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EVEN BANK EMPLOYEES ARE UNIONIZING.

Now it's the bankers that are striking—or bankers' employes, who are popularly classed as bankers, and are generally willing to accept that designation. Sixty people in one of the New York banks walked out the other day when officials of the institution refused to recognize their union and reinstate an employe who, they declared, had been discharged unfairly.

It is news to most people that bank workers have been organized anywhere. The union in question was started only a few weeks ago, and members say that it has already more than 2000 members in New York City.

This is certainly a striking commentary on the present trend of the organized labor movement. All sorts of occupations never before associated with "labor" are being swept into it. The spectacle of bank employes joining such an organization and adopting the established methods of union labor is especially impressive because here before they have represented the "capitalistic spirit" almost as fully as their

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from their business environment. When they break away so spectacularly from the typical thinking of "their class," what is to be expected in other occupations?

As far as material reasons are concerned, the bank clerks and other subordinates probably have as good reasons for organizing in self-defense as any of the manual labor groups.

ORGANIZING A PARTY OF VIRTUE.

Holding that political parties, when successful in their prime object, always develop selfish and warring groups, Benjamin Franklin once proposed the organization of a party of virtue. His theory was that good and wise men could adopt rules of public policy to which they might at all times adhere, and thus hold in check factionists and demagogues intent upon their own interests.

We must assume that the gentlemen who have issued a call for a convention to meet in St. Louis in December for the purpose of launching a new party have some such object in view. They are emphatic in their denunciation of Democrats and Republicans, who are accused not only of lack of principle and common sense, but of cowardice and insincerity. If they have a specific program other than the marshaling of all the virtues and all the talents in opposition to these sordid masses, they have not as yet made it public.

The failures of government by party, as noticeable today as in Franklin's time, are due not so much to the inevitable decadence of parties as to the failure of the people to use parties as instruments of their will. It is not of ten that all parties go wrong at the same time, yet so strong are party habits and prejudices that members of a party in error find it exceedingly difficult to co-operate with a hated party that may be in the right.

Some respectable characters endorse the proposed new departure at St. Louis. Admitting that their following is as great as they believe it to be, they are sure that their influence, which if exerted within and upon an existing organization might be decisive in determining its purposes, will not by separate action lose its force altogether. Hitherto as most of our party-ism in popular devotion is fixed chiefly upon names and symbols. It ought not to be impossible for wisdom and virtue to possess itself of these in one political stronghold or the other.—New York World.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OMAHA MOB.

In their recent race riots East St. Louis, Knoxville, Washington and Chicago contented themselves with beatings and killings by persons who quickly ran to cover. Omaha scores more emphatically—openly rioting, overpowering the police force, murderously assaulting the mayor and burning the court house.

For the newest infamy we have the same old crime, says the New York World. Crimes on the part of negroes was increasing. The courts had dealt leniently with offenders. The black population had increased rapidly of late as a result of migration from the South, and to race friction industrial rivalry was added. Probably there is not a thing in all Omaha who will not find in these conditions some defense for his savagery.

But Omaha is not ordinarily given over to thugery. It is an enlightened American city, self-governing and depending for its security as much upon the good will of its inhabitants as upon the law and its ministers. With such foundations for public order, the sudden development of a mob destructive alike of life and property can be accounted for only on the theory, often illustrated elsewhere, that the municipal authorities were weak and negligent. Except for the mayor, who met the rioters face to face and received what may be fatal injuries, it does not appear that assassination, arson, pillage and terror encountered adequate opposition anywhere.

Omaha only corroborates the testimony of East St. Louis, Knoxville, Washington, and Chicago that in all of our cities there are forces of evil which cannot be ignored, cannot be proscribed with, cannot be tolerated. When they gain the ascendancy everything worth

FORUM

THE BONDING QUESTION.

Editor Observer:

The all-absorbing question now in Union county is whether or not we shall bond the county for approximately \$1,000,000 and one-half million dollars for the purpose of constructing permanent roads. It means a big outlay of money, a great constructive work that will endure for years, and will unquestionably do much to build up and enhance the value of the property of Union county, or it means that to a large extent Union county shall become an isolated county, classed as backward in comparison with its neighbors.

I have always been conservative in keeping down public expense, and in preventing extravagancies and raids on the public treasury whether engineered by individuals, clubs or combinations. There is great need for the public to be always alert and on the watch against gouging the public, and carefully consider the propaganda that is often resorted to under one guise or another to accomplish some scheme. In this bonding issue it is entirely proper and right to study the question from every angle and the man who does so, whether he votes for or against, if he votes his honest convictions, does the act of a good citizen.

As a member of the Taxpayers League of this county, and chairman of the resolution committee of the State League, I have had some opportunity to observe and study the effects of unwise expenditures of public money, and schemes promoted by interested parties. Knowing something of the misrepresentations of the average Oregon legislator, and the planity shown by some of the members to the "Portland Push" in furthering their schemes, and the log-rolling carried on in order to get some little petty bill of private interest through, I was at first doubtful of endorsing the action of the legislature in passing the \$10,000,000 bonding issue, additional to the other extravagant measures passed, especially at this time when everything is so high, with an emergency clause attached. I think it was wrong like many others.

But the law has been passed, the constitution authorizes it, and the taxpayers of Union county must pay their proportional part of these bills put through by the last legislature, whether in the form of direct taxes or in the form of indirect taxes on automobiles. We cannot escape it. The question now is shall we receive our proportionate part of these great sums, or shall we pay and receive nothing in return, and let the other counties which meet the state's part with an additional county levy receive all. It is a case of self-defense. We must either at this time do the county's part or let the opportunity pass. Our neighboring counties, Umatilla, Baker and Walla Walla have all decided to come in on the program, and this would isolate Union county so far as hard-surfaced and permanent roads are concerned unless we meet the state appropriation.

I frankly confess that I am in favor of good roads that are passable 300 days in the year. All countries, ancient or modern, that have been considered to be the enlightened nations have had good roads. The condition of the arteries of commerce of a community are always a good criterion of its progressiveness and prosperity.

The proposed bonds are what are generally known as the installment bonds, payable in installments each year as the funds for their redemption accrue. The first payment comes five years from now, and the bonds are issued as needed—not over \$300,000 in any one year.

I have no interest in the matter except that of a citizen who wants Union county built up. I do not expect to speculate in bonds, sell materials to the construction companies or furnish supplies, and expect to pay my proportional part of the taxes to meet the bond issue if carried. While the bonding of the county will add something to our taxes, the advantages of permanent roads will greatly add to the prosperity and wealth in affording roads that can be used to full advantage at all times.

The advantages to Union county are great and while we may have to pay more at this time, it is far better in my opinion to vote the bonds than to be isolated. No one can tell when conditions will be better and the chance of losing out, and having travel directed to other routes than through Union county, and losing our proportional part of the tax of the state furnished to help build these roads more than compensates our waiting till a more opportune time. There is no certainty that expenses will be lower in the reasonable time and possibly may be higher. Good roads are a good investment. Poor dirt roads, as the county's expenditures show, are a constant source of expense, and with nothing better than years ago. The expense of one year has to be duplicated next.

JOHN S. HODGINS

EARL STODDARD AND WIFE GO TO SALT LAKE CITY

MRS. FRED BRADEN RETURNS FROM VISIT IN MIDDLE WEST—ERNEST BIECKLE OF BEGON MOVES TO PERRY

REGINALD HERYFORD LANDS IN NEW YORK

EVAN PEEBLES LEAVES MANY FRIENDS TO MOURN LOSS—MRS. NEIL WATSON AND CHILDREN RETURN

PERRY, Oct. 4.—(Special)—The local school will close Tuesday, Oct. 7th, on account of the county institute to be held at Baker on the 8th, 9th and 10th of the month.

Earl Stoddard and family left for Salt Lake City Wednesday evening. Mr. Stoddard will return the first of the week but the other members of the family are remaining for a couple of weeks.

Ernest Bieckle, has moved to Perry from Elsie and will occupy one of the cottages recently erected.

Mrs. Fred Braden arrived home this week after a month of visiting in the middle west. Mrs. Braden planned for a visit of two months instead of one, but by a mistake the ticket was made out for 30 days instead of 60, so she was obliged to cut short her trip.

Pupils in the Perry school have organized a literary society and christened it the Oregon Club. Through its efforts several pieces of playground apparatus have been made a small monthly fee is assessed each member and this fund is to be used in purchasing books and music and in paying expenses of public programs.

Last Wednesday afternoon an Jess Siles and Miss Florence Kimmel were starting for La Grande, a dog ran in front of the machine, and in attempting to steer quickly to one side to avoid running over the dog, something went wrong with the steering gear. The auto swung to one side just as the couple reached a culvert and plunged down a bank, taking part of the bridge railing with it. The car landed on its side in a bed of thistles. Fortunately, the occupants escaped with slight bumps and bruises.

Mrs. George Hull was called to Dallas about a week ago on account of the serious illness of her step-father, James Robertson.

Thomas Carr has moved into the property recently vacated by Mrs. Lauer.

A light snowfall accompanied the rain last Wednesday.

John Robertson left for Dallas, on No. 17 last Thursday morning to visit his uncle, James Robertson.

Fred Braden and daughter, Mrs. Harry Hansen, made a trip to Ladd Canyon last Monday.

A taxic load of Perryites went to Kamela Saturday night to attend the dance.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that the Commission of the City of La Grande, Oregon, intends and purposes to improve improvement district No. 103 in said city as follows, to-wit: That the boundaries of the said district to be improved and benefited are as finally adopted by the commission are as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a point on the center line of Fourth street opposite to the center of the alley running east and west through Block 75 of Chaplin's Addition to the town of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, and running thence west in a straight line to a point on the center line of Cedar street opposite the center of the alley in Block 78 of said Chaplin's Addition; thence south along the center line of Cedar street to a point between opposite to the center of the alley in Block 79 of said Chaplin's Addition; thence in a straight line to a point on the center line of Fourth street 220 feet from the place of beginning, and thence along the center line of Fourth Street North to place of beginning.

That the proposed improvement is the construction of bitulithic pavement on M Avenue from the west property line of Fourth street to the east property line of Cedar street, and the construction of curbs, drains and catch basins according to the plans and specifications therefor filed on September 19, 1919, and adopted by the commission; that the said commission of the city of La Grande has set Wednesday, the 26th day of October, 1919, at the commission room in the city building at La Grande, Oregon, at seven thirty (7:30) p. m., as the time and place where the commission will meet and hear and determine all objections, remonstrances and claims of grievance of any and all persons interested and the preliminary assessment for the said proposed improvement has been made, and is now on file in the office of the city recorder.

Dated the 9th day of October, 1919.

J. E. STARRS,
Recorder of the City of La Grande,
Oct. 9, 1919.

With the pleasant surprise at hand, some warning are calling the attention of hunters to the law which prohibits shooting on the highway or from railroad rights of way. The birds run along the roads and auto motorists are tempted to shoot from their machines. The law provides a penalty to make the law regard to the provision not worth the trouble.

County heavy storms for the month of October reported in the morning by County Examiner Jack Hagan of the Deschutes National Forest, who returned from a three day trip to the headwaters of the Deschutes river.

REGINALD HERYFORD LANDS IN NEW YORK

EVAN PEEBLES LEAVES MANY FRIENDS TO MOURN LOSS—MRS. NEIL WATSON AND CHILDREN RETURN

LADD CANYON, Oct. 3.—(Special)—Evan Peebles, second and youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Peebles, who passed away Saturday, September 27, 1918, was born in this neighborhood June 1, 1904, spending his life time of 15 years in this neighborhood and 27 days in Ladd Canyon, "Bugs," as a good many called him, was a good friend, scholar, and neighbor, beloved by his uncles, doctor and all who ever met him. The beautiful wreaths of flowers, banked on and around the casket, and the many, many friends who gathered at the home and followed his remains to his last resting place in the Masonic cemetery, were proof of the esteem in which he was retained. All the members of his family are left to mourn his loss and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Peebles; five sisters, Mrs. Eula Dougherty of Emmett, Idaho; Mrs. Frank Fulton of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Ruth Heryford, Helen and Marjorie Peebles of this place; and one brother, Roy, of Wallburg, Wash. They were all present except Mrs. Fulton, but she and her husband had just recently returned to their home from a visit here.

Miss Faye Milligan, teacher in the school here, is doing splendid work and is well liked by the pupils.

Mrs. Reginald Heryford has received a card from her husband, stating that he had arrived safely in New York from overseas. His relatives and friends are anxious for his return as he was the second one of "our boys" to enter the war, enlisting two years ago last month and is the last one to return.

Mrs. Neil Watson and children, Ernest and Ivy, of Lodi, Calif., have arrived from a week's visit at Joseph with relatives. Mrs. Watson spent two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Mary Counsel and other relatives before going to Joseph and will stay a week or so longer before her return home.

Mrs. Ollie Cottner was the last hostess to the Get-Together Club members, September 26th. Four visitors were present from La Grande, besides most of the members. Suitable and inviting refreshments were served bringing to a close a happy afternoon. Mrs. L. W. Drummond will entertain next, October 9th.

ELSE FERGUSON AT ARCADE

Elsie Ferguson, the ever popular star in Arcraft pictures, has scored another decisive hit by her characterization of cabaret dancer in her new photoplay, "Eyes of the Soul" which is on view at the Arcade tonight and tomorrow's matinee only. Both the star and production are given to splendid advantage, the presentation attracting general attention. The story is one of exceptional interest and the situation are unusually strong.

One of the wonderful Prizma pictures will also be shown at this program. This week's film being a portrayal of Santa Catalina Island, the "Pearl of the Pacific," with interesting studies of undersea life.

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