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THE "LABOR SCARCITY"

The industrial commission of New York State, after a careful inquiry into the labor situation, reports that "the labor scarcity" is largely imaginary. There is really no labor scarcity at all. There is merely a "maladjustment" of labor.

The great war industries in the southern part of the state are in sore need of men. The farmers up state, with a larger acreage planted than usual, have difficulties in getting help. But there are enough workers in the state to do all the state's necessary work. The trouble arises chiefly from two evils: Much of the available labor is taken up with the manufacture of fashions and luxuries, things which are superfluous in war time; and in many necessary industries the workmen are not fully employed because they cannot get enough materials to keep them busy.

The answer is, better distribution of labor and materials, in New York and everywhere else, for New York's situation represents the situation of the country as a whole.

We have too long permitted our economic machinery to run itself. It does pretty well under the "laissez-faire" plan we're accustomed to, but it nevers runs with full efficiency, and in a crisis like the present one it breaks down. We must come to intelligent public regulation of the labor supply. It is more important than regulation of food supply and commodity prices. The latter represent temporary problems, but the labor problem is permanent.

We shall have just as much "shortage" after the war, unless we manage properly. This is a good time to get the necessary regulative system installed.

ARE PRICES HIGH?

Last year, a farmer could build a silo for the price of 800 bushels of corn; today, he can build the same one for the price of 400 bushels.

Last year, it cost a community the price of 16,000 bushels of wheat to build a mile of permanent highway; today a mile can be built for 8,000 bushels.

Last year a farmer had to raise a thousand bushels of wheat to buy the tractor with which to till his field; this year he can buy two tractors for the same amount.

Was there ever a more favorable time to build a silo, to buy a tractor, to build permanent highways?

Now is the time to exchange your farm produce for those

By doing this, capital will be created and placed in circulation. Prosperity will be stimulated, labor kept employed at good wages. The dollar will be kept rolling.

Let us keep on making, selling, transporting and building.

SALARY GRABBING

The tendency of the Democrats to attach abnormally large salaries to the heads of newly created bureaus, while ignoring the claims of other bureau chiefs of longer service who may have far greater responsibilities, has been brought to the attention of the senate by Hon. Reed Smoot of Utah. The recent attempt to raise the salary of the director of the bureau of war risk insurance, who has charge of a business amounting to 20 or 30 millions dollars a year, from \$5000 to \$7500 was defeated at the instance of Senator Smoot. He mentioned the fact that the commissioner of pensions, who disburses in the neighborhood of 160 million dollars a year, and has several hundred clerks in his office, receives only \$5000, and the commissioner of the general land office, with thousands of employes and millions of acres of the public domain in his charge, gets a like amount. Mr. Smoot thinks that such discrepancies in salaries should not be tolerated, and intends to see to it that there is some relation between the work done and the salary paid.

HOW OFFICIALISM GROWS

People who have any shreds of respect left for congress jobs. will have that little jarred out of their system by hearing that another plan is afoot to make it cost more.

On top of \$7500 a year salary, \$1500 for a private secretary, endless supplies and printing of congressional record and volumes of reports, mileage both ways, each one is to have a \$900 clerk.

It will not be two years before this \$900 clerk will be sending up a howl from Maine to California at the outrage of anyone having to live on such a pitiful sum in the highest-priced city in the world.

With a treasury deficit, with a foreign war the annual income of the congressmen, frequently drawn by members of their own family, is to be swollen to \$10,400 a year and a lot besides.

Few of these valuable (?) persons could earn at home what he votes himself as national representative, and yet we com plain at the growing spirit of discontent among the people!

OUR COAL BINS

While the controversy between the government and the coal interests remains undecided, the public continues to pay twice as much for coal as it is worth.

Most of us are more concerned with the cost of coal to us than the cost of coal to the government. Any establishment of prices on government contracts that leaves us out will be futile. We use far more coal than the army and navy do.

We want protection. We want assurance that we will not have to pay present prices for next winter's coal. We want the government to get busy about it, establishing regulation of public and private coal prices at the same time.

AMFRICAN POGROMS

Comments on any such event as the recent "race war" in East St. Louis seems futile. The whole business is so shocking, so shameful—and so helpless. After all these years of striving to overcome race prejudice in America, to adjust the relations of white and black men so as to enable them to live side by side in peace and co-operation, to make our vaunted democracy workable in spite of differences of color, we have an outbreak of riot and murder that has made every American hang his head.

When negroes are shot and burned to death by the score in a community furnished with all the equipment of law and order and all the American traditions of decency and justice, at a time when we are fighting a great war to give oppressed nations and races the liberty we profess to exemplify above all other peoples, what can we say?

How often we have reproached "barbarous Russia" for the dining car service on these lines. her pogroms! And what was the massacre at East St. Louis but an American pogrom? How bitterly we have condemned all young meats, such as lamb, veal Turkey for her savage slaughter of Armenians! And what is the basic difference betwen Turks and Americans when they meet on this common level of brutality? We have excoriated If you want more you will have to buy the Germans for the cruelties practised in Belgium, in France, in Serbia, in Poland and on the high seas. And is there any in lower prices. Prussian Schrecklichkeit worse than those East St. Louis funeral pyres?

There is no question that the white population there and in tion. many other communities faces a serious problem. There was considerable provocation. There usually is. But "noblesse oblige." White men should act like white men. Civilized 260,000 train miles per annum; the people must show themselves cvilized.

Elihu Root, giving the Russian revolutionists his idea of democracy, called it "organized self-restraint." How Russian Western of 168,000 train miles; the and Turkish cynics can laugh at us now! Can't you hear them asking, "Is America a democracy or a mob?"

THE VALUABLE HOG

Raise more hogs! We may not have realized it, but pork is the principal meat of the army as well as of city and farm. The department of agriculture says the hog is the most important animal to raise for meat and money

In the first place, the hog calls for less labor, less capital, less equipment than that required in raising other domestic animals. The returns in meat and meat products are greater than for any other animal. And the meat is the most satisfactory of all for packing and long-distance shipping.

Pork has been placed on the market in a great variety of attractive and palatable forms. In fact, there is no other meat Michigan had reported their local lists which can be obtained in so many different forms and from numbered for the drawing when the which so many products are manufactured. And it keeps provost-marshal general's office closed

Why not take our hats off to the humble hog and give him Crowder, the Provost Marshal-Generall due honor?

Many farms where no hogs are raised ought to have them. 10,000 men registered for military And farms where hogs are already a valuable product should produce more than they ever did before. Three-fourths of the world's international trade in pork and pork products came Secretary Baker. The only points unfrom the United States before the war. Since then the proportion has greatly increased. The need is greater than ever America's opportunity and duty are plain.

EXPANDING INDUSTRIAL FUNCTIONS

Colorado has a labor commission with four bureaus, statistics, factory inspection, employment agencies, public and

In addition there is a bureau of mines, coal mine inspector, and steam boiler inspector, all have deputies and other em-

There is also a workingmen's compensation commission and these industrial departments all put together cost the

That much is spent annually on industrial regulation and yet the industrial conditions in Colorado have been the worst

The last legislature passed a bill to put all these industrial regulatory functions under one industrial commission. The bill failed to provide one head for the new commission

and so the parastical funtionaries have all hung onto their

A new effort will be made in the legislature this winter to consolidate these many boards and get a single head and re-

Thatis what should be done in every state and not only protect the taxpayer but industries against political agitators.

If the industrial functions of the state could be made really constructive nothing would help the development of the state

But all the above industrial boards and functioning is usually directed for political effect to catch union vote.

Those holding state industrial positions seem to think they owe nothing to the taxpayer and the rest of the citizenship.

THE BOOZE BARRIER

There has been more heat than light lately on the liquor question. The one vital principle involved must not be lost sight of. It was excellently expressed recently by Harry Lauder, addressing a London massmeeting on the subject of British prohibition.

"Men and women," he said, "if there is a barrier up against us that is going to impede victory, let us sweep it away. If in the afternoon and a complete prodrink is a barrier, if beer is a barrier, then break the barrier gram of selections during the even down. The voce of the people demands from the government that if drink is to postpone victory, the government must postpone drink."

We don't hear so much about "bloated bond-holders" and cert. W. I. Nolan with his lecture on "coupon-clippers," now that there are more than 4,000,000

RAILROAD SERVICE

CHICAGO, July 17.-It was an nounced here today, following a meeting of the executive officers of the railroads in the 15 states in the central war department, that radical changes in the railroad operations in sary will be annulled and in this way the roads hope to save as much coal per annum as the eastern roads are doing-750,000 tons a year.

A radical change will be made in Federal Food Administrator Hoover it separately. It is not announced

It was announced that some of the central and western lines have already secured good results in coal conserve.

By curtailing passenger service the Kansas City Southern railroad has saved the fuel and other expenses of Missouri, Kansas & Texas of 586,000 train miles; the Chicago & Alton of Marie of 104,000 train miles and the Big Four of 780,000 train miles. The Hocking Valley railroad will take off 15 per cent of its passenger service next Sunday. This will enable it to handle 24 per cent more coal over its

WASHINGTON, July 18.-All states except New York, Pennsylvania and

Advices today to Brigadier-General al, indicated that the national lottery to determine the order of liability of service could be held next Friday.

The plan for the drawing has been worked out in detail and approved by decided are the exact place in Washwhich must be considered.

The government will be ready the drawing as soon as the last state has reported by telegraph that its work is complete. If the last telegram comes in the morning the drawing can is probable that the drawing will take place the following day.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military committee, has drafted a measure to make all aliens wherever possible under existing treaties, and excepting enemy aliens, subject to draft. The senator said he of June or early in July that the Corprobably would not introduce his bill until he had secured some opinion

BILLY SUNDAY COMING

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from that city

cidents of the recruiting at the camp, Major Gilbert closed his address with an appeal for a broader national understanding of the war, and declared that we were on the brink of the consequences that must come from the championing of a

of independence. Speaking of the "Teaching Func tion of the Church," the Rev. W. H. Buckner at the 10 o'clock bible-lec

ture decried the one-day religionists "The seven-day appeal is the only way to gain satisfaction in the Chris tian life," said the Rev. Mr. Buckner who is proving to be one of the most popular of the morning lecturers that has ever appeared at the local Chautaugua. "To have any vital effect on Christian life. We must go out into the highways and the by-ways, into the streets and the public places, in order to pass the kingdom along."

Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp acted as chair man of the Forum hour, introducing Chaplain Gilbert and the Rev. Alfred Bates. The Rev. Mr. Bates sang "We'll never let the old flag fall."

The Smith-Spring-Holmes musical concert company gave a short concer ing. The troupe which consists of six members gave many well-received se lections and the gold plated and engraved instruments of the troupe attracted considerable attention wher placed on exhibition following the con-"Father Adam and Brother Bill" kept

PENDLETON HOST TO EDITORS

Eastern Oregon City Shows Wonderful Spirit During Recent Convention of State Newspaper Men.

sociation, held in that city, such a finally pacified. wonderful success in every detail. From the minute of their arrival Fri-Sunday night, the editors and their wives had little time for sleep. They

nson, W. L. Thompson, J. V. Tallman, and E. B. Aldrich. Those four would make any town shine. And the fine spirit of co-operation was so com-Every wish of the city's guests was anticipated and every request granted

It was Elbert Bede who wanted to go to the O. W. R. R. & N. station and hailed a passing motor car. told us," quoth he, "to ask for anything we wanted, and I want to go down to the depot.'

"All right," said the Pendletonian. "get right in."

Even when good old Phil Bates, pioneer secretary and general factorum of the association, fell in a corner of Wallowa Lake and spoiled his ice cream pantaloons, the hospitality of bing her capacious feminoles from the hook, she enveloped Phil in their embrace and washed his pants. What, indeed, could be more touching.

There were other amusing incidents on the famous trip. Out at the Eastern Oregon hospital, E. C. Sanderson, of the Freewater Times, got away with the president's hat. Sanderson seemed to feel perfectly at home at the nut-house, and he wrote a poem about it. Next morning he insisted the hat was his, but he was forced to will go to Coos Bay. Marshfield and deliver. Dave Hazen, of the Portland North Bend will care for them, and contest and Hazen won in a walk. Ed. Shore Acres, of Louis J. Simpson. itor Irvine, the blind editor of the They'll have to go some down there Portland Journal, took all the swim- to match Pendleton, bless her. She's ming honors at Wallowa Lake, and the only original Round-up town. The tied with Edgar Piper, of the Oregon- big show will be held August 22 this ian, in the oratorical contest.

Out at the Cayuse Indian camp Fri-

It was the hustling, bustling, hospi- | day afternoon, Nelson, of Haines, got able spirit of the people of Pendleton his kodak into action and thereby ofthat made the recent annual conven- fended the Indians, and they refused tion of the Oregon State Editorial As- to dance for the white men, but were

There is at little town at the end of a branch running up from La Grande. day morning until the glorious finish They call this town Joseph. Its people have probbaly been running up against the Pendleton folks, for they were kept busy and most enjoyably so. have the spirit too. Dr. Albert Mount. Glory be to such men as Jack Rob- of the Mount medical family, is acting mayor and was much in evidence tion at Joseph for the visitors were fed and fed until their eyes bulged out Beautiful Wallows Lake, where Sunday morning was spent, is one of Na

> The business sessions of the convention were held in the public library at Pendleton, a fine building. and while the thermometer registered 102 out of doors, the editors talked over their business troubles in perfect

A. E. Voorhies, publisher of the Ev ening Courier, of Grants Pass, a fine up-standing two-fisted man, was electlisher and deserved the honor. Here's

La Grande, a pretty little town proud of itself and its improvements, gave the newspapermen luncheon on their way back to Pendleton. The annual banquet was a great affair, the feature of which was a musical press who had a real gun and who deleted the first man to fall under the hammer, but he took it like the real sport

Strandborg, of the sessions will be held at the beau-Watts Watt, had an ice-cream eating tiful \$100,000 country home, known as year and you ought to go. Its worth

PORTLAND, Or., July 17.-While most of the Portland waterfront conto fall here that lower docks may be reoccupied and certain other drawbacks due to the freshet thereby elim-"thin" and have announced the withdrawal of their service above Salem where the last trip will be made by the steamer Grahamona Thursday.

The present year is a most unusual one in the annals of the Yellow Stack fleet, for frequently the water is so low above Salem by the latter part vallis schedule is annulled. Also their experience has been that a resumption of steamboating is not possible before November 10 to 15, when winter condi tions provide more water.

Gauge readings reported yesterday showed the Williamette at Eugene to be 3.5 above zero, having dropped onetenth in 24 hours, with the gauge 3.4 at Albany and no change while at Salem it was 2.3 feet above zero, a decline of one-tenth of a foot. At Portland the river was 17.5 feet above, a drop of four-tenths of a foot being recorded in 24 hours.

In making the long run through the upper reaches at the present stage of water, Yellow Stack line officers say the wear and tear on the hulls of the steamers is considerable and it will be impossible in a few days to make the run without resorting to "lining" over some shoals, which means the schedule is not to be depended upon.

made in the past it is hoped to maintain the Portland-Salem service during the season. The elimination of Corvallis end of the run means Independence and Albany will not have the through steamboat service as Efforts made to obtain govern ment aid in clearing the channel from Corvallis or Peoria to Eugene have failed, so for the duration of the war that project is not expected to be re

PACKERS ARE TO RESIST ATTEMPT TO UNIONIZE

CHICAGO, July 16.—President John Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor, today pledged the power of his organization in a fight to unionize the 40,000 men and women Pacific. The camp will be established in the meat packing industry of Chitempt to unionize their employes, Ed- tract are 13,000 000 feet of spruce timward Morris Jr., of Morris & Co., said, bar,

GRAFT IN SETTING **QUOTAS FOR DRAFT**

WASHINGTON, July 16 .- Charges in the senate this afternoon census bureau's figures have been the south, were followed by the adopinated, officials of the Oregon City tion of a resolution offered by Sena-Transportation company are lament tor Brandegee of Connecticut, calling ing that the Upper Willamette is so upon the secretary of commerce to furnish the official estimates upon which the draft quotas of various lo

ASK FOR BOND BIDS

SALEM, Or., July 17.-Advertise ment for bids for \$500,000 of the \$6. 000,000 Oregon road bond issue were telegraphed Monday night to eastern financial journals. The bids will be opened on August 7, which is the same day the state board of control will open bids for the \$400,000 of bonds to be issued to match the federal allot nent for forest and post roads

BAKER, PLAYING SUB, HELPS TO BEAT BROTHER

The Portland Kirkpatricks defeated the Wilsonville baseball team in the Chautauqua series Wednesday by a scroe of 10 to five. Emmet Baker of the famous Baker brothers of Wilson ville, who have been that town's star baseball players for several years, was chosen as the neutral who should fil out the Kirkpatrick team when one of their members failed to appear. He played an excellent game and helped to defeat the team on which brother, Everett Baker, caught. The score by innings

Kirkpatricks: Wilsonville: Batteries: For Wilsonville, Schwartz and Baker. For Kirkpatricks, Besson

PAPER COMPANY IS TO OPERATE UMPQUA CAMP

EUGENE, Or., July 18.-The Crown Willamette Paper company, of Oregon City, will at once establish a big logging camp, through the Silverton Logging company, of Silverton, on the Impgua river adjacent to the line of the Coos Bay branch of the Southern on land sold to the company by Warcago. The packers will resist the at- ren P. Reed, of Gardiner. On this