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THE WEEKLY PAY DAY.

The weekly pay-day law enacted by the last legislature of Indiana had a brief and troubled existence. The supreme court of that state cut short its career as an exponent of the workingman's needs by throwing it out as unconstitutional upon the broad ground that the legislature may not thus restrict the freedom of contract between employer and employee. "It is possible," says the Outlook, "that some clause in the Indiana constitution necessitated this decision and made unconstitutional in that state just such a law as Massachusetts has had for years, to the increasing and general satisfaction of employers as well as employees." It is a simple incontrovertible fact, borne out by universal experience, that the credit system is the wage-earner's snare. Its worst form is exemplified in the institution known in mining districts and logging camps as the "company store," but in the ordinary walks of life and in all its humbler vocations it is the bane of accumulative endeavor. Its least pernicious example, perhaps, is found in the store bill of the farmer, but even there it often makes sad and unexpected inroads upon the harvest returns, and in myriads of cases it has laid the foundation for the mortgage that finally ate away the title deed to the farm.

In the vocations of labor, skilled and unskilled, the weekly payment of wages tends to overthrow the custom of buying on credit, and to the extent that it does this it is the bases of saving and an incentive of thrift. Professor Hadley, a careful student of economics and many years Labor Commissioner of Connecticut, set up the contention, says the Oregonian, that the custom of buying on credit leads not only to extravagant purchases and uncollectable debts but also to higher prices to all careful and honest purchasers. This contention easily sustains itself in the common experience of any community. The propensity of the store account to out grow the wages upon which it is based is a well established fact. The weekly pay day has been found the most effective means yet devised to check this propensity and to encourage the wholesome desire to live strictly within the family income. Freedom of contract, says the publication above quoted, is no more an unlimited right than freedom of conduct. It adds: "Indiana, for example, forbids contracts calling for more than 8 per cent interest on the ground that they are injurious to the borrower. If the state may forbid such contracts, how much more should it be able to forbid contracts by which the wages of laborers shall not be promptly paid them?" Over and above all other statements upon this matter stands the simple declaration: "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Having earned his weekly wages, he is entitled to receive it, to the end that it may be applied to the best possible advantage to his own and his family's needs. There is more justice and reason and plain well proven common sense in the demand for a weekly pay day than in many points in the contentions between employer and employee upon which strikes are ordered.

INGRATITUDE TO CARNEGIE.

The resolution of a criminal to reform meets with universal encouragement. The sinner is usually encouraged in turning from his wicked ways. Yet Andrew Carnegie, who is probably neither one, but possibly a little of both, is not permitted to peaceably spend the closing years of his life in benefactions and charitable deeds.

Among his many donations for the establishment of free libraries was one

to a small town of Indiana. He gave this grateful village \$50,000, to be used in the erection of a library building. Now it has come time to dedicate the new building and the Trades Council of the town has voted against inviting Mr. Carnegie to attend the dedicatory services. Such lack of gratitude is not uncommon in the case of individuals toward their benefactors, but it is unusual in municipalities and all organizations of men.

Mr. Carnegie may have pursued a reprehensible course in the acquisition of his wealth. If so all the more is he to be commended in his determination to distribute it for the use of the public, rather than to leave it locked up to heighten the growing clamor of penny against riches. Mr. Carnegie, in dispensing his large fortune for the benefit of his fellow men, is pursuing a course considerably apart from nature's past. Few men can be brought to realize that the end is the gaining of a fortune and the usual tendency is to cling the more closely to amassed riches as age grows on.

Mr. Carnegie's example is a good one. The great fortunes of the present age would not be such a menace to the future welfare of the masses, were his idea of distributing his fortune during his lifetime to become a more general practice.

REVISION OF THE CREED.

At Los Angeles next Thursday will take place the opening session of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

Marked revisions of the creed are under consideration. It is to be hoped the changes will be made, as the creed of Westminster contains articles of faith that are in fact a dead letter today.

The church's bitterness toward Catholicism and its belief in infant condemnation have ceased to exist in its present membership, and the written creed should certainly be revised along these lines, as well as in other points of minor importance.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Loretta Bridge has commenced a three months' term of school at Cottrell.

Miss Bertha Oberst has been engaged to teach a three months' term of school at Salmon River.

Everett Cross had his leg badly hurt last night on the merry-go-round. The flesh was torn from his limb and his injuries are painful.

Mrs. Robert A. Miller returned Saturday from a few days visit with friends in Seattle. She will go to Salem Saturday to give a Shakespearean reading.

WON IN THE SEVENTH.

Home Team Got Six Runs From Big Batting Struck.

The home team got a batting streak in the seventh inning in the game at Canemah Park yesterday afternoon with the Soldiers' team from Vancouver Barracks and touched up Pelkey for four hits, scoring six runs. This won the game for Oregon City, and up to that inning the visitors had one point to the good. Calif made a home run in the seventh inning, but there was no one on bases, or the score would have been worse. He put the ball clear over the right field fence, and the local sympathizers went wild.

The feature of the game was the pitching of Nefzger, and Vancouver was allowed only four hits. Nefzger left today for Coos Bay and this was his last game for Oregon City this season. The attendance was larger than at any game since the opening of the grounds this year. The runs and hits by innings were:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Oregon City	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	8	
Hits	0	0	1	0	1	4	2	8	
Vancouver	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Hits	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1

SUMMARY.

Stolen base—Shaddeau, Bowen, Breger, Miller, Gase 3, Lee 2, Case.

Bases on balls—off Nefzger 2; off Pelkey 2

Struck out—By Nefzger 10; by Pelkey 9.

Home run—Califf.

Left on bases—Oregon City 7; Vancouver 5.

Time of game—1 hour and 35 min.

Umpire—Fields.

Scorer—Stipp.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Lewthwaite, Margaret Goodfellow, Mrs. Wayne Howard, Mrs. Matilda Ganong Miller, Bessie Kelly, Eber Chapman, John B. Lewthwaite and Obet Tonkin were confirmed in St. Paul's Episcopal Church yesterday.

CONTRIBUTORS TO BUILDING FUND

MASTER OF MAPLE LANE GRANGE P. OF H. GIVES FIGURES.

Total Receipts Were \$182.55 and of This Amount \$81.70 Was Given By the Patrons—Small Cash Balance on Hand.

MAPLE LANE GRANGE No. 269, P. of H.

To the business and professional men of Oregon City, also to the citizens of Clackamas County, in general, and of Maple Lane in particular:

It has been my intention to make public the financial condition of Maple Lane Grange, giving due credit to each contributor to the building fund, and stating as plainly as possible what had been done with their contributions.

In the first place, the Grange itself raised by initiation fees, dues and entertainments, the sum of \$40. This amount was used to purchase a lot in Maple Lane on which to build a hall. At his time it was thought best to incorporate; the necessary papers were accordingly drawn up by Bro. W. S. U'Ren. This was our first contribution as Mr. U'Ren made no charge for his time and trouble. The next step was to have our incorporation papers properly placed on file, one copy was accordingly filed with the Secretary of State, costing \$2.50, one copy with the county clerk, costing \$1, and one copy with the Grange secretary.

A committee was then appointed to solicit aid in our undertaking and the result of their activity is shown in the following:

The business and professional men of Oregon City gave as follows: Geo. C. Brownell, \$10; J. R. Shaver, \$5; F. A. Sleight, \$5; Commercial Bank, \$5; A. Robertson, \$5; Henry E. Stevens, \$2.50; Enos Cahill, \$2.50; Thos. F. Ryan, \$2.50; E. G. Canfield, \$2.50; J. Everhart & Co., \$2.50; J. F. Nelson, \$2.50; Robert Miller, \$2; R. Petzold, \$1; Cash, \$1; A. Luell, .50; Wilson & Cooke, keg nails; Pope & Co., \$2.50 in nails; Frank Busch, keg nails; Geo. Grace, \$2.85 in nails; Huntley Bros., \$3 in paint; Charman Bros., \$3 in paint; Total cash, \$50.50; Mdee., about \$17.

Outside parties gave as follows:

Dr. J. S. Casto, \$5; Clackamas County Pomona Grange, \$5; William Gristenwaite, .50; pie social, Nov. 15, 1902, \$2.95; basket social, Dec. 13, 1903, \$11.10; basket social, Mar. 21, 1903, \$25.80; Total, \$50.55.

The patrons themselves have given as follows:

A. Moutz and wife, \$20; Wm. Beard and wife, \$10; N. W. Richard, \$5; Frank Beard, \$5; A. J. Hobbie, \$5; Alenzo Ketchem, \$6; S. F. Rowan, 2.50; Mrs. C. W. Swallow, \$2.50; C. E. Nash, \$2.50; Mrs. Clara Moore, 2.50; Dec 5, 1902, Grange Dinner, \$5.75 Jan. 3, 1903, Grange dinner, \$5.20; Feb. 7, from Grange treasury, \$12; Total \$1.70; Grand total cash received, \$182.55.

The foregoing amount of cash has been disbursed as follows:

J. Everhart & Co., 14 m. shingles; \$26.60; J. Everhart & Co. 30 lbs. shingle nails, \$1.20; J. Everhart & Co. 2 6-in. thimbles and collars, .25; Wilson Cooke, locks, hinges etc., \$3.20; 10 windows and freight on same, \$20.10; A. Moutz, 1 1/4 m. shingles, \$2.50; 2 fares to Portland, .90; Feb. 3, 1903, Wm. F. Harris, lumber, \$50; Feb. 9, Wm. Harris, lumber \$25; Mar. 23, Harris, lumber, \$30; recording deed, .90; 1 bbl. mortar and sack sand, \$1.25; Frank Beard, labor, \$4; 400 bricks, \$3.20 May 8, Harris, lumber, \$20; balance cash on hand May 13, \$3.45 total \$182.55.

The following has been received in labor.

A. Moutz, 25 days Wm. Beard, 28 days; A. Ketchem, 5 days; Frank Beard, 8 days A. Baumann, 3 days John Gillett, 4 days; Mr. Dickerson, 2 days; W. Richards, 2 days; Geo. Shortlidge 1 day.

I hereby certify that the foregoing report is correct.

WM BEARD, Master.

R. L. Holman, leading undertaker, Oregon City, Or. County coroner.

RIDING HIS HOBBY

BISHOP MORRIS TALKS ON EVILS OF NEWSPAPERS.

Says the Power of Evil Poured From the Press is Astonishing and Reaches to a Deplorable Extent.

Right Rev. B. Wistar Morris, D. D., Bishop of Oregon, made a little after-talk at the close of his confirmation sermon at St. Paul's church yesterday morning. The bishop's spiel was devoted to the newspapers, and he rode his hobby to the amusement and entertainment of the congregation.

It seems that in Portland there is a weekly publication called the Northwest Churchman and this paper is the official organ of the Episcopal Church of the Oregon diocese. The Bishop is very much interested in this paper, in fact it is his special hobby. At the termination of the closing hymn the bishop faced the congregation, who wondered what was coming and said: "The service this morning has been unusually short and I am going to take a little of your time to talk to you about a hobby of mine. They say that every man has his hobby—this may be mine, but it is a matter that I think about a great deal and do not think I have spoken of it to the members of this church before. If I have, you will pardon me for speaking of it again. In the diocese we have a church paper, called the Northwest Churchman. It is a publication in which I have a great interest, for it has a bishop's column, enabling me to talk to the brethren and the clergy through this medium. But the Churchman receives little or no support from the members of the church."

The bishop here turned the his attention to the newspapers and the way he scored them was a caution. He said nothing of the good accomplished by them.

"The power of evil that is poured from the press is astonishing, said the reverend gentleman. "It reaches to a deplorable extent. It furnishes light, trifling and trashy matter to respectable families and I consider it my duty to interfere with the circulation of trashy newspapers."

"The church papers in the east are money making concerns and are supported by advertisements. I believe that advertisements in church papers are a disgrace. They should not be there and the people should not support it. If I was rector of a church I would send the Churchman to every family in my congregation."

Bishop Morris went on to say that the subject was a large one. "Some people think I have a hobby," said he, "and I ought to have half a dozen, but this a growing one, through the influence of bad books and newspapers. I saw this morning on the streets of Portland boys who ought to be in church and Sunday school, selling Sunday papers, which people read when they should be doing something else. Mr. Parker, who conducts the Northwest Churchman, with my approbation, is to be commended for his efforts to make a success of the venture. His paper is better than nothing, and costs only 50 cents a year. Just think, this is only five cents a month. Can you not take one car ride less a month and subscribe for this paper?"

"I did not tell your rector that I was going to say anything about this" concluded the bishop, "so do not blame him; just blame me."

J. F. Searles, an employ of the Oregon City Manufacturing Co. was hurt Saturday afternoon, but his injuries are not serious. A piece of the machinery fell about nine feet, striking him on the head, making several severe cuts. His head was bandaged by a physician and has return to work is only a matter of a short time.

County School Superintendent Zinser has received four copies of the revised school law for every district in the county, one for each director and clerk, and requests that they be called for as early as possible.

The eighth grade examination in Clackamas County will commence Tuesday, May 19, and be completed Friday, May 22. There will be no examinations held May 21, on account of the visit of the President.

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