations Relining