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THE WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, and Idaho—Fair.

A FALSE PRINCIPLE.

Just why organized labor clings to the false principle of inaugurating strikes in the midst of dull commercial seasons, passes all understanding.

When capital is on a "feather-edge" as to investments; when it is chary of expense bills and sensitive to all the adverse conditions of a dubious market; when the people, the buying public, is wrought to the exacting crux of economy and has no patience for, nor sympathy with, popular movements of the kind: then it is that strikes are ordered and launched. It seems to us poor policy to "pile on the agony" upon capital and consumers at times like this and that common sense dictates the expediency of choosing a time when the standards of success and activity and prosperity are present to act as indices of what the laborer ought to have as his rightful share of an acknowledged largeness, if not surfeit.

We have never understood it nor have been seen it satisfactorily explained. But we recognize it as a fixed policy and deplore it, because it does not appeal to us as correct in theory or practice. There are a number of important strikes now afoot, or about to be projected, at the culminating period of a Presidential year, when every condition is diametrically opposed to every hope and claim incorporated in the pleas of the strikers.

NOT MISSOURIANS, BUT—

The press yarn going the rounds, with the tacit sanction of the Associated Press, that the great railway labor organizations of the country are about to champion the plaint of the transportation companies for increased revenues, via increased rates and tariffs, and will lend themselves, organically, and determinedly, to a campaign of public education along these lines, UPON THE HYPOTHESIS, THAT THEY, THE EMPLOYEES, WILL SUFFER A REDUCTION OF THE WAGE SCALES, if the country does not respond to the demands for the advanced charges on all manner of traffic, is, we believe, an inspired and gigantic falsehood.

That the railway brotherhoods, among the most advanced groups of organized craftsmen in the world, should lend themselves to so pitifully selfish a propaganda as this is inconceivable, and it will take more than the word of transportation leaders to impose it upon the American people. And, if we must, in the end, believe this thing, we promise faithfully to do our poor best to thwart both parties to the huge and shameless scheme of exploitation.

The truth of the whole railway situation in America today reveals the fact that their past year's business has netted them nearly half a billion of surplus profits, after paying every charge against them, including the dividends, and yet they are boldly pleading that they must have more, even if they force up the rates that already operate as sheer robbery. The issues are being swiftly and finely drawn as between the railways and the people, and there is going to be "something doing", especially if such gross subterfuge as the forcing of the hand and interests of their employes, is to be used against the people. But we do not believe this can, or will be done, nor even attempted. The trainmen have always shown too high and brave a spirit in their own contests with the companies, in the past, to stoop to so beggarly a level as this.

And besides, what are a few hundred thousand railway employes compared

to the scores of millions otherwise affected in such an engagement? Who will dare to put these men above the millions of their fellows and the millions of money at stake in the commercial world. The whole thing is false and time will prove it.

HOME, OR BELL, WHICH?

The good people of Astoria are soon to go up against a business problem that will worry them all badly as it has many another North-Western community; the choosing of the telephone they are to use and the company they are to patronize.

They may try to straddle the proposition for awhile by paying heavily for both instruments and indulging all the confusion incident to the two fold system; or they may settle the thing once for all by selecting the concern they desire to patronize and making a unanimous choice, to the exclusion of the one or the other of the companies. Both they are going to have trouble and before many days.

We have no counsel to offer: it is peculiarly a matter of popular arrangement, and we have no desire to draw down on our devoted heads the fuming and fussing and ultimate wrath of our fellows. We shall wait, in amused patience, the outcome of the pretty business scrap and put the responsibility exactly where it belongs.

The middle west will never be able to understand why it was picked out to reverse the two judgements on Mr. Bryan. An addition to the former majorities will be the best response.

The Bryanites have the strange notion that they can capture the Hearst party without issue. As well offer Hamlet without the melancholy prince, the first grave-digger and the ghost omitted.

The Sultan granted a constitution so unexpectedly that the Young Turkey party is unable to say anything more at present than "this is so sudden." But even in Turkey a revolution can not move backward.

Since his retirement from active politics it must be very gratifying to President Roosevelt to be able to express an idea without being compelled to face the old charge of borrowing or appropriating Col. Bryan's thunder.

The farmers cannot consistently complain of hard times or unremunerative prices. They are realizing more for their products, and their farms are valued higher, than at any former period within the past eighteen years.

The surprising news comes from Constantinople that the Sultan has granted a constitution and called for the election of a Chamber of Deputies. Russia, Persia and Turkey make a big recent addition to the world's constitutional converts.

It was hardly worth while to try to kill Admiral Roestvensky with a grapevine telegram after the failure of the Japanese to do it in the big sea fight where the Russian fleet was knocked to pieces in the course of a bad quarter of an hour or two.

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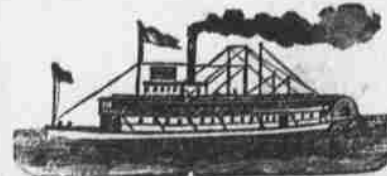
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