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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

"OUR DUTY TO MEXICO"

At last a comprehensive study of Mexico's present conditions has been undertaken successfully by the congress of the United States through United States Senator E. F. Ladd of North Dakota. The senator has guessed at nothing but has gone to the bottom of the different phases of the Mexican government with the end in view of recommending to this nation a proper course to pursue relative to our neighbor on the south. We have followed Mexican conditions the past few years with much interest and we find that we thoroughly agree with Senator Ladd when he says in his report:

"We should start with Mexico. The first step should be recognition—a recognition that is unequivocal and seeks to impose no terms. Let us deal with Mexico in a way that will give her no just cause for grievance, that will compensate for our past errors of policy, and that will disarm all Latin-American nations of the suspicion that they have begun to feel as to our motives. Let us, in short, act not with the bargaining spirit of a market place but in accordance with the great fundamental truth that the Nazarene voiced when He said: 'Do unto others as ye would have others do unto you.'"

AUTOMATIC WAGE SCHEDULES.

A remarkable step forward in the adjustment of labor controversies has been taken by England, in the building trades settlement. A sliding wage scale has been adopted, based altogether on the cost of living. Hereafter wages in the building industry will go up or down with prices. For every rise or fall of 13 points in the cost of living, as shown by an official index number, there will be an automatic increase or decrease of two cents an hour in pay.

It is not unlikely that this is the principle on which wages will have to be adjusted hereafter everywhere, if there is ever to be an end to industrial warfare. It is a principle which has been adopted already in occasional instances and on a small scale in this country. The English example may result in increased interest and an effort to extend its operation here and elsewhere.

The difficulties are evident. It would be far harder to apply in America than in England, because this country is so much larger, and working conditions and living costs are so varied, and there is no accepted standard of living to start from and no established index number to represent a standard. Nevertheless, as has been suggested, progress probably lies along this line.

PORTLAND IS ON RIGHT TRACK.

The Portland people who want the 1925 exposition are surely on the right track now and they will receive the moral support of the entire state. Mayor George Baker in a speech at Wasco said: "We have come to talk matters over with you about the fair. Portland wants the fair and is willing to pay for it. We do not ask you to tax yourselves but we do want the moral support of the state." Granted, George, granted. You are now right as a golden eagle. Portland will benefit by the fair and here's to the movement. The state undoubtedly will give Portland moral support needed and so long as the metropolis intends to vote a tax upon herself for the exposition, the Evening Observer sincerely believes that the whole fair matter is now on the right track.

THE GREAT NORTHCLIFFE.

The passing of Lord Northcliffe, the great newspaperman of England, is a distinct loss to the world. While he was rated by the aristocratic element of England as dangerous, and they scoffed at his plan of taking the people into the confidence of the government, the fact remains undenied that Northcliffe did more to win England's part of the world war than any other man. He did it through his newspapers appealing to the people and getting the people to follow him. Naturally royalty did not like this, but Northcliffe was a man of vision and he foresaw that his country could no longer play to the trappings of royalty and get by.

Anyway, the Grange income tax measure has turned the animals loose in Portland, for every publication is printing many columns showing the ill effect of the passage of such a measure. It is quite certain the Grange measure is not what it should be, for to draft an income tax bill is a job that requires time, energy, and endless data. It may be something like the freight rate schedules on a railroad. They are drafted by experts and only God can understand them.

Mayor George Baker proclaimed from the back of an elephant at The Dalles the other day that Portland was to have her 1925 exposition. That the Portland caravan should carry a sacred ox with it so the mayor would have good backing for his statements, has been suggested.

Sells Floto circus need not think La Grande is sore because it did not stop this year. We have a lot of things here we can spend our money for without giving it to the box office of the show.

THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—



DOG LEVEL POME.
When I'm dead and in my grave,
Still watermelon will I crave,
Plant on me a vine or two,
And let the juice come leakin' through.

KEEN HOUSEKEEPING.
"Yes, on Sundays we rise late,
Then we don't need much breakfast
because it is so near lunch time and
we don't need any lunch because we've
just had breakfast."

OR JOHNNY!
Now listen well, a tale I'll tell
How Johnny owed a fiver,
He had no need of banks now
For he had no lungs or liver.

THE HANDY MAN.
"John, have you seen my new patent
lemon squeezer? It was here on
the table an hour ago."
John—"Gosh, was that what that
was? I took the clock apart and had
a deuce of a time finding a place
for that thing, but I finally got it in."

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WORK BETTER ON COAST NOW

General Employment in California, Oregon and Washington During July Was Very Satisfactory.

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—The general employment situation in California, Oregon and Washington during July was very satisfactory, according to the monthly report of J. A. Kelly, San Francisco, district director for the employment service, United States Department of Labor, published here today. Exceptions to this general condition, however, are railroad repair, due to the present controversy in that industry, and iron and steel.

An abstract of Mr. Kelly's report follows:
"California—Labor situation in general very satisfactory. Lumber industry operating to capacity, and a shortage of experienced help in mills and camps noted. Building activity continues. Shortage in many trades. A surplus noted in a few places, due to labor controversy. Agricultural and orchard workers in demand, but no noticeable shortage up to date. Fruit canneries now operating to capacity. Unemployment confined chiefly to steel and iron industry, clerks and casuals; most of these have been absorbed in seasonal and other industries. Nearly all railroad repair workers out of employment, due to labor controversy.

Oregon—Highway and railroad work continue on a large scale. Outside of Portland, all industries, including fishing and canneries, are working normal and above. Construction in the larger cities gives employment to all building tradesmen. Railroad repair work suspended. Many business and residential buildings being constructed. Lumber active, and experienced hands in demand. A surplus of lumber workers in the Klamath district, due to labor controversy.

Washington—Labor situation, except in largest centers, very satisfactory. Demand and supply about equal where conditions are favorable. Railroad spending several millions on improvement. Many berry pickers and apple thinners are called for, but season is short. Clerical workers, exceed the demand. Railroad repair work practically at a standstill, due to labor controversy. The building industry is very active, particularly in the larger cities. Lumber industry operating to capacity. Many mills working double shifts. Experienced mill hands and woodmen in demand.

CARDINALS HOPE TO WHIP BEARS

(By Associated Press)
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif., Aug. 15.—For the first time in several years the annual "big game" of football between Stanford and California this season is expected to be on terms somewhat even, according to Cardinal authorities who have watched the local eleven go down in defeat every year since the ugly game was dropped.

Low Price of Oil Makes Operators Suspend All Drilling for the Future

TRUSA, Okla., Aug. 15.—Approximately 500 independent oil producers gathered here from five states of the southwest unanimously voted for a complete shutdown of drilling operations as the only means of preventing further declines in the price of crude oil.

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MOONSHINE IS DANGEROUS

(Special to The Observer)
Director Joseph A. Linville, federal prohibition enforcement officer, reports some interesting facts in regards to "home brew," moonshine whiskey, and other illicit concoctions calculated to furnish the liquor, serving element of the public something with a "kick" in it. Commissioner R. A. Haynes and Director Linville's investigations have disclosed facts relative to the liquor that would make many a user think several times before drinking it.

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IN 2 ACTS

methods of coloring are employed, in some instances being used, and while the resultant fake whiskey does not necessarily kill, blind or paralyze, the tissues of the stomach are destroyed and organs generally so affected that disease is certain to ensue. In view of the fact that the process of denaturing alcohol requires either hydrochloric acid, or sulphuric acid, or carbolic acid or similar disinfectant, and that the process of compounding bootleg whiskey emul-

phates the use of lead, copper and zinc, it is naturally follows that drinkers of it are taking long chances on their health if not their lives.

In fact, if the present moonshine whiskey, home brew, etc., were subjected to tests of the pure food law act, not one in one hundred would pass the tests.

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