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I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me; thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.—Psalm 40: 17.

CONCERN FOR ALL

If it did nothing else, the labor dispute at Detroit gave all of us an object lesson in the solidarity of our modern industrial civilization. This solidarity is a thing which has come upon us in spite of ourselves. We didn't will it; most of the time we have hardly so much as thought about it.

It took the discovery that a strike of auto makers in Michigan could tie up the entire national recovery program to make us realize that it exists. And the fact that it does exist is bound, sooner or later, to make a profound change in our method of running our society.

We have talked a great deal, in these 1900 years, about the brotherhood of man; but so far we have treated the idea as the Levite treated the man who fell among thieves—we have looked at it respectfully and then passed by on the other side. Now we are being forced to discover that this is an idea which, in the sheerest self-defense, we must turn into a working reality. We may not feel like brothers, but we must act like them. Are we our brother's keepers? We might as well be, for he is ours.

When an argument between the workers and bosses in a few Detroit factories can threaten to disrupt the recovery program of the entire United States—can imperil the happiness, the very livelihood, that is to say, of rubber workers in Ohio and textile operatives in North Carolina and machine shop employes in Rhode Island and lead miners in Colorado—then the complete and inescapable interdependence of the people of the nation is too plainly demonstrated to admit of any more argument. We no longer have any "local" troubles. You may live in California or New Hampshire; industrial relations in Michigan are a painfully direct concern of yours. Something has happened to us, while we have been arguing and disputing. It is high time that we realized it. We are all in the same boat nowadays; no one can rock it without disturbing all of us.

THE WRIGLEY PLAN

The Wrighley corporation, the very successful manufacturer of that peculiarly American sweet, chewing gum, has embarked upon an "employees' insurance" plan which would provide for the continued payment of workers laid off during a season of unemployment. A million dollars has been set aside to launch this plan, the money being voted from the surplus cash reserves of the corporation. This act marked acceptance of the principle that the laboring man who works loyally for a firm has an active and possessive stake in its success, only less important than that of the stockholder; and that his interests, as well as those of the stockholder, should be preserved during the lean months.

The company stated its acceptance of the proposition that reserves should be set up from profits to be paid to the working man temporarily laid off, just as reserves are set up for the stockholder to give him dividends during the unproductive seasons. That view of the responsibility of the employer toward the employee has been gaining converts widely and it finds expression in the proposals before congress to compel action such as the Wrighley company took voluntarily; to set up, by means of pay roll taxes, reserves which in every plant will provide for the necessarily idle.

Compulsory unemployment compensation supported by a tax seems inevitable unless there is a widespread voluntary following of the example of the Wrighley firm. Meanwhile, that firm has helped blaze the way upon a path of social responsibility that would have been untrodden of the robber barons of the nineteenth century. The company is making a distinctly valuable contribution to the cause of capital and labor peace and understanding. The plan was not forced, but is adopted as a recent and just policy. It is an enlightening, and possibly a prophetic act.—Omaha World-Herald.

OREGON PRODUCE WEEK IS PLANNED

PORTLAND, Ore.—Governor Julius L. Meier will proclaim the period of April 20 to April 28 as "All Oregon Products Days." He has assured the Oregon Manufacturers' association and retail merchants committee of the Portland chamber of commerce. The special week has been set upon as a means of stimulating a greater interest in Oregon products and payrolls. George L. Baker, ex-manager of Portland and now manager of the Oregon Manufacturers' association, with Edward P. Casey, chairman of the Oregon Products days committee of the Portland chamber, have urged that all committees join in the movement, thereby aiding the industries in the areas they serve. It is estimated that approximately 5000 retailers over the state handling every line of merchandise will display and feature Oregon products during the week.

ODD FELLOWS LODGE MEETS

A short session of the Odd Fellows lodge was held last evening and only regular business was transacted because of the meetings of the Pythian convention, which were held in the regular meeting hall. Plans were discussed for the coming entertainment which is to be sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges on April 27 and 28 for the benefit of the cemetery association.

ALLEN, JONES ARE HONORED

Rep. E. F. Allen, of Red Lake, and Dr. Fred F. Jones, of La Grande, both formerly residents of Willows, were honor guests at a meeting of the Willows Lions club Thursday night. The occasion was a farewell to the two lions.

A limit speed of 16 inches long and 12 inches wide was uncovered by CCC workers near Stephentille, Tex.

Intensive exploitation of Italy's oil resources is planned for the next five years.

Renewed Effort Toward Economy In Liquor Stores

PORTLAND, April 7 (AP)—Renewed efforts toward economy in administration of Oregon's liquor store system may result in further reduction in the price of liquor to the consumer. Some stores will be closed and converted into agencies; some more employees will be dismissed, and the three supervisors may take over additional duties, eliminating the need of some traveling employees now on the payroll.

It was announced that during March the state sold \$129,693 worth of liquor, and made \$73,824 in sale of permits.

George Samuels, state administrator, predicted that by the end of the year receipts will reach the \$1,500,000 mark.

Oscar Runtz, of La Grande, supervisor for Eastern Oregon, suggested that the three supervisors, Ed Morris of Western Oregon, Larry Blakum of the Portland area, and he, take over the additional work of auditing the reports of the stores and agencies, eliminating the expense of three traveling auditors. Morris reported he had let out ten employees in his district.

The introduction of two new lines of whiskey, priced at 70 cents a pint, found a warm reception. Samuels said. In the Klammath Falls store six cases were sold within one hour. He said. All stores and agencies have placed heavy orders.

EAGLES PLAN MONDAY EVENT

The weekly broadcast sponsored by the Eagles will be held Monday evening at the hall. Talent will include Lorraine Devoe, of Union in a tap dance; Richard Durkin, singing guitar number; Letta Comstock and Violet Smith, vocal duet; numbers by the Bates quartet; Cecil Ayers, harp solo; small son of Glenn Salling, piano number; Mary Evelyn Newmark, dramatic recitation; Robert Smith, strapping guitar; a play "Humbug Sale" by Riverside Chalkers; Richard Houston, Bill Rice, violin and guitar duet; and Ray Henderson, vocal duet. A prize will be presented during the broadcast. A dance will follow.

The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST Oregon: Fair and mild tonight and Sunday; overcast with fogs on the coast; moderate northwest wind offshore. For the week: generally fair weather, temperatures mostly above normal in the interior.

LOCAL WEATHER Friday: Maximum 79, minimum 39 above. Clear. Today: Minimum 42, 7 a. m.—51 above. Clear.

TRAIN FARE REDUCED FOR CELEBRATION

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traffic manager. "Reduced fares will be authorized for all points on the O-W, R. R. & N. railroad, except north of Portland, and for all points on the Oregon Short Line, with sale dates from July 18 to 21, inclusive, and final return limit July 24, on a basis of an open rate of one fare for round trip, both first class and coach."

Announcement of the reduced rates is expected to be a big inducement to many in Oregon and Idaho to take advantage of the inexpensive transportation costs to visit the celebration here July 19-21, inclusive.

CHOIR PLANS BIG CONCERT ON APRIL 16

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the best voices of the city and valley make up its membership and rehearsals have been held regularly for several months under the capable direction and instruction of Andrew Loney Jr., supervisor of music in the La Grande schools.

Big Merchandise Show Here On April 29

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The committee in charge of the show consists of Tracy Hollister, Nate Zweifel, Roy Farnam, June Stalcup, Aug. J. Stamp, and A. J. Gower.

RAPS BILLS IN CONGRESS FOR RECOVERY

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some of it on the statute books and some now pending in congress, threatens this advance.

"Proposed labor legislation produces much uncertainty. The Wagner labor disputes bill, which would do away with company shop organization and impose outside unions on employers, offers a threat of strikes and other labor difficulties.

"The Wagner-Lewis bill for unemployment reserves, proposing a tax on the country's payrolls of a billion dollars a year, would put an impossible burden upon industry. The Connelly bill, making a 30-hour week mandatory for all industry, would be detrimental to recovery.

"Business needs capital, yet the securities act, hastily passed last year to protect investors, has dried up capital markets. The stock exchange bill, designed to regulate exchanges, would, if enacted in its present form, open the door to further governmental interference with business firms whose securities are listed.

"Taxation legislation, now pending, contains provisions, such as the re-imposition of the capital stock and excess profits taxes, which would adversely affect business expansion."

HOUSE BILL ALREADY AT \$330,000,000

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cent would be figured on the tax itself. A person whose tax came to \$100, for example, would add 10 per cent, paying a total of \$110.

The LaPollette amendment would boost the super estate or inheritance taxes beyond the finance committee rates and cut down existing exemptions. Both proposals are held certain of senate approval.

LOBSTER FILLING MAKES TASTY COCKTAIL WAFERS

Attractive and tasty appetizers to serve with cocktails can be prepared by spreading thin slices of white bread with lobster, minced and combined with chopped celery, pickle and salad dressing.

Another method is to remove the lobster crackers, put a chunk of butter on each, then replace in the oven. The butter melts in and makes tasty wafers.

WAS TOMATOES BEFORE SCALDING AND PEELING

With spring here, tomatoes soon will become important items of the diet. First they should be washed, then covered with boiling water so the skins may be removed easily. Next dip them in cold water.

If a tomato cup is to be made, the tomatoes should be neither scalded nor peeled. After being washed they should be cut from the stem end and the pulp removed.

Left-Over Biscuits With Soup Left-over biscuits, rolls or corn bread may be cut into strips and steeped until well browned and then served with soups or salads.

Over The Valley Personals

To Walla Walla—Mr. and Mrs. George Beach, Leonard and Edith Beach, spent the week-end in Walla Walla the guest of Miss Harriet Beach, who is a student this year at Walla Walla college.

Attending School—Carol Wagner, of Summerville, more affectionately known as plain "Cub" has enrolled at E. O. N. for the spring quarter. Cub is quite a well known baseball player and will do for the La Grande school team; it is believed.

Have Successful Play—There was a very large crowd braved the weather of last Friday evening to witness the drama talent play "A Rose Of The Hills" presented by the Summerville Rebekahs in the Masonic hall. The play, coached by Mrs. Wayne Park, was excellently done and the entire entertainment was declared to be worth-while as well as a financial success. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have been having a series of benefits of one kind and another, endeavoring to complete the remodeling of their recently acquired hall.

In Valley—Miss Kathryn Avery spent a part of the week at the home of Miss Helen Jean Speckhart in the Iowa district, visited school and had one grand time of it.

Home For Spring—Clifford Conrad, of near Imbler, has returned from Corvallis where he has been a student at the state college and will assist with the spring work at the C. C. Conrad ranch.

Dinner Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knauts and Lillian, of the Iowa district, had for their guests Sunday, Joseph Gaiser and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reynolds, of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker, daughter, Phyllis, and son, Cecil, of Pleasant Grove.

Have Family Dinner—Mrs. Edith Gekeler, of Grange Hall, and members of her family, including Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ragain and two children, Edith and Kenneth, Ben Gekeler, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gekeler, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Redhead and two sons, Robert and Billie, were Easter Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Gekeler's eldest son, Roy and family. A splendid potluck dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour and then visiting for the remainder of the day. The birthday anniversary of the hostess, which was a couple of days later, was also observed at this time.

Attending School—Miss Roberta Brock, of Dry Creek, has returned to the Eastern Oregon Normal school to continue her work, interrupted last fall.

Given Shower—Mrs. D. A. VanBouven and daughter, Clara, of Union, gave a birthday shower for their little girl, Friday afternoon, for Miss Gladys Workman, their grand-daughter of Paul Landers, of La Grande. She received many lovely presents. Delicious refreshments were served. Those present besides the bride and bridegroom were Mrs. Norman Haskell, Mrs. Fred Spald, Mrs. W. W. Langford, Mrs. Guy Watts, Mrs. Leonard Clifka, Mrs. Richard Van Heuveln, Mrs. Roy Conklin, Mrs. Earl Baird, Jane Smith, Leona Spray, Vivian Jory, Jessi Baum, Fawn Geertsen and Thelma Van Houten.

To Teach—Miss Veta Lee, of Rhinehart, who has been elected to teach the Indian Creek school next year, has gone to La Grande to take some additional work at the Normal school.

To Portland—Bob Huron, of Brooks Lane, has gone to Portland to look after business matters.

Has Big Day—Royal Barkner, manager of the Cove swimming pool states that on free swim day, last Saturday, he had an enormous crowd and the lawn beach proved very popular.

Bible Mt. Grange—Pupils of Liberty school, under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Kall, teacher, presented the program at the meeting of Blue Mt. Grange, Wednesday. The numbers were: Song, "Dad's Dinner Pill" and "Beat Song," by school. Dialogue, "Pickle Fortune" Mildred, Marjorie and George Fishman, Glen Mullenburg, Donald and Dorell Lindsey, and Joe Spencer. Recitation, "Jack and Jill," Bertha Hayes. Song, "My Dolly," Beatrice Hayes.

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EARLY DAY AND PRESENT DAY DIRECTORS

Among the early directors were Joseph Yount, who lived where Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gekeler now live; George Horsepool, father of Mrs. J. T. Richardson, of La Grande, who resided where Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes live; Frank Bartness, where Mr. and Mrs. Bert Grount reside; D. A. McAllister, father of Rees McAllister, who lived where his son is located. The present directors are Ernest DeLong, Mrs. Bert Grount and Mrs. C. B. Spencer, with Mr. Gekeler, clerk. None of the Gekeler Family in School.

An interesting fact pertaining to the history of the school is that when the school bell rang the first day of school last fall, the first time since the beginning of school in the district, there was no Gekeler to enter the room with the rest of the children as they filed in. William, the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. George Gekeler, pioneers of '62, attended the O. D. Anders private school and every year since that time, on down through the years, the names of Mr. and Mrs. Gekeler's children and then their grandchildren, were on the school register. Last spring two granddaughters, Erna Gekeler and Alma DeLong, and the great grandson, Kenneth Ragain, the youngest descendant of school age living in the district, graduated from the eighth grade.

At the wedding banquet in 1889 Mrs. Edith Gekeler, who was Miss Edith Carter before her marriage, was one of the early teachers. She relates this interesting incident that took place during the term she was in charge: "In the fall of 1889 I taught Liberty school and I boarded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hemming. They lived a half mile west of the school house at the farm we call the Waller place now. This house burned a few years ago. Miss Jennie Hemming, Mrs. Hemming's sister, who had come over from England on a visit, was a guest there at the time. A romance sprang up between Miss Hemming and George Horsepool. On Dec. 16, 1889 they were married at the Episcopal church in Old Town, La Grande. I was one of the bridesmaids and will Gekeler