

MORE REDUCTIONS, CHAMBER'S PLAN

President Clark Points Out Imperative Need of Rigid Economy.

FUTURE POLICY OUTLINED

Advisable to Center Energy Behind Few Important Activities, Says Executive in Letter to Members.

Further reductions in the working force of the Chamber of Commerce are to be made soon as the retrenchment movement begun by President O. M. Clark on his return from South America is carried to completion hereafter.

President Clark himself announces that the further reductions will be made, and declares that there will have to be greater civic spirit and more voluntary workers in the activities of the Chamber.

Mr. Clark's message to the membership follows:

Recently I was honored by your representative body, the board of directors, which elected president of this organization. While I am very grateful for the honor conferred on me, I have a keen appreciation of the responsibilities—the complex problems confronting this organization.

That the Chamber of Commerce was overbuilt there is no doubt. Rigid Economy Needed.

Some reductions were made during the last year, but out of the present fiscal year, clearly evidenced the imperative need of rigid economy.

Therefore, when the situation was presented to the board of directors, it was decided that such reductions in the paid force, as Executive Secretary George E. Hardy and I could agree upon, should be made at once.

We decided upon letting go the secretary of the Oregon development bureau because we believe most of the activities of that department can be carried on by the staff co-operating with the managing committee of the Oregon development bureau, of which H. L. Corbett is chairman.

Further Reductions Coming. The secretary of the retail merchants' bureau was let go because the activities of that bureau have not warranted the expense involved.

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It is my opinion that the future development of this city—industrial and commercial development—depends upon the establishment of a transportation system that will place our city in touch with our most important markets for our grain, flour, lumber, fish, fruit and other products.

It is important that these tourists, our guests, should be properly routed to and from the various scenic spots throughout our Columbia River Basin that their tour may not only be made with the greatest degree of comfort, but that they be "out in touch with our most scenic stretches and points of interest."

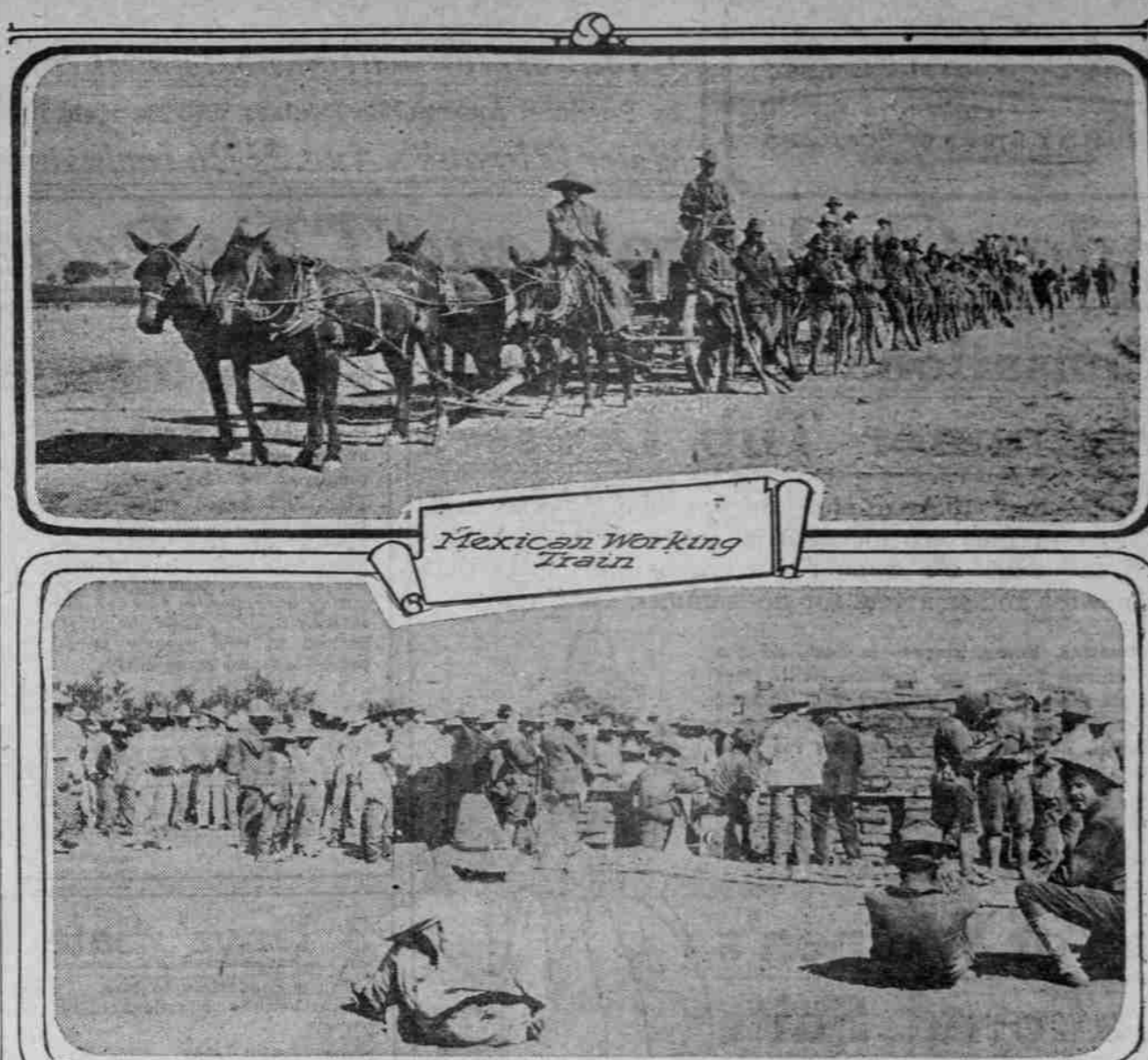
There have been many complaints from tourists during the past few weeks of improper routing being given; routes which have deprived them of the scenic roads and diverted them over roads carrying heavy grades, which in several cases has resulted in their being greatly increased mileage but breakdowns and heavy repair bills.

Many Travel Yakima Valley. Many of the cars come or go via the Yakima Valley; now that the Snoqualmie Pass route is again opened, heavy touring traffic from Seattle, over the "Scenic Tour Loop of a Thousand Wonders," which covers the loop from Seattle and returns via Ellensburg, North Yakima, Goldendale, White Salmon Valley, Hood River, Columbia River Highway, Portland and Pacific Highway will take place.

The Hood River-White Salmon ferry service is equipped to handle several cars on each trip; is constantly in service during daylight hours; early and late trips will be made, if notified in advance by phone or otherwise to Hood River or White Salmon.

From White Salmon one has his choice of several scenic routes to Goldendale. Whenever time will permit, the route via Husum, Trout Lake and Goldendale should be covered; this enables one to visit the Northwestern Electric power plant, dam and lake, the Box Canyon of the White Salmon River, and Java caves near Trout Lake; indulge in a few hours fine trout fishing at the Northwestern Lake and at Trout Lake; then over the summit on a good road, providing a most pleasing panoramic view overlooking the Trout Lake Valley and a wonderful view of the deep gorge formed by the junction of Outlet Creek and the Klickitat; from the

CAMERA VIEWS IN MEXICO ON GENERAL PERHING'S EXPEDITION, SENT TO PORTLAND ARMY OFFICER'S WIFE.



bridge over the Klickitat a long grade is covered by a firm rock surface. The business predominate in this view of the Grand Canyon of the Klickitat from this grade is worth a trip of many miles, and the run to Goldendale is through a natural park of big pines.

As soon as water transportation (more tonnage) is available, there is certain to be a return of prosperity to Goldendale, and that, in turn, will spread prosperity to other lines. Portland, within a few months, will, I hope, be in a generally busy and prosperous state.

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Assertion Made That Attitude on Closed Shop Will Provoke Industrial War.

CIRCULAR LETTER ISSUED

Complaint Voiced Against School Board for Removing Clause Regarding Home Labor and Opening Schools on Labor Day.

Explanation of organized labor's attitude toward the "open-shop" policy of the Chamber of Commerce is contained in a circular letter sent yesterday to members of the chamber as well as to other merchants, business and professional men.

The letter makes emphatic protests against the recent action of the School Board in eliminating from school-building contracts the clause providing for employment of home labor and accuses the Chamber of Commerce of influencing the Board in this connection.

Complaint also is made against the decision of the Board to open the Fall term of school on Labor Day. The prediction is made that if such action is persisted in it will do more to "agitate trouble" than all the "Red Flaggers in the country."

Officials Sign Letter. The letter is signed by Eugene E. Smith, president of the Central Labor Council, and by E. J. Stack, secretary. The text follows:

"The officers of the Portland Chamber of Commerce have declared a senseless war on union labor, which is permitted to go on will bring about serious industrial disturbances.

On August 5, 1916, at the behest of the Chamber of Commerce, the Portland School Board eliminated from the building contracts a clause providing for the employment of home labor at the prevailing wage rate. This was done on the pretense that the cost of school building would be reduced, a contention that is not borne out by facts.

"It was further shown that S. Benson gave \$100,000 to the city for building a polytechnic school. Are we to understand this was a bribe for the city in order that he might be permitted to enforce his pet hobby of cheap labor?"

"Labor in Portland compares favorably in intelligence and efficiency with labor of any other city on the Coast. Labor is ready to further its education than San Francisco or Seattle and many smaller cities, and in no instance is our wage higher.

Request Declared Denied. We requested the School Board to have the Chamber of Commerce set forth a bill of particulars and give labor an opportunity to answer. This was refused, hence we must conclude that a few men dictated the labor-hating policy of the School Board's recent action.

"This same gentleman, E. Benson, in a public letter to the School Board, requested that labor's National holiday be ignored. He further made the bold declaration that our children should be taught that labor is property and should be dealt with as machinery. The School Board, without any apparent good reason decided to open school on Labor Day.

"This unprecedented action is resented by all organized wage workers and the many friends of labor who caused us to request all workers and Engineers in road work, to keep their children out of school Labor Day.

"If the Chamber of Commerce in Portland persists in its open challenge to a fight we wish to have your firm understand that the responsibility of a general strike will rest on it and not on labor.

Industrial War Predicted. The officers of the Chamber of Commerce have made many declarations against labor for what they choose to call the open shop without regard to its membership. Their conduct on their part is doing more to agitate trouble than all of the red flaggers in the country and if permitted to go on will throw our city into an industrial war.

"Is it true that when a rich man agitates trouble, he should be considered a patriot, and if a poor man does this he must be considered an enemy of society? And does the Chamber of Commerce stand for the open shop for lawyers, doctors and other professional people? No.

"Do they complain against the grafters in big business? We have never heard of it.

"Labor must and will work out its own salvation, and should be encouraged to organize, learn the needs of society and extend a helping hand to weaker brothers and sisters.

"Our aim is to bring more light and sunshine into the hearts and homes of workers and to give them the opportunity to all of God's children.

"We are hopeful to have the continued co-operation of the friendly business men of the city.

"We would appreciate a reply."

Birthday congratulations in which hundreds of old friends joined were extended yesterday to Mr. J. K. Gill, who has just completed his seventy-fifth year. A large basket in which was displayed a profusion of roses and lilies reposing on a bed of ferns, was the expression of best wishes from 63 employees of the firm of which Mr. Gill is the head.

A manuscript was attached expressing the sentiments of the occasion. Peace, honor, plenty crown your ripening years. Labor with faith and labor, joys and tears. And let us by the fragrant offering prove the earnestness of our respect and love.

Although busied with the responsibilities of the position he has held since 1871, Mr. Gill found time for some of the reminiscences which a seventy-fifth birthday would naturally awaken. While he is not an old man, Mr. Gill has lived a long time, and most of his best years were spent here in Portland where he has watched over a long period of gradual change.

Mr. Gill left the office early enough yesterday to join his family at a supper which was held at the Oaks.

Stock Judging Taught. Pullman Instructor Works With Lewis County Boys. CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special).—Professor A. B. Nyström, of Pullman, will give instruction to boys in stock judging in Lewis County during the next two weeks for the final contest at the Northwest Washington Fair on September 1. The first meeting was held at Centralia, August 11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31.

Daily visitations are being made to farms by the instructors and the boys for the purpose of studying and scoring the livestock. On September 1, the final contest will be held in a specially built pavilion on the fairgrounds. Silver cups will be awarded to the winners.

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Southern Pine Mills Get Orders in Excess of Production for Week.

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Production 10 Per Cent Under. The weekly trade barometer of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association covering reports from 11 leading mills of Oregon and Washington shows actual production of 48,125,457 feet as against a normal production for these plants at this season of 76,286,142 feet. Actual production, therefore, was 7-42,157 feet, or 10.20 per cent below normal.

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The Southern pine report covering 158 mills shows orders received during the week 14,246,370 feet, or approximately 730 carsload. Shipments by these yellow pine mills for the week were 27,257,505 feet, or approximately 4995 carsload. The increase in orders for yellow pine over that of the previous week was 12.15 per cent, or 43,660,950 feet.

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Violent Maniac Captured. Man at North Powder Taken Trying to Injure Self. NORTH POWDER, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special).—A maniac was taken at the gravel pit here by City Marshal Jeff Pierce and Deputy County Physician Malcolm Irvine, about 11 o'clock Friday morning. He had been acting queerly for several days. He was wearing a night watchman on the steam shovel, discovered him about 3 o'clock this morning, sitting on his bunk, choking himself with one of his hands. He was himself on the head with the heel of his shoe. He gave the name of Pete Stiel. He is about fifty-five or sixty years old, slender, wore a khaki suit, and his hair is clipped short. He has been employed here by the O.-W. R. & N. Company for about two weeks. He will be taken to La Grande tonight.

City Hall Loses Plants. Flower Boxes Taken Away for Preservation of Plants. The City Hall was shorn of its flower-box decorations yesterday. Boxes of beautiful plants and blooms of various kinds which were put in the windows early in the Spring were loaded on a truck and taken to the park greenhouses during the afternoon. The removal was necessary for the preservation of the plants. The City Hall has been particularly attractive this Summer by reason of the flower boxes having been made up unusually well. Plants will be reset and put away until next Spring, when the boxes again will beautify the City Hall.

Oakville Women Plan Fair Work. CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special).—The Oakville Fair Association is at work on this year's exhibit, which it is planned to make the best in the association's history. Mrs. M. E. Burch and Mrs. J. B. Holmfson have been appointed to look after the women's department this year.