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THE OREGONIAN'S INCONSISTENCY.

Holger Borgesen, Andrew Hansen, John Peterson and Andrew Kellner, active members of the Sailors' Union, were less successful than the men who boarded the steamer Johan Paulsen and "shot up" the crew at Portland. Holgar and his companions with the good American names went out in a launch in San Francisco presumably to extend some of the Johan Paulsen brand of persuasion to the crew of the National City. They were met with a well-directed volley from men on the steamer, who apparently snoot to kill. Mr. Kellner's life was snuffed out by a bullet through the heart and Borgesen, Hansen and Peterson were each "pinked" in the legs. Holgar and the other survivors of the affray undoubtedly feel aggrieved over the matter, but it is extremely doubtful about the grief penetrating far enough to cause them to go back to the land from which they emigrated to this free country. In that land men of their caliber earn about \$45 per year. In this country they strike because they can only earn from \$75 to \$100 per month and "found," and attempt to kill those who are satisfied with the "going wages."

The impossibility of the Oregonian to be fair in the fight between the seamen and ship masters is demonstrated in the above editorial which appeared in Tuesday's issue, even when as reported by the Oregonian's own telegraphic service, the sailors did not fire a shot and could not because they were without firearms. Because a bunch of cowardly assassins made an assault upon the crew of the Johan Paulsen on the night of June 12 the Oregonian has closed its ears to reason. It is also strange that the Oregonian will persist in abuse of the facts. The Labor Press challenges the Oregonian to prove that sailors "earn from \$75 to \$100 per month and found," or anywhere near that amount without "found." For the danger encountered the sailor is paid less than any other class of workmen. The demand of the Sailors' union for a raise in wages from \$45 to \$50 per month is little enough in view of the increased profits accruing to the shipowners through advanced tonnage rates and the higher prices of lumber. There is no argument in the Oregonian's warfare upon the sailors in their fight for better conditions. There was good excuse for the Sailors' union patrol boat to approach the National City. The crew sent word ashore that they would like to leave the vessel, and the officers of the ship refused to give them boats. The business of the patrol boat was to take these men ashore if they wanted to go. Unwarned they were fired upon, one man killed and several wounded. That crime was as great as the assault upon the Johan Paulsen on the night of June 12, yet the Oregonian assails the one and condones the other. Parallel these two incidents of crime and there is but one conclusion for the reader to reach, and that is that the Oregonian is steeped in prejudice and vicious inconsistency.

Now here comes another frenzied injunctionist into the field of judicial miscarriage in the person of one Judge J. V. Quarles, of Milwaukee, Wis. This abnormally "wise and upright judge" last Saturday enjoined four iron molders' unions and sixty-one individual members who were employed by the Allis-Chalmers Company from in any way interfering with the business of that company on whose petition the order was granted. The striking molders are enjoined from impeding, hindering, obstructing or interfering with any of the business of the Allis-Chalmers Company in the operation of its works and foundries and from entering the ground and premises of the

complainant against its wish. They are prohibited from picketing, guarding, obstructing, impeding or besetting the streets contiguous to the premises. The order also provides that the defendants are not to go to the homes of any of the employees for the purpose of persuading or coercing them into leaving the Allis-Chalmers Company.

The Everett (Wash.) Labor Journal is imbued with apprehension that the labor union forces in Oregon were largely instrumental in the re-election of Governor Chamberlain. In an editorial effulgence it says:

"The laboring people of Oregon have simply repeated a mistake frequently made before. If they want justice the way to get it is to elect labor people to office. Pledges are valueless. It is to be regretted that the people of Oregon have not learned this lesson."

Granting a portion of this of course we feel kindly to the Journal for its solicitations, but since Mr. Chamberlain made no promises to organized labor, and since he has just finished a four-year term as chief executive of the state and has proven his fairness to all classes alike, we don't know that "The laboring people of Oregon have simply repeated a mistake frequently made before." To talk advisedly upon such matters the Journal should either "brush up" or get out of the trench of pessimism. Here in Oregon we congratulate ourselves upon the re-election of Governor Chamberlain.

Immediate action should be taken by the Federated Trades Council looking towards a hearty celebration of Labor Day. Less than ten weeks remain in which to formulate plans for the successful and fitting observance of this day by the hosts of amalgamated workmen. Labor Day should be emblematic of a greater fraternity of toilers year after year. Members of labor unions ought to put forth every effort to make Labor Day the next in importance to our Day of Independence. The wage-workers of Portland have prospered during the past year and are more fortunate than many of their brothers elsewhere, especially those impoverished by earthquake and fire. Therefore let us be glad and rejoice and give thanks upon Labor Day as we should. Committees should be appointed without delay. An early conclusion should be reached as to what kind of entertainment is desired, and active committees put to work to acquire the ends sought for. It is not now too early to begin.

The Cripple Creek mining district once famous for its prosperous activity, has degenerated into a fault-finding disgruntled community. The very air is permeated with disharmony, and every breeze blows complaint and suspicion. No man knows his friend and ever pickets himself against his enemy. The sequence is not surprising. This always so where tainted money yields the whip, and justice is run down by vicious law.

If the occupation of a school director is any worse in accepting rentals from houses of ill fame than grinding gold out of children's bones the Labor Press is open to conviction. Either such individuals are not fit to sit upon a board in school affairs. Unhappily Portland has such men.

The Oregonian claims that it was the "friends of the land thieves" who elected Chamberlain. That is what the Labor Press has claimed all along, for it is of the opinion that the opposition of the Oregonian had much to do with the re-election of our worthy governor.

A "Seab" can be justly "dubbed" the industrial bird of ill-omen. As most athletes possess some degree of superstition the Montreal baseball team refused a few days ago to ride in a rig driven by a non-union teamster. They won the game.

History gives proof that the older and stronger the labor union the greater the skill and stability of its members.

Rats thrive best in filth and squalor. That's why printers are so hard on "rats."

Contrast the magnificent fight the printers are making with other strikes you have heard of, and you will note that where others have been weakest the Typographical is strongest. There are two essentials to a successful strike—money and brains—United Labor Journal.

DEFENDS DIRECT LEGISLATION

The interview of Mr. Forbes, a financial agent with an office in the Fenton building, in a recent number of the Evening Journal, to the effect that the initiative and referendum law in Oregon would have a tendency to keep capital out of the state, for the reason, he alleges, that so much power in the hands of the people, who do not know what they are doing, would embarrass people who might invest considerably in the state, has aroused the ire of many friends of the amendment. Among them is a lady, the wife of a carpenter, who challenges Mr. Forbes, as follows:

Editor Labor Press:
A few days ago I saw in the Evening Journal an interview of a "financial agent" on the initiative and referendum law, a law I consider a wholesome shield in the protection for the masses from those who get riches as spoil taken from others, rather than as the product of their own honest efforts and skill. And I consider it the duty of those who dare to speak and speak again to right the wrongs of many.

I wish to remind Mr. Forbes that the masses of the people are not "practically ignorant" and that they do not need a "course of education" to treat these questions rightly.

That history, as man knows it, is almost wholly a record of the inspirations of the so-called "crank," who invariably comes from these same masses who have the distinction of deciding all important questions for the betterment of mankind. That the history of the past one hundred years shows a broader education than "newspapers of the state" can furnish; that the masses have risen in that time in face of difficulties caused by poverty and toil, which have developed fiber, resolution and resources (for difficulties and dangers are to them new incentives to action), and they hold in their number scores of skilled mariners for any required work.

I shall leave it to any thinking man to say whether this law is needed to remind the man of millions that his millions are not wholly his own and that there is danger of the development of his baser elements of nature at the expense of his better and nobler faculties, for neither high office nor great wealth create virtue. No thinking man doubts that Mr. Forbes is an "intelligent man," when success is measured by the gathering of much gold, of stocks, of land, etc. But, thank God, there always has been and always shall be men of character and of means to invest without fear where nothing worse than justice is demanded.

MRS. A. BONHAM,
Wife of a laborer.

ARE NOT DISCONCERTED.

Portland, Or., June 19, 1906.
Editor Labor Press:

The recent defeat of the equal suffrage amendment has by no means disconcerted its advocates. We have inaugurated a new campaign and are already circulating a petition for signature, asking for the submission of an amendment in 1908. We trust for the same consideration you have shown in your columns in the past, and to continue to be placed on your exchange list.

Believe me, there has been no feature of the campaign which was so heartily appreciated and so valued as the loyal support of the press. We confidently assert that in no state has there ever been shown such a high standard of ethics and fair-mindedness as evidenced by the press of Oregon.

The Equal Suffrage Association is grateful for your support in the past, and hopeful of like favor in the future.

Sincerely yours,
Oregon Equal Suffrage Association.
Per MYRTLE E. PEASE,
Office Secretary.

Anti-Osler Bureau.

Frivolous young men who spend the most of their time flirting with fellow employees of the opposite sex, stand in peril of their jobs.

Crippled aged persons have been found to fill places in stores and factories satisfactorily, and the result of the test made by the Chicago bureau of charities is expected to open scores of places to persons who heretofore have been considered only as burdens on the community.

It was only a month ago that the

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You can't name the store, no matter how much you may favor it, where you can get values and bargains that will stand the test side by side with our goods and prices. The Greatest Range of Styles of Men's Dress Shirts in Fancy Stripe, French Percales, Stiff Bosoms, Separate Cuffs. Also another Great Range of Soft Silk Front Shirts values ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.50, take your pick, for.....

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bureau organized the department as an experiment, and in the 30 days 200 applications for employment have been received.

Of this number 102 have been provided with places, and the bureau has decided to make the department a permanent one.

The cripples have proven particularly satisfactory in one of the State street department stores, where four of them have been tried as bundle checkers in the delivery section.

"We thought we would give the old men a trial in places where we had youths, who did little but flirt with the young women employed," said the manager of the store recently. "They have given satisfaction and we intend to keep them. They don't make eyes at the girls, and attend strictly to business, and if they are a little slow, they make up for it in the way they stick to the work. It is likely we will employ a number of other such men from the bureau list. The four men earn \$1 a day."

Another case is that of a well-educated man 30 years old, who is deaf and crippled in both feet.

He had been unable to obtain work for two years because of his physical infirmities.

He applied to the bureau of charities, and a position as clerk in a wholesale house was obtained for him, and he receives \$10 a week.

A man 56 years old was provided with employment as filing clerk in the office of a retail dealer. Another cripple, partially paralyzed, was given work coiling wire in a manufacturing plant.

THE MAN AND THE HOUR.

He stood in the hall at midnight,
But the clock was not striking the hour.

For his careful touch had stilled it,
Ere the storm had time to lower.
Said he, as the stairs he climbed softly,

"A hero of labor I'm like—
For surely this night I've averted
A most disastrous strike."
—Baltimore American.

Plumbers in Cincinnati have accepted the proposition that the Saturday half holiday should go into effect on July 1, 1907, and that the existing wage scale remain in force until May 31, 1908. The scale of \$4 per day has been granted.

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