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The Fruit of Industrialism

THE south is reaping its harvest of rampant industrialism. For years its chambers of commerce have been advertising the advantages of southern cities for manufacturing. Special appeals were directed toward the establishment of cotton mills and the transfer of New England mills to the southern states, where owners were assured among other things of a cheaper and more plentiful labor supply. White labor from the hills, unorganized in unions, was there in abundance, just waiting for exploitation by factory executives.

So the cotton mills came. New ones were built. Old ones were moved down from New England. The laborers came down from the hills and whole families, including the little children were set to work. The industry thrived in the southland; and it languished in the north. High taxes and high wage scales and restricted hours of labor played havoc with the industry in Fall River and New Bedford and other textile centers of the north.

Meantime the southern laborers were learning. They learned first that their lot was much improved over what it had been up in the hills. There was real cash money, something rarely seen in the corn pone country. There were picture shows to go to, and church on Sunday. Then they learned some more, the agitators came in, and they learned they were working for low wages, that they were taking employment from others who had been getting higher wages, that their children were working at tasks forbidden them in other states. They learned a lot, and then they rebelled.

So there have been strikes at Charlotte, the great textile center of the south; at Gastonia, at Elizabethtown, Tennessee, and at other cities in the cotton mill foothill section of the southland. The strikes have been accompanied by violence, by charges and recriminations. Men have been slain, and others have been arrested for murder. A police chief was killed at Gastonia; five strikers were killed at Marion. The seeds of trouble have been sown, now the harvest is being reaped.

In such labor disturbances as these communist agitators seek to spread their gospel. They find some converts, but the mass of southern laborers are not bolshevists. They are good American citizens seeking redress of grievances through the strike. But out of strikers hounded by sheriffs and citizen's posses an draw militiamen, bitter rebels and communists are made.

Not for us at this distance to judge the merits of the particular controversies. But we do observe the development of what seems to be the normal product of uncontrolled industrialism—labor exploitation followed by strikes and disturbances. We are still so intent on the mechanical end of our factories that we forget the human element involved. The south is getting its baptism of blood in modern industrialism.

Mellon to Remain

TUESDAY'S papers carried the announcement from the White House that Andrew Mellon had consented to remain as secretary of the treasury until the end of the Hoover administration. Already his length of service has exceeded that of Andrew Gallatin, who previously held the record. If Hoover is re-elected and Mr. Mellon continues to the end of that administration he will have served 16 years in the cabinet, easily the greatest record for length of service of any secretary. While Mr. Mellon is vigorous in mind and body, still at his years, illness might interfere with his plans for continued service.

The news will give reassurance to the business world that continued stability will characterize the handling of the public finances. The acute problems of the war debts have been solved. The successive tax reductions have lightened the load on industry. The debts from European countries have been funded and the obligations are being met. This clears out of the way the big problems which Mr. Mellon had to face as executive head of the treasury. His successful handling of these problems has earned for him the designation as the greatest secretary of the treasury since Alexander Hamilton. His carping critics have driven sharp darts at him, but they have seldom nettled him. He has carried himself well in the face of some rather severe criticism, most of which was unjustified.

Of course President Hoover is his own administration. Mr. Mellon does not bulk so large as he did in the Coolidge regime. The president is master in his own house. He is not overshadowed by greater figures in his own cabinet. For this reason Mr. Mellon is not quite the oracle he was in the previous administration. Perhaps for that reason he finds the duties more routine and less arduous, and is more inclined to round out to the limit his period of public service.

Now it appears that Shearer's famous "secret document" was nothing but a joke. It wasn't a forgery and not even a fake, just a hoax. One would think people in public life would learn by this time that "secret documents" seldom exist. We had a shower of Mexican "secret documents" that turned out to be rank forgeries after Hearst had paid a lot of money for them and started publishing them. "Secret documents" is an industry, just like the manufacture of antiques.

At the close of his long career as a theatre magnate, Alexander Pantages is supplying the "act" himself. Mrs. Lois, his wife, was letter A of the family vaudeville; now Alex follows as B number. It is a bitter dose for the actors themselves, and they have little sympathy from their vast newspaper audiences. The world has turned its thumbs down, especially on Pantages himself.

A Washington society matron is reported as having cleaned up \$300,000 on the stock market while serving a term in jail. Perhaps, but what became of that \$300,000 Osborne Wood cleaned up while serving in the Philippines on the staff of his father, General Leonard Wood? The last we heard of Osborne he was looking for bail on a bad check charge.

The newspapers did a lot of worrying about how John Coolidge would meet his family expenses with a \$78 a month apartment and a \$35 a week job. We think the worrying was all for nothing because two as plain New Englanders as John and his bride will be amply able to take care of themselves, even if they shouldn't get help from home.

A Bend woman fainted in Portland, then found her money gone. Most women find their money gone, then faint.

When a man finds his money gone, he faints.

A 400,000-year-old boulder will be dedicated to old settlers at the 75th anniversary of the founding of Lawrence, Kansas. Yet there are some who consider men of fifty or a hundred years ago as "pioneers."

Some of the best cooks in the city were at The Statesman cooking school yesterday afternoon. That's why they are the best cooks—always eager to learn more.

American's Hospitality



BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

"The plains across."

Continuing Colonel William Thompson's story. Yesterday the account had the wagon train safely across the Platte river at Fort Kearney, and the company all on the north side. Col. Thompson writes in his book: "We soon began to see great herds of buffalo. In fact, at times the hills were black with the heaving, rolling, bellowing mass, and no meal was served for many days without fresh buffalo. As we wended our way up the valley of the Platte one could look back for miles and miles on a line of wagons, the sinuous line with varicolored wagon cover resembling a great serpent crawling and wriggling up the valley. Fortunately for our train we were well in advance and thus escaped the sickness that later dotted the valley of the Platte with graves."

"On and on, Independence Rock, Sweet Water and Devil's Gate were passed. Members of our train had observed two men who traveled with us, yet held themselves aloof along with us, probably for protection, they always camped by themselves. Some said they were Mormons, while others asserted they were merely a selfish pair. One day one of the men was missing. The other on being questioned gave evasive and very unsatisfactory replies. His actions excited the suspicions of our men. He appeared anxious to get ahead and left us, making a long night drive. It was then determined to make an investigation. Two of our party mounted good horses and started back on the trail. Each camp was carefully examined and they were rewarded by finding the body of a murdered man beneath the ashes of a camp fire buried in a shallow grave. By riding all night, the overtook the train, before starting back burying the body of the unfortunate traveler. The news spread rapidly and a party followed the murderer. He was soon overtaken and halted at the muzzle of rifles. When the train came up a council was held. Probably a hundred wagons were halted. It was determined to give the man a trial. The evidence was conclusive, and after conviction the miserable wretch confessed all, but begged for mercy. He said the murdered man had picked him up out of pity and was taking him through for his company and his help. There being no trees, three wagons were run together, the wagon tongues being raised to form a tripod and to answer for a gallows. To the center of the tripod a rope was attached with the other end around the neck of the trembling, writhing, begging wretch. But he had committed a cruel, cold blooded murder and his crime could not be condoned. He was stood on the back of a horse, and a sharp cut being given the animal the wretch was swung into eternity. A grave had been dug and into this the body of the murderer was placed. The property of the murdered man was taken through to the settlements. His relatives were communicated with, the property sold and the proceeds sent to the proper owners. Such was the swift but terrible justice administered on the plains. Without law or the officers of the law, there was no other course to pursue consistent with safety for the living."

"July 4th, 1852, we reached Green River. Traders had established six ferry boats at the crossing. In order to keep down competition, five of the boats were tied up and the sum of \$18 was demanded for each and every wagon ferried over the stream. They had formed a kind of 'trust,' as it were, even in that day. The rate was pronounced exorbitant, unfair, outrageous, and beyond the ability of many to pay. Train after train had been blocked until a city of tents had been formed. terrible mountains of which we had heard so much were before us. Would we ever reach the settlements? This was a question that began to prey upon the minds of many. A few of the young men shouldered a blanket each and some provisions and started on foot to reach the valley. Others began to despair of ever reaching the promised land. If those who cross the continent now in palace cars and complain of the tediousness of the journey could take one look at the wreck and desolation that lined the poisoned banks of Snake river, they would hide their heads in very shame."

(Another day will be needed in this column to conclude this part of Col. Thompson's story.)

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

October 9, 1904

Willamette defeated O. N. S. 12 to 1 in the first game of the season here. The reform school boys also defeated Chemawa, 5 to 0.

A total of 158,015 pieces of mail were delivered through the Salem postoffice to the nine rural routes for the quarter ending September 30, according to the report of Postmaster Hirsch. Pieces collected numbered 25,224.

A reception was given in the Woman's hall last night for the purpose of introducing new pupils at Willamette.

Elder D. Errett and Mrs. Errett of Salem will be among those who leave this evening from Portland to attend the international convention of the Christian church, to be in session in St. Louis. The Oregon delegation will try to bring the 1905 convention to Portland.

The Oregon Voter has recently recounted, without naming names the rise and ruin of a promoted corporation of Oregon, some of whose officers and stockholders had received their shares gratis for permitting the use of their names in connection with the promotion. A stock flotation of \$250,000 was accomplished, many of the purchasers being persons of small or moderate means who were led into investment in the company after regarding the imposing array of names at the top which had been lent by their possessors for free stock. It was a shabby business.

Such shady practice is not new in our business life, however. Every man who has attained to any sort of position above common knows what it is to be approached with offers of free shares in doubtful promotions. Sometimes, as in the case of one in pre-eminent position in business or public life, the motive is merely to obtain the use of the name as an incentive to persons less fortunate to persuade them to pay for stocks. In other cases the consideration is the obtaining of influence or service of one doubtful kind or another. An old stock promoter in this community a few years ago tried to give a block of stock in his worthless concern to a newspaper publisher, while at the same time he was selling similar stock on installments to persons of small means who could ill afford the inevitable loss. The apparent motive in that case was to stay criticism of the promotion. That is even worse than giving away stocks for the use of influential names.

There was the Credit Mobilier of Reconstruction infancy. That concern, formed of Union Pacific railroad promoters and stockholders with interlocking directorates as a construction company, started with proceeds of bonds which it

issued and vast government grants which it turned over to itself to the total of more than \$50,000,000, besides an additional \$23,000,000 in the form of stocks, income bonds and land grant bonds which came along. With this latter fund dividends were declared approximating 48 per cent.

The promoters feared government interference with what bore all the earmarks of a gigantic steal. Oakes Ames, chief promoter of the Credit Mobilier, was also representative in congress and he distributed fat blocks of stock among senators and congressmen who were influential in the ruling radical bloc, although it was not called a bloc then. Some of these stocks were sold to the lawmakers at a nominal price. In other cases nothing whatever was paid. All of the congressional recipients participated when the 48 per cent megal was cut a little at a time.

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CARNIVAL WILL DRAW CROWDS

Mill City High School's Annual Entertainment Set For October 11

MILL CITY, Oct. 8.—(Special)—All of Mill City and surrounding territory are awake to the fact that the Mill City high school is about to present one of the greatest events in the school season—the carnival.

Elaborate preparations are being made and it is thought that it will be a greater success than any ever presented before. The date set is October 11, and the entire program is to be home talent.

Two of the main attractions are: A chorus of five singing and dancing "Breakaway," and a group of eight girls who will perform many difficult athletic stunts. There are many others and also many attractive side shows.

Miss Theo Rogers, student in the high school, spent Saturday in Salem shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hoeye and family enjoyed a trip over the Columbia river highway to Hood River Sunday.

The Mill City schools were closed Friday, not to be opened till Wednesday, October 9, on account of teachers institute being held on Monday and Tuesday.

Alvin Raines and two daughters, Meldon and Patricia Anne returned Sunday evening from Portland where they spent the week end with friends and relatives.

AIR CADETS CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED

WOODBURN, Oct. 8.—(Special)—O. J. Sande, member of the national organization of American Air Cadets, has appointed Eugene Courtney, C. P. Hansen, V. D. Bain, H. F. Butterfield and Ivan C. Beers sponsors of an Air Cadets club in this city.

All boys applying for membership in this club must be under 20 years of age. The entrance fee is 50 cents and includes a complete kit for constructing a model

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Sixtieth Anniversary Of Wedding Celebrated At A. P. Magness Home

JEFFERSON, Oct. 8.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McKee and daughter Verna of Jefferson attended the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Magness at their farm home at Wheatland Sunday.

Mr. Magness was born at Bakersville, Ark., January 3, 1847. He with his parents crossed the plains in 1854. He remembers vividly many incidents of the trip. At one time the Indians stampeded their cattle which tore through the camp, tearing down the tents and scattering things around generally.

His father bought a half section of land between the McKee and middle fork of the Willamette. In 1858 they moved to Fairfield.

On September 29, 1869, he was married to Amelia Mary Davidson, who was born at Dayton, Oregon, January 29, 1853. They were married by Rev. D. M. Keene.

Boys in this club will be allowed to participate in the state and national contests for plane models and have an equal chance to win trophies and trips in real airplanes.

The object of such clubs is to stimulate an interest in aviation. By building model planes boys are acquainted with every detail of construction and there is time and place to insert their own ideas in building aircraft. The model planes built by the boys will actually fly.

At any boy wants to join he may make an application to any of the sponsors and his name will be enrolled.

SERIOUS INJURY IS NARROWLY AVOIDED

MARION, Oct. 8.—(Special)—Mrs. Della Fennel, a former resident of Marion, had a narrow escape from being badly injured last week while working in the packing plant at Lebanon. In some way her overalls became caught in one of the drive belts, pulling her into the flying belt, cutting and bruising her severely and had it not been for the belt slipping off the pulley she would have been very seriously injured.

S. Russell was in Salem Friday, looking after road matters pertaining to his district.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Looney and daughters, Elizabeth and Elmer were visitors at the Roland home Friday.

J. H. Smith left for Centralia, Wash., Saturday, he having received word that fire had destroyed considerable timber on his claim near that place.

George Smith spent Sunday with his sister and brother-in-law at McMinnville.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesney, of Wash-tucna, Wash., have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Winn for the past few days.

J. M. Christopher returned on Thursday from the state fair grounds where he has been camping for the past month.

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