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A CLOUD IN THE SKY.

During the past week President Roosevelt has decided that the United States government shall run the various departments instead of organized labor unions. The case in point being as follows: W. A. Miller a foreman in the government book bindery had been expelled from the Binders' Union and on the strength of his expulsion he was retired from government employ without trial or even hearing. An appeal was made to the President and Miller was re-instated in his position. The Allied Printing Trades Unions in the government employ met and a lot of hot heads wanted to strike and declare a boycott, but cooler members prevailed and they resolved not to antagonize the government but to prefer charges against Miller. The charges made are immorality and they have been referred to Secretary Cortelyou and Public Printer Palmer for investigation. What the decision will be is hard to tell, but one thing is clearly apparent and that is, the United States must run the various departments and all branches of the same or turn the job completely and once for all over to the Labor Unions and let the Labor Unions run the government. If a clash comes on between the Labor Unions and the government no man can accurately tell what the result will be as a political question. Sooner or later organized labor will attempt to control not only the government and every enterprise of public utility, but every business enterprise which has to be carried on by capital. We may pooh, pooh, at the strides being made by organized labor but at the same time we see that in nine cases out of ten where labor and capital clashes that labor wins the battle and in every battle the man who is most hurt is not the union laborer or the capitalist but the middle man who here-to-fore has acted as a bumper between the contending parties. Where the trouble will end no man can predict; but that there is a growing belief that capital is the result of labor and therefore united labor should control capital and dictate the price of labor no man can doubt. We read of vast trusts, monopolies and combines but the greatest of all is organized labor for it can make or break any legitimate business enterprise in the United States.

TIMBER CLAIM HOLDERS' ORGANIZATION.

The public had better inquire fully into the present scheme before they are parted from their filthy lucre. The PLAINDEALER was offered for publication an "high falutin" article regarding a scheme but declined to publish the same except as an advertisement at regular rates, and as the combination failed to produce enough cash or credit to pay for the wind to toot its own horn, the same was not tooted. The whole affair seems to be a jam-jam democratic scheme to collect funds to keep a democratic log roller at Washington. So far as the present status of the organization is concerned it does not seem able to fill up on sky blue milk of heaven's own ozone hue; but, well, but Oregon has the best climate on the face of the earth for budding or grafting and without doubt if the gentlemen will stick to the scheme they may be able to gather a crop of democratic

ram's wool from the thorn patch but there is not a single republican lamb in Oregon that has not imbibed common political sense enough to know whether the wax has been properly applied to the graft.

THE A. O. U. W. GRAND LODGE

Which met at Portland last week failed to raise the death assessment rate. During the past year the death assessments have failed to realize enough money by about \$1,000,000 to settle the claims and it is stated that by the end of this year the deficit at the present rate will amount to \$2,000,000. It is stated that the total membership amounts to 500,000 of whom over one-half are old members and that the death list is swelling every month and that not enough young and vigorous members are joining the organization to keep down extra assessments. It has been proposed to double up on the assessments of the old members to make their death risks more equal to the young members who are now joining the order. The trouble seems to be that not half enough members are initiated to keep down the assessments. Twenty-five or thirty years ago, when the order was organized there were few deaths because all were comparatively healthy and strong men but now that a possible and more truly speaking a probable death list of from 8,000 to 10,000 yearly, the assessments on the living members must be three and four fold. The order being practically at a standstill it is only a question of time before it goes the way of all the works of men. There being no endowment or guarantee fund and no actual increase in membership the time will come even though every member remains a paying member to the end of life that the heirs of the last member will inherit an empty promise. There is no way under the sun whereby a fraternal association can pay to the end of the membership the full amount of the life insurance except there be set aside an endowment or guarantee fund, or a membership which will increase yearly at least 5 per cent until Doomsday. Twenty or more years ago the writer was a member of the organization and he then argued that an endowment fund on the scaling process according to the time the deceased members had paid their assessments should be established. This fund, or hold back from the insurance paid, was to be from 50 per cent down according to the age of the insurance, and the fund to be invested for the benefit of the order and in this way and this only could the heirs or friends of a dead membership be made to bear a just guarantee for the payment of the claims of the old members who remained faithful unto death. It is to be sincerely hoped that the order will be enabled by some means or other to tide over the present difficulty without doubling or trebling the assessment rates of the old members who, from this time on, will pass away at a rapid rate. If this is not done there will be a great falling off of the old membership except those who are in a precarious condition and their friends will continue their membership, if they are not able themselves, unto the time when all good Workmen lay down their tools for eternal rest. Fraternal insurance can only be run successfully on the endless letter chain principle or on the mutual guarantee fund plan.

POOR JAPAN.

Last Friday the Russian official piano at Portland played a remarkable war dance for the benefit of this country and to strike terror into the heart of poor little Japan. The piano owned up frankly that Russia never intended nor would it ever surrender to China the territory of Manchuria, and it blustered like a high heeled

galoot at an Arizona greaser gab fest. The piano in the article practically admitted that Russia was a diplomatic falsifier and that no dependence could be placed in anything it has said or done and finally threw down the gage of battle to Japan and England. The PLAINDEALER will not be surprised if that piano should play a tune or two at Port Arthur and issue an edition from Siberia on the pacification of the exiles.

POLEMIC THEOLOGY.

This morning one of the office force picked up from the office doorstep a typewritten communication which had evidently been placed there a few moments before. The office was open at the time and the editor was at his desk. The communication is a challenge by a friend or supporter of the Roman Catholic church to the Reverend Mr. Soule, throwing down the gauntlet for a theological discussion. Now if there is anything on earth at this time, that the great, moral and religious newspaper of Douglas county would enjoy it is a good, lively discussion of general interest; and our only regret is that the communication was not signed. Under no circumstance will the PLAINDEALER publish any communication, to which the author has not set his signature or is known to the editor. This is not for publication but for our own protection and an evidence of good faith.

More Games Won.

If Roseburg wins the next two games, she will tie Salem for the pennant.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Won	Lost	PC
Salem	15	8	.652
Roseburg	13	9	.591
Eugene	11	11	.500
Albany	6	17	.261

GAMES SATURDAY.

At Roseburg—Roseburg, 4; Albany, 1.
At Salem—Salem, 4; Eugene, 0.

GAMES SUNDAY.

At Roseburg—Roseburg, 7; Albany, 0.
At Salem—Salem, 5; Eugene, 1.

Now that the regular scheduled games of the league are over and only the postponed games are left to be played, excitement is at a fever heat.

If Roseburg wins her games with Eugene and Salem, she will be tied with Salem for first place. The tie will then have to be played off which will likely take place in either Eugene or Albany, should such an event occur. Roseburg has an excellent chance yet for the pennant if the boys play ball like they have been playing the last four times.

With Engle and Kostal to shoot the sphere over the rubber and the rest playing any where near their usual high standard the "Grays" will win. In Saturday's game in the fifth inning Albany made their only score. Coates, of Albany was at third and started home, the ball was thrown to White who put it on the runner but instead of sliding home, Coates jumped and landed on White's leg disabling him to such an extent that he could not finish the game. "Pap" Morrow finished the game behind the bat, Griffin went to first and Parker to left field.

In Sunday's game Parker played right field and Engle first base.

Engle was star at first as was also Newell at short. The batting of Morrow, Bradley and Parker were features of the game. In short the whole team deserves credit for playing fast snappy ball.

Religious Reading.

Some of the rulers of this world will yet say "Worship the beast" or "I'll kill you, Rev. 13: 15.

The gospel message says, "If any man worship the beast he shall drink the wine of the wrath of God," Rev. 14: 6-10. Which will you do, please the beast and get the wrath of God, or please God and take the wrath of the beast?

The seven last plagues are the wrath that is threatened, Rev. 15: 1, they are described, Rev. 16: 1-21. That will be the dreadful fate of those who entoree religion; while those who are true to God have the victory over the beast, and stand on the sea of glass, Rev. 15: 2, 3.

Are you so thoroughly surrendered to the Lord that he can keep you through such an ordeal?

Meeting at the tent as usual every night, come over and study these important subjects for yourselves. S.

Conrad Long, of Cleveland, was in town Saturday.

Flinch Party.

What was without doubt the leading social event that has taken place among the young people of Roseburg for some time past, transpired at the home of Miss Kate Fullerton on last Friday evening.

The event in question was a flinch party given by Miss Vell Barker and Miss Kate Fullerton, at the home of the latter young lady in West Roseburg. The guests were met at the door by the charming young hostesses, where the young men were given a leaf of some tree or bush, while the young ladies were given the name of a leaf written on a slip of paper. When the young gentleman found the lady with the name corresponding to his leaf she was his partner for the evening.

The house was beautifully decorated with nature's most beautiful vines and flowers; the hall in wild clematis with China lanterns in the rear; the parlor in blue clematis; the sitting room in sweet peas and ferns; the dining room in lovely papagontier roses and asparagus.

As has been said, it was a flinch party. Flinch is a new game in Roseburg, and to say that it was enjoyed is putting it mildly. In fact, so much was it enjoyed that it was a late hour before anyone fairly realized it, and then refreshments were served capping the climax of one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent by the young people of Roseburg. The invited guests were:

Misses Ethel Brookes, Jennel Churchill, Ruth Hamilton, Gertrude Rast, Lillian Critiser, Addie Sacry, Lucile Sacry, Agnes Pitchford, Maud Sheridan, Ella Black, Lillian Stanton, Elsie Benedict, Dale Harmon, Edna Parsley, Vivian Jewett, Hazel Jewett, Bessie K. Kidder, Maryrie McDougal, Emma Sehlbrede.

More Swindlers yet.

A middle aged man giving his name as J. B. Mason is in the county bastille this week awaiting trial on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He has been travelling over California and Southern Oregon, passing himself off as an agent for the Standard Pattern Company of San Francisco. Circulars of warning were issued by the Standard Pattern Co., and through these Mason was caught near Rice Hill by Sheriff Parrot, on Friday. Mason is a experienced criminal having done time in the county jails both at Santa Cruz and Bakersfield, California.

Prohibition Meeting.

At the court house, to night,—Prof and Mrs. F. W. Lough, Indiana's Singing evangelists will give an entertainment. They are making a tour of Oregon. Admission will be free. Nobody should miss this rare treat.

Wm. Jones, has accepted a position in the furniture store of Rice and Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Woodruff, of Eugene, are in Roseburg to spend a few days visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Lillian Critiser left yesterday morning for Dotham, where she will spend a few weeks in the mountains.

Eugene people are very much disappointed over not being able to secure cars for an excursion to closing games at Salem Saturday and Sunday.

An old gentleman finding a hair in his soup at the restaurant the other day said to the waitress, "Thank you very kindly Bridget, but next time kindly give it to me in a locket."

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Messrs. Williams Gagnon, Von Casey, Wilbur Ross, Ray Moore, W. D. Bell, Emery Davidson, Ernest Bradley, Mel Thompson, George Norman, Warren McWilliams, Sam S. Josephson, Jos. Knapp, Wm. Van Leuwen, Stell Zigler, Milo Atterbury, A. W. Mehane, Thos. R. Townsend, Harry Leroy Tabke, Sam E. Forbes, Geo. Engle, John Ryan, A. O. Johnson, Nelson Osmanson, Julian Josephson, Walter Josephson, Elbert Hermann and J. E. Bourne.

New Photographer in Roseburg.

J. E. Olive, late of Santa Cruz, California, has purchased the Graves photograph gallery and will be pleased to meet any of the old patrons of the gallery and all other needing first-class work. He is a master photographer and therefore can guarantee entire satisfaction. Give him a call and be convinced. 56-Stp.

Yet another accident of somewhat the same nature occurred near home on Saturday. While Mr. Jas. Dawson, of Cleveland, was coming to town with a heavy load of wood, going down Rock Hill the bolt in his brake broke throwing him under the wheels which passed over his body and left arm. He was brought to town by L. A. Marsters and placed under the care of Drs. Twitchell and Miller, who report that he has broken the radius of his left arm and two ribs. His lungs are badly bruised but the extent of his internal injuries are not yet known. The team which he was driving ran on down the hill and into a tree demolishing the wagon.

P. V. Dickman, of the North Umpqua river Hatchery, was in town Friday.

Miss Robin Conn, of Melrose, was a passenger on Friday's local for Yoncalla.

Mrs. J. P. Johnson, left Tuesday morning for Albany for a short visit with friends.

FOR SALE—A light dog cart very cheap at twenty dollars. Enquire of Kent & O'Neal, Liveryman, Roseburg. 6tp.

The next republican campaign slogan will be: "Vote for Roosevelt and a full baby carriage," remarks the Huntington Herald.—Eugene Guard.

Dr. Geo. E. Houck, left Wednesday night, for Long Beach, Washington, to spend a few weeks rustivating. Mrs. Houck and little child have been in Long Beach for some time.

E. E. Blodgett, who for the past two years has conducted the second hand store on Jackson Street, has sold his interest therein to his partner A. D. Bradley who will continue the business. Mr. Blodgett has also disposed of his residence on Washington Street to Mrs. S. R. Lane. He will leave for Los Angeles shortly, where he will make his future home.

The last campaign was "Vote for McKinley and a full dinner pail," and the full dinner pail has helped along the matrimonial fruit basket business, and Republican prosperity enables the people to enjoy the pleasure of "a full baby carriage." The democratic press would kick if the editors were going to be elected to eternal bliss instead of trundling a perambulator. Everything goes but the baby buggy, and they push that.