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CONTROLS ON LABOR

By CHARLES V. STANTON

How effective is government control over labor matters? Would conditions be better or worse if the government withdrew its participation in labor disputes?

Those two questions if circulated in a questionnaire would result in a wide variety of replies, while negative or affirmative answers would depend principally upon individual status of each person contacted.

The effectiveness of government controls, however, can be questioned on the basis of statistics.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, compares averages for two five-year periods as fol-

	Number	Workers	Man days idleness
1935 to 1939	stoppages 2,862	involved 1,125,000	16,949,000
1941 to 1945	2,874	1,348,800	9,260,000

Annual figures for 1946 and 1947, together with only nine months of 1948, are reported as follows:

1946	4,985	4,600,000	116,000,000
1947	3,693	2,170,000	34,600,000
1948	2,380	1,685,000	27,975,000

We do not have immediately available figures for the last quarter of 1948 nor any report for 1949.

For the two five-year periods above, the comparison is tract, we'll dig coal. But not un interesting. The first period represented five years under der this Taft-Hartley stuff." the NLRB. The next period includes the war years.

Although the number of disputes increased slightly during the war years and affected more workers, days lost from labor were less, due to the war emergency and the unpopularity of interference with production.

The end of the war was characterized by much labor strife Hartley and Truman come and Came a lively letter from Mrs. the place I like best for living yolving more workers and a tremendous increase in man dig it." involving more workers and a tremendous increase in man days of idleness.

ays of idleness.

It should be noted that the 1948 figures include only the should be noted that the 1948 figures include only which is probably what we'll plicated this month!" nine months and not a full year. The 1949 comparison, when available, should add much to the study.

Is Government Control Worth The Cost?

The statistics quoted above would, in our opinion, virtually answer in the negative the question of whether government controls are effective. From cold figures it is apparent that the Taft-Hartley Act passed in 1947 hasn't fully served its intended purpose, although it is obvious, too, that served its intended purpose, although it is obvious, too, that issue in 1950. the Act hasn't been rigidly enforced. It might be interesting It sounds nice and all that, but to conjecture what would have happened had the Taft-Hart- it's vague and remote. Socialism tied it on the children's sled and Says that reporter to the Sentinel: ley Act been given a fairer trial.

The government has an army of employes in the labor department—investigators, mediators, supervisors, clerks and to tell when it's here. Using it as a land) is evidently the kind of peraged refrigerator and radio units.

The staff despite its size, is inadequate to efficiently 1950 top campaign issue is a good son who goes right ahead at the lt is said a broken wire crossed others. The staff, despite its size, is inadequate to efficiently 1950 top campaign issue is a good handle labor elections, disputes, hearings, etc. At the same deal like telling the children the time Congress spends much of its time on labor matters. If labor legislation could be stricken from the congressional are bad a little bit, just enough to calendar, Congressmen could spend more time at home see what will happen, and when finding out what the people want.

It would be very interesting to know exactly just how put the statement down accurately many millions of dollars could be lopped off our federal budget if the government quit meddling in labor matters.

And one more question: Is labor, management or the public getting a square deal in governmental activities and decisions on labor matters?

Determination of any case shows preference to political aspects rather than legal or ethical factors. Labor, so far, has had the advantage because of its stronger political position but the same set of controls could work against labor if tion, but the same set of controls could work against labor if fashioned basket dinners at a buck political expediency so indicated.

Samuel Gompers, father of organized labor, once warned against involving labor in federal legislation and controls. affairs, they propose to talk over Maybe it is about time his advice should be heeded.

Sue; weight seven pounds four

Mothers are needed to sew band capes Monday and Friday evenings from 7 until 9 o'clock at Singer

Sewing center, according to an announcement made by Mrs. C. A. Ricketts at the Band Parents' meeting Tuesday at the high school. The use of the sewing room

A varied musical program of solo

Ray D. Wright, retired Southern

Births At Mercy Hospital ounces.

EDWARDS - To Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Putnam Edwards, Camas Valley, Feb. 4, a son, Ivan Putnam Jr., weight nine pounds eleven ounces.

YOH-To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Delmar Yoh, Sutherlin, Feb. 5, a Capes For School Band son, Ronald Eugene; weight seven pounds five ounces

HEATON-To Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lloyd Heaton, Sutherlin, Feb. 7, a daughter, Victoria Helene; weight eight pounds eight ounces.

POWELL.—To Mr. and Mrs. Dorwin William Powell, Myrtle Creek, Feb. 5, a daughter, Christine Ma-rie; weight six pounds fifteen by the management and will be presided over by their sewing in-structor.

and group numbers was presented by the brass and reed sections of the advanced band. These students WONSER - To Mr. and Mrs. Adrian LaVern Wonser, Sutherlin,

CARTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lee Carter, Myrtle Creek. Feb. 5, a daughter, Barbara Lynn; weight six pounds, thirteen ounces.

BLUNDELL—To

BLUNDELL—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Donald Blundell, 811 Ala-meda, Roseburg, Feb. 6, a daugh-ter, Donna Lee; weight six pounds thirteen ounces.

HADFIELD-To Mr. and Mrs. Clark LaNeal Hadfield, 233 Har-vard, Feb. 2, a daughter, Linda

have to have. Boils have to come to a head before they can be

smarter than the Democrats.)

They drop the idea of \$100-pera basket. While they munch their chicken and fried potatoes at these what ought to be done about it.

(Their idea, of course, is that the thing to do about it is to return the Republican party to power.)

ELLIOTT — To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Herbert Elliott, Myrtle Creek, Feb. 3, a son, Kip Ralph; weight six pounds seven ounces. ever going to get back into power, Mothers Needed To Sew fellows.

(Among other things, they'll have to convince the common people that you just CAN'T vote yourself rich. At the present moment, the common people don't believe that. They think you CAN vote yourself rich. We've been doing it and equipment has been donated for years—and running up a 257 by the management and will be billion dollar debt in the process. The Republicans will have to be

> ET'S close on a note from Homes ⊾ Angell, Republican congressman from Multnomah county, Oregon. Homer let go a crack the other day to the effect that the "admin-

Patch On Patch . . .



In the Day's News

(Continued from Page One)

A mine-leader says: "We are not going back to work under somebody dominating us No contract, no work-under

treated and the patient relieved.

the year after that. It will come so big bad boogey man will get 'em excuses! if they aren't good. The children the boogey man doesn't come they SCARE 'em into being good.

the subject of finances, the Republicans are a little smarter. (They've always been financially

THAT'S one move in the right dif rection. If the Republicans are they've got to GET HUMBLE. They've got to get down among the common people and be regular

people out of that idea.)

istration is spending with a lavish hand." He added with a biting

Pacific railroad engineer and long-time resident of Roseburg, died at the S. P. hospital at San Francisco tleship Oregon for \$35,000 and Feb. 4, after a long illness.

Masonic funeral services were held, with eremation at Siskiyou Buys the Salvage from it for stor, 739."

Memorial park, Ashland.

me-and perhaps for you, too-is reminds me of Idaho winters. But the name of Hazel Judd whose it flabbergasts Oregonians who acby-line one sees with pictured stor-kind of perpetual drizzle, never If they want coal dug, let Taft and les about our feathered friends. cold, only damp . . . Funny thing, tions casually that "getting out the wouldn't wish on their worst en-Warbler was a little more com-

gon Warbler which goes as you udiced about the weather, don't know, to each member of the you think)?" pasting addresses on later. Then isn't going to happen next year or 'mushed' up to the nearest branch "The lights went out with a flash creepingly that nobody will be able Mrs. Judd (Herbert C. of Port- burned out light bulbs, and dam-

(I don't dare tell who signed the out . .

Synonymous with birds now for letter it was in): "This weather Like a Portland summer in the Mrs. Judd is editor of the Ore- winter! (People are always prej-

Perhaps the same thing hit her loaded them all in an apple box, area as hit the London area? post office. Only tipped over once!" Friday noon (1-27) that blew fuses, job in hand, not bothering with a high voltage charge line, sending a high voltage charge through In today's mail I also read this: the wires before they burned

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Spend Day in Eugene—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bailey of Roseburg spent Wednesday in Eugene on business.

D. of U.V. to Meet-Florence Nightingale tent No. 15, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will meet Friday night at o'clock at the K. of P. hall.

Meeting To Be Tonight-Pythian Sisters will meet at 8 o'clock to-night at the K. of P. hall. Staff practice will follow the business session. The officers have request-ed all members to be present.

H.E.C. To Meet - Riversdale Home Economics club will meet at a 12:30 potluck luncheon Friday at the home of Mrs. Ed Langlois. Those attending are asked to bring their table service.

Dance to Be Held—South Deer Creek Grange has invited the pub-lic to attend a dance at 9 o'clock Saturday evening, Feb. 11, at the hall. Grange ladies are asked to bring cake and sandwiches.

Club to Meet-Deer Creek Community club will meet at 8 o'clock Friday night at the Dixonville au-ditorium. A program will follow the business session. Members are asked to bring either sandwiches or cookies and a cup.

Grange to Meet — Evergeeen Grange will meet at 8 o'clock Friday night at the hall. Refreshments will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph For rest and Evon Wheeland.

Reservations Asked-Members of flourish that "Uncle Sam needs a psychiatrist."

He cited this as proof:

The government sells the old battleship Oregon for \$35,000 and THEN TURNS AROUND AND BUYS THE SALVAGE FROM IT FOR \$101,739."

Reservations Asked—Members of the Women of the Roseburg Country club are asked to purchase tickets or make reservations for the Valentine bridge tea to be held next Tuesday at the clubhouse. Reservations will close Monday, The Salvage FROM IT FOR \$101,739."

To Meet Friday — Edenbower Community club will meet at 8 o'-clock Friday night at the Edenbower school. Mrs. Niday's third grade Bluebirds will present the program and serve refreshments.

Club to Meet - Badoura club, 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. A. J. Young, 140 Flint street, with Mrs. R. B. Rhodes and Mrs. Bert Wells assisting hostesses at a Valentine party, Members are asked to attend in costume.

To Attend Church-Members of To Attend Church—Members of Douglas court No. 18, Order of Amaranth and their families are asked to meet at 10:30 Sunday morning at the Umpqua hotel to go in a body to the Methodist church morning service. The Order of Amaranth is observing a state-wide church day Sunday, Feb. 12.

Visit Here—Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Chidester and sons, Steven and Ricky, of Seattle, visited Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fulled Johnson and Mrs. Pearl Chidester The latter is the mother of C. R. Chidester and Mrs. Johnson.

From Salem-Otis Thompson of the Oregon State Employment service of the State Unemployment Compensation commission was in Roseburg two days at the local state employment office. His office is in Salem.

Mrs. McClintock Home—Mrs. L. E. McClintock, team captain of the Roseburg Country club's women golfers, returned to her home in Roseburg Tuesday night, following a trip to Portland to attend a board meeting of the Oregon Women's Golf association. Mrs. McClintock joined two board members in Eugene, who accompanied her to the meeting, which was held in the public library and followed by a luncheon at the Aero club. Plans were completed for a four-ball, best ball greensome to be held at the Portland Golf club, March 22, to be preceded by a dinner and rally the evening of March 21. The program of golfing events for the 1850 season was completed at the board session. board session.

Jobless Record

Severe Weather

The weather conditions experienced in January are believed to be responsible for the shattering of all existing records for unemployment compensation claims filed in the Roseburg local office. Practically all logging operations were at a standstill which resulted in the closure of a large percentage of the county's sawmills. The only mills that were capable of operating were the ones with a sufficient supply of logs on hand at the mill site, George T. Foster, Oregon State Employment service office manager, states in his monthly report.

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An estimate of the number of persons unemployed during January reached the total of 4290. This figure surpassed the high of last winter of 3714. These totals include also the areas served by the itin-crant offices at Drain, Camas Valley and Myrtle Creek. The change of weather in the week beginning Jan. 23 brought the resumption of many operations. However, the snow and ice re-appeared and shutdowns were once again the order of the day.

The recent rise in temperature has created optimism again, and it is believed that many firms will resume their regular operating schedules that have been interrupted. Several construction jobs have been held back by the adverse weather and should begin as soon as it is reasonably possible. A small crew is at work at the site of the Community Hospital erecting necessary buildings prior to the start of the actual work.

Agricultural employment for the coming year is expected to be on a par with last year. The cold weather has had no apparent effect on the crops that have been planted; and, unless unforeseen weather reverses occur, another

planted; and, unless unforeseen weather reverses occur, another good year should be in prospect, said Foster.

Melrose Grange **Honors Members**

Melrose Grange met in regular Melrose Grange met in regular session Tuesday evening with the Master Charles Cring in charge. He conferred the first two degree obligation on the following new members:

Mr. and Mrs. James Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Veenstra, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Toppings, Bert Lanquist and Frank Von Borstel. Carl Becker was roinstated and

Lanquist and Frank Von Borstel.

Carl Becker was reinstated and
welcomed. Ray Doerner was installed on the executive committee, by the master. A program
consisting of a skit by Otto and
Amy Matthews, reading by Laverne Nickens, important events of
twentieth contrary recalled by more twentieth century recalled by members, and musical pantomine of old "Grey Bonnet" by Rowenea Shepard and Paul Kreuger, was presented by the lecturer Olive Kreuger.

ger.
Amy Kruse was appointed de-

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