

Local People and Incidents

Agnes Fair has been sojourning in South- Oregon on a tour of investigation and agitation. Agnes pays her own way when she goes on a missionary trip.

The headquarters of the Modern School are now located at Room 424, 167 Fourth street, known as the Behnke-Walker Building.

J. F. Gilmore, one of the active workers in the labor movement in San Francisco, is now a resident of Portland and affiliated with the local Teamsters' Union.

O. E. Nordstrom is of the employing class now, but he is the same old hustler. If you want a house painted, papered or decorated, call up Marshall 3259, or drop in at 412 Everett street. A union man with the union card.

Commissioner F. W. Winn of the Water Board has been stirring things up since he got on that body. We now hear of American laborers being discriminated against by the foremen. Mayor Rushlight has some common-sense notions about the matter, too.

O. P. Hoff, State Labor Commissioner, will not trifle any more notifying employers of women to mend their ways and conform to the ten-hour law. He believes they have imposed on him in the past. Hereafter any case will be prosecuted where reliable information is furnished.

MUST MINISTER TO PEOPLE.

WASHINGTON.—Under the caption "The Alternative to Popular Control of the Judiciary," the Boston Common says: "Democracy is either a figure of speech or a great truth. Those who would have judges exempt from democratic control cannot believe profoundly in democracy's intrinsic worth."

"The democratic theory of government assumes that a free and intelligent people, who are self-governing, will quickly perceive and correct their own mistakes. History shows that when they really have been self-governing, when their will has not been frustrated or obstructed by special interests privileged groups this assumption has proved well founded."

"Opponents of the election and recall of judges say that the people must be safeguarded against themselves; that the people are prone to frenzy and need checks and keepers. But is any restraint so good as self-restraint? Is it not the best way to develop self-restraint to let it grow with practice?"

"A people who find that recalling a just judge for bravely doing his duty does not promote their welfare will learn not to use the recall on that kind of a judge, but to reserve it for judges who usurp authority, today to privilege or otherwise betray the common weal. Who is wiser than the common wisdom?"

"There is no way by which the people can permanently be kept from auditing the services of judges. In this country they are the source of power. They make constitutions. There is among them the determination, firm and as we believe growing, that the judiciary as well as the legislatures and executives, shall minister to their welfare. They will not be content to elect law makers and law enforcers pledged to certain policies, only to have those policies defeated by judicial construction."

"The alternative to popular control of judges is not the status quo; it is revolution."

STAMPEDE COMING.

(Umpqua Valley News.)

The people of Missouri are asking to be shown why an idle tract of land should be taxed less than a cultivated tract of equal value. Very many taxpayers in the State of Oregon are disturbing the peace and quiet of large landholders by persistently making the same inquiry. Fact of the matter is, that when this question is thoroughly understood and the will of the people put in practice there will be a stampede of big landlords to dispose of holdings that they can now neither farm themselves nor will sell at reasonable values. When proper tax is placed on all unused lands, be they parts of large estates or railroad property, values will immediately adjust themselves and the properties be offered at prices which will enable the farmer and stockman to acquire and put them to producing.

We are gravely assured by a Eugene paper that "they never talk referendum on university appropriations in California." Well, we should say not! California has never had the referendum. It will have that instrument after October 12th. From that date California may exercise the referendum on university appropriations, or anything else. And after that date university students will not scab when there is a strike on in San Francisco, unless the moral snasion of the faculty is of no value whatever.

The main hope of the scab clothing makers is the country mail order houses. The farmers are not alive to the need of getting out the scab rags and insisting on the union label.

The people of Oregon should saw off the state senate. Of no more use than the hurs in a cow's tail.

Not only strike while the iron is hot, but make it hot by striking.—Crownwell.

Here, There and Everywhere

Teamsters in California have settled their strikes in several small cities for shorter hours. The international has no strikes on hand.

Wages of common labor and woodsmen are lower in and around Spokane. Too many idle men.

City of Tacoma constructing a municipal power plant and hires men through private employment agent pirates. Has no municipal employment office. Great heads in Tacoma!

Walla Walla constructs a city hall of all Washington product. Our Portland courthouse is a disgrace because of the scabbing on the state by the commissioners.

Meatcutters in Spokane are demanding ten hours and no Sunday work. As usual, the Employers' Association and "open shop" grafters are arguing that the bosses keep an "open shop" 24 hours a day and Sundays 26.

Laundry workers in Spokane have renewed their fight on the nonunion establishments.

The union musicians of St. Louis refused to appear in the Taft parade if the Boy Scouts were allowed to march. The assurance was given that the kids would be kept out. The reason is that in several places the Boy Scouts have been used as strikebreakers, more particularly in Des Moines recently when the little heroes were used to break a bootblack union to pieces.

In Los Angeles the McNamara brothers have heretofore had the use of a small corridor around their cells. By order of Burns they are now confined to their cells without opportunity to exercise.

In Los Angeles a moving picture show has been opened up in which Socialist and workingmen principles will be inculcated. It is an aid to the strenuous campaign for the capture of Los Angeles by the united industrial and progressive forces.

Spokane is continually shocking the nervous systems of the contractors. Entering its own bids for street improving against them now, with its own plant and all patent fake clauses knocked out of the specifications.

By unity, determined front and popular support the street railway men of Erie, Pa., have won a substantial victory. The company discharged all men guilty of joining a union, filled the meetings with spies and intimidated to the utmost. The men organized, struck, secured reinstatement of every man, recognition of the union, better wages and shorter hours. Weekly Employers' Association letter of Portland, please copy.

Employment of day labor and not contracting anything is proving successful in Spokane.

The action of the members of labor organizations, employed in navy yards, in resolving to resist the introduction of the Taylor system, has brought forth a statement from Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop to the effect that there has been no effort made to introduce the system, and that it is not likely to be adopted for naval uses.

The Order of Railway Telegraphers is steadily advancing, and increases in wages are the order of the day. The wages of the operators employed by the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad have just been increased by from 5 to 10 per cent.

A loaf of bread 16 feet long, said to be the largest one ever baked, was a feature in Pittsburg's Labor Day parade. It was the handiwork of members of Local No. 12 of the Bakers' Union and was carried by six of the members. Local No. 44 of the same union exhibited an equally big loaf. It weighed 200 pounds and was drawn in a wagon by a pony. Both loaves were decorated with the union label.

Carpenters at Asheville, N. C., have been successful in their campaign for higher wages and have secured an increase of 25 cents a day.

Hodcarriers at St. Cloud, Minn., have secured an increase of 25 cents a day.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has announced his determination to make an appeal to Congress for the establishment of a pension system that will provide for men and women who have been in the postal service for years and have grown old in the service.

Another philanthropy has blown up. Forest Hill Garden, the Utopian village, now nearing completion by the Russell Sage Foundation, will not be an abiding place for poor toilers. The trustees have decided so. The Scriptural saying: To him that hath shall be given, holds true in this case.

Facing determined opposition, and fighting without a murmur, 500 women in Brownsville have gained a signal victory over their employers. The employers were banded together by a strong organization and laughed at and treated with derision the demands of the women for a higher wage scale and a shorter work day. The women, too, were members of an organization, Local No. 2 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, and when the battle ended their union was intact, while the association of the employers was shattered to pieces.

Short Shifts by A. D. Cridge

In 1797 the sailors of the British admiralty went on a strike. They demanded redress of grievances which included flogging, starvation and enlistment by kidnaping. One man was hanged, but the government granted many of the demands made by the men, and ultimately all of them.

Alfred the Great of England had over 44 corrupt judges executed, we are told; but since then there have been few recalls and fewer executed.

In the 14th century wage slavery took the place of villenage to a great extent, but for centuries after this men were sold with the manors almost the same as the cattle.

The new charter should provide that no licenses should be levied on vendors of food supplies, fruit, vegetables, groceries, or anything else of that nature. The licenses simply add to the prices of food and encourage exactions all along the line. Any license on any honest industry is robbery.

The Spokane Chronicle commends the efforts of the city commissioners of that city to drive out crooked employment agents. It certainly has had, and probably still has, the limit of crooks in this line. They can all come to Portland when driven out, and find their match.

For two millions and expectations a young girl marries a lecherous old New York millionaire. How much better morally is she than the woman of the streets?

"Beggars in velvet get gold," is a Spanish proverb. The beggars in velvet who ride in autos get gold and land and bonds. We will give millions in franchises to beggars in autos and the rock pile to beggars in overalls.

Peter S. Grosscup, the richest and the most execrated Federal judge in the United States, announces that he will resign on October 1st. Not even Taft can name a man who will do better service for the trusts and against the people than this man has done for 29 years.

When labor finds out that it pays all taxes there will be some great doings with the tax-dodgers.

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UNFAIR BARS

Lotus Bar, 127 Sixth. Hofbrau Bar, 128 Sixth. Louvre Bar, Fourth and Alder. Perkins Hotel Bar, Fifth and Washington. Northern Bar, Geo. Schultz, Prop., Fifth and Washington. The Quelle Bar, Sixth and Stark. Union men should not patronize these unfair bars.

FAIR BARS

Fair bars in the vicinity of the unfair bars are: Crane, Geo. M., 326 Alder. Chandler Bar, Seventh and Washington. Stutt & Howland, Sixth and Washington. W-W., 106 1/2 Sixth. The Olympian, 309 Washington. The Mascot, Seventh and Washington. Kelly, John E., 354 Morrison. Ellison & Savage, 48 Morrison. Marzetti & Knepper, 285 Yamhill. Turnhalle, Fourth and Yamhill. Log Cabin, Billy Winters, Prop., 167 Third. Alisky, 267 Morrison. Bismark, 147 1/2 Third. Pantheon, 130 Third. Gulley, James, 246 Yamhill. The Bachelor, 143 Third. The Yale, 164 Alder. The Fulton, Fourth and Alder. Alder Hotel Bar, Fourth and Alder. Blazier & Barrett, 122 Fourth. Elder, C. D., Fourth and Washington. Eaton, Harry R., 110 Fourth. The Real McCoy, 105 Stark. National Wine Co., 295 Stark. Atkins, Tice, 95 Sixth. Tilley, J. A., Third and Alder. Myers & Parberry, 253 Morrison.

UNFAIR UNFAIR

Royal and New York Bread

Made by Non-Union Men Union men and women buying and eating these breads are helping the Employers' Association to lower wages and lengthen hours.

Winnipeg is spending \$3,250,000 for the development of its enormous water power electric plant. By this means it has forced the company to sell to it the private electric lines and equipment. Prices for current have been reduced one-third. Winnipeg will also operate a municipal slaughter-house.

Says the Springfield, Ohio, Tribune: "No rich man can do anything to help the poor, no matter how good his intentions may be, except to use the power his wealth gives him to abolish the unjust laws that enable some to legally appropriate the earnings of others without adequate return."

Good Housekeeping News

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NOTE.—We will give in this column, from time to time, hints on the preparation and use of meat food products that may be used for the betterment of and economy in your cooking.—Union Meat Company.

Buying Lard. The time was when it was a rare occurrence to purchase lard in any other way than in bulk and the customer knew nothing about the quality of the lard until it was used at home. Nowadays, however, most lard is sold under a brand and in pails, so that the customer knows she is getting what she wants—that the quality must be uniform.

Perfectly pure lard, like butter, turns rancid if it is not kept in a cool place. It is best to keep it in a refrigerator if possible. The reason of this is, that pure lard, like our Columbia Brand, contains nothing but the choice cuts of fat from Government inspected hogs, "tried out" in an open kettle in the same old-fashioned way as our mothers used to do. It contains no stearin and melts at a low temperature. The cheaper grades of lard are "refined" as is Pearl shortening, and while they will keep for a longer period without turning rancid, when fresh, they are not as "short" or as "sweet" as Columbia. For real goodness and flavor you can't beat open kettle-rendered lard.—Union Meat Co.

PROTZMAN-CAMPBELL SHOE CO. 146 Fifth Street Between Morrison and Alder announce that they have received this Fall the Linemen's Special in still better grade than ever. Today it can be said that it is the best all around wet weather and wear shoe ever made for any shoe house in the United States, and better yet, it is made by Strictly High-Class UNION LABOR

Ray Barkhurst The Union Tailor \$20 to \$60 Largest Store Most Goods Two Thousand Different Patterns Largest and most sanitary workshop, employing only best skilled Union Tailors. Every garment made on the premises. Inspection invited to the store and workshop. Ray Barkhurst Corner of Sixth and Stark Streets OPEN EVENINGS