

The Bonneville Dam, which stretches across the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington, was union built during the Great Depression. The project provided thousands of jobs from 1934 to 1938. A second powerhouse was added to the dam in 1983.

by 1,200 timber workers keeps local mills tied down for three months. D.E. Nickerson elected president of the OFL. Congress funds construction of Bonneville Dam, one of the great engineering marvels of the early 20th century; 4,000 construction jobs created. 1936: The Anti-Strikebreaker Act declares it unlawful "to transport or aid in transporting strikebreakers in interstate or foreign commerce." CIO expelled from the AFL over in-

dustrial worker organizing. Portland labor endorses "super airport" bond sale. Auto Mechanics strike for eight weeks. 1937: Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters wins contract with Pullman Co., marking the first agreement between black workers and a white employer. Bonneville Dam completed. General Motors recognizes the United Auto Workers. Steelworkers win first contract from U.S. Steel. Social Security covers 170,000 Orego-

nians. Grocery Clerks sign pact with 1,100 stores under first negotiations with newly-formed Food Employers Inc. AFL adding members at the rate of 75,000 per month. 1938: Oregon Legislature adopts measure restricting pickets; AFL-CIO unsuccessfully challenges it in court. Congress passes Fair Labor Standards Act establishing minimum wage and 40-hour week. The Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) forms as an in-

Sam Gompers was an early-day union editor

As the labor movement, spurred on by the organization of the American Federation of Labor in 1886, grew to new heights, the labor press grew, too. One of the most interesting labor papers of the period was the Union Advocate, official publication of the AFL. It was published for only one year starting in 1887. Its editor was AFL President Sam Gompers — and Gompers wrote most of the copy as well as the editorials. It was succeeded by the American Federationist, also edited by Gompers.

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