

SCENIC BEAUTIES OF COLUMBIA HIGHWAY AMAZE INSPECTORS

Route Laid Out Over Commanding Hills; Rapid Progress Being Made on Road.

To inspect the progress of Multnomah's share of the proposed Columbia river highway a party of 13 Portlanders...

Those who made the trip were County Commissioners Hart, Lightner and Holman, A. L. Fish, John F. Carroll, Felix Friedlander, A. S. Benson, J. B. Yeon, Lewis P. Campbell, Otto C. Hartman, Y. B. Faulkner, Addison Bennett and Samuel Lancaster.

It was an official inspection trip on the part of the county commissioners, the others going along as their guests...

Natural Beauty Charms. The Columbia highway has contributed part of the right of way from its holdings...

Amusement Is Expressed. The Columbia highway is projected along the river from Portland to the upper reaches of that mighty stream.

"I was amazed," said Felix Friedlander, speaking of the trip, "at the remarkable beauty of the route and but yesterday I saw the river from an entirely new angle."

LABOR SECRETARY TELLS PLANS FOR HIS DEPARTMENT (Continued From Page One.)

terday afternoon he gave evidence of a well constructed plan for each of the bureaus.

"We must change our agrarian policy," he said, discussing immigration in its relation to Oregon.

"Whether it be immigrants from foreign countries or colonists from the east we will not arrest the tendency to flock to the cities until we make it easier for them to be successful, happy and comfortable in the country."

"It is not enough to bring them to the land of the free and great distances, take what they have for the land they settle on and then leave them to work out their own salvation."

"There must be a way found to finance the family that has the capital of health and strength but not of cash. There should be a cooperative program between the national government and the states so that a man going on new land may have advanced sufficient money to secure livestock tools and supplies to tide him over until the land begins to produce."

Proper Paternalism Defined. This should not be a gift but a loan, a sober business obligation on the part of the farmer, to be repaid as he prospers.

"I believe in a government paternalism that adds to energy, hope and producing power, not a paternalism that softens."

"Do you expect a great immigration through the Panama canal?" "It is all speculation; it may be great but it may not be, but we must prepare for a great immigration," Wilson answered.

"What is your definition of a desirable immigrant?" The secretary of labor responded to this question as though it were not one of the most difficult and delicate of all involved in international relations.

"A person, mentally and physically sound whose standards of living are equal to our own," he said, adding that an agent of the department is now abroad seeing how this class can be attracted here.

"Does American labor need seriously fear the competition for jobs that immigration might introduce?"

Immigration Should Be Restricted. "Yes—whenever the quality of immigration is such that it lowers standards it will be injurious not only to wage workers but to the entire community."

On this basis Secretary Wilson believes in restricted immigration and the literacy test, and he said yesterday he explained his plan for a national employment bureau.

"It would be more an information bureau, issuing statements that would cover the national field of labor, telling men where employment is to be had."

SECRETARY OF LABOR AND RECEPTION COMMITTEE WHICH GREETED HIM



Top, left to right—Will H. Daly, city commissioner; Mayor Albee, William B. Wilson, secretary of labor; M. A. Miller, collector of internal revenue.

Below—Another likeness of Secretary Wilson.

and if there were strikes or labor troubles there, telling them so.

He believes in government built railroads in Alaska.

"No set of private interests, not constituting a monopoly with intent to control the development of Alaskan resources, can afford to build railroads in Alaska now in advance of development."

"He has worked out a plan for the mining of Alaska coal.

"Not by giving little to private individuals in turn might sell out to one individual or interest," he said, "but on a leasehold basis, perpetuating government control of the situation. I am most earnestly of the opinion that Alaska coal should be mined and brought to the cities of the Pacific coast."

Explains His Conservation Ideas. "I believe in this kind of conservation—that our national resources should be developed without waste for the benefit of the greatest possible number of our people."

Wilson, though a union man, said yesterday that in dealing with the labor situation, organized labor would not be all, but an element only, in his consideration. He believes that to advance the interests of workmen all, whether in unions or not, should be considered.

He says the past few years have brought almost miraculous advancement in the condition of working people. Child labor laws were at first opposed. Now the age limit creeps steadily upward. At first it was 12 years, then 13, and it is going higher.

Vocational Education Indorsed. "I believe in vocational education—domestic science, manual training, the school gardening, for which Portland is becoming famous—I believe in teaching boys and girls how to work, but I do not believe in thrusting upon them the burden of entire self support before they are mentally and physically able to bear it."

He believes in a minimum wage for women, but insists that the law, whether for men or women, must be so flexible as to fit changing conditions and be susceptible of modification as time goes on. Such a law is the minimum wage act of Oregon, he said, and the whole country will watch with interest its workings, all working people hoping that the minimum wage set by law will not be also a maximum wage, in the view of employers.

Eight Hour Day Supported. The eight hour day has its support for economic as well as sentimental reasons. The worker can do more work and do it better, is his conclusion. His illustration is a granite worker who found his men did more work in nine hours than in ten, and more work in

eight hours than in nine. This man is now carrying on experiments to show what should be the hours of workers to bring them back each day keyed to the highest pitch of mental and physical efficiency.

Employers are changing their attitude toward workers, showing their greater consideration, because they find it economically profitable," he said. "At the same time employers have been led, rather than leaders, in industrial advancement. Business men, social and research organizations share the credit with the working people for the advancement made."

Department Adjusts Strikes. Mr. Wilson spoke with satisfaction of the efficiency of his department in adjusting the Indianapolis streetcar strike. The offices of the department were offered in the case of the Calumet, Michigan, copper mine troubles, but not accepted, he added.

The whole trend of the times is along the lines of the discovery that all men are human, whether employers or employed, whose welfare first considered is the basis of a prosperity more permanent than any domination of dollars," was his parting bit of philosophy.

The mayor, city commissioners, Mil-



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