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## Distress Among Coal Miners

THE convention of the United Mine Workers is under way in Indianapolis. John L. Lewis, the president, faces another of the many fights which have marked his career as a mine union officer. At the opening of the convention Mr. Lewis described the condition of the mining of soft coal as "this deplorable state of profitless operation, pauperized wages and resulting misery." Such is in truth very much the situation in the coal mining industry. But it is likewise true in the lumber industry, the textile industry, and to a lesser extent, in the oil industry. These are all essential industries, yet ruthless competition is almost wrecking them, both for owner and manager and employee.

Mr. Lewis proposes federal legislation to emancipate the miners from barbaric mismanagement. Indeed that is a difficult task to undertake, for one knows not how to chart such a course. If it were merely the fault of management, surely that would have been corrected long ago by proprietors concerned because of recurring strikes and vanishing dividends.

Wages in the mining industry have declined out of real necessity if the industry was to carry on in the face of lessened demand through increased combustion efficiency and substitution of other fuels. Day labor in mines which was \$7.50 by the Jacksonville scale is now from \$4.40 to \$6.00 in the better grade of mines in western Pennsylvania. The old scale was 73c a ton for loaders; the prevailing wage in the best mines is from 47½c to 60c a ton. Other declines have been proportionate and some of the large operators pay even less.

While Mr. Lewis is not to blame for the altered conditions, his attitude back in 1927 and earlier has had much to do with the disorganization of the coal mining business. The settled rule of the union was always to increase and never to decrease wages; a good rule for the miners if it worked. But it ran head on into cold economic reality after the close of the war. The wages could not be maintained on the high level, yet Mr. Lewis stubbornly refused to yield. The union nearly went to pieces before he granted the districts the privilege of making separate agreements, which was just another way of permitting wage cuts to go into effect.

A writer friendly to the miners contributes an article to the current Christian Century, reviewing conditions in the coal field today. He concludes as follows:  
"What is the present attitude toward the union? The miners feel that they were betrayed during the last strike. The program adopted by its leaders, 'no backward step,' was wrong. Instead of losing the strike, a compromise should have been effected whereby the miners would still be organized, receiving a higher wage, and in a position to demand better working conditions and wages. There is a feeling that the United Mine Workers of America will never be an effective organization under the present leadership. There are many fields where the workers will not come into the unions unless the leadership is changed. Such a change of leaders is necessary or another union must be organized. The men desire an organization under leaders where all can be united."

The fight which is on among the miners against Mr. Lewis is the outgrowth of this feeling. It will take a long time for the mining industry and for the workers in it to restore its and their good health.

## The Cop's Your Friend

THE shudders ran up one's spine as he listened to Captain Niles of the Portland police force describe the menace of crime in this country. Not the occasional theft of a watch or a purse, but organized, professionalized crime. There is the "racket" which imposes a tribute on legitimate industry just as the Barbary pirates at one time levied tribute on the commerce of the nations which crossed the Mediterranean sea. It is not enough to point to Chicago or Detroit and then go along contentedly. That same situation may spread to our western cities and make human life unsafe and property insecure.

One thing which Mr. Niles did not touch on and that is the worst feature of all—the league of police officers and magistrates with the professional criminals. That condition really exists and is the cause for the difficulty in freeing society from the grip of crime. In New York city recently a magistrate attended a dinner given in honor of one of the city's notorious gunmen. In Chicago men of the district attorney's office have been rated as in cahoots with the racketeers.

That condition does not exist in the west. Aside from an occasional officer who sells protection to the bootlegger, policemen are on the square. But we need to give higher recognition to the men who give their lives to protecting society from crime. Instead of making fun of the cop, calling the policeman a flat-foot and deriding him, people should come to realize that he is their best friend. But for him life and property would be the prey of those who loot and kill.

The recent police school at Willamette was a fine start toward training men whose duty it is to preserve order and enforce law. It will take brains, trained brains, in the fight against organized crime; and communities should realize that they will have to pay better wages to attract the best type of men to the difficult task of maintaining an orderly society in the face of professional criminals fighting with brains, money and modern mechanical equipment.

States having community property laws have it over others like Oregon at income tax time. The husband and the wife can each file a return, since in those states the income is regarded legally as jointly acquired. This enables the couple to get the advantage of lower tax rates and lower normal taxes as well. Washington is one of those favored states, but this special privilege may not last much longer. A case is going up from Washington to the U. S. supreme court which may knock out the permission to file separate returns.

Now that the "womanly figure" is coming back in favor, the slyph-like wax figures of the shop windows are out of style. So the model factories are busy again producing those creatures whose winning poses charm so many feminine eyes. Just a change in styles—but how far-reaching are the effects upon industry. The old is in the discard, men and machines are speeded up to produce the new.

"The Minute Men" a band of self-appointed and self-anointed purifiers of politics in Oregon, have an organization in Marion county and are starting in to hold public meetings. The center of the infection seems to be Hollywood.

NEW MEMBER TALKED  
SEATTLE, March 11 (AP)—Negotiations for the acquisition of the Pacific Coast Biscuit company by the National Biscuit company have been under way for about six months, Morris Thomson, president of the Pacific coast firm said today in confirming such a report from New York.

## DISCOURAGING TO TOURISTS



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## BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

By unanimous vote, congress has authorized "commemoration of the heroism of the fathers and mothers who traversed the Oregon trail to the far west, and a proclamation to all the people of the United States calling them to participate this year, from April 10 to December 29, in the celebration of the "covered wagon centennial."

Why the above dates? On April 10, 1830, the first wagon train left St. Louis for the Oregon country, as the president says in his proclamation, "pioneering the way for the thousands of men and women who settled the Pacific states." He might have added that they pioneered the way for 350,000 covered wagon train travelers westward, not counting the 20,000 to 30,000 who lost their lives on the trail.

The president asks that the whole nation join in recalling by various observances this year "the national significance of this centenary of the great westward tide which established American civilization across a continent," commemorating "the lives and deeds of the heroic pioneers who won and held the west."

This centenary celebration is to be held under the auspices of the Oregon Trail Memorial association, an outgrowth of the work of Ezra Meeker, and it is to take various forms, along the Old Oregon Trail, and throughout the country. That association is headed by some of the outstanding men and women of the United States. Its offices are at 95 Madison avenue, New York City.

But the Bits man wishes to call attention to the scant attention given so far to Oregon. And this is not necessarily the fault of the members of the association. It is the fault of the people of Oregon as a whole, who have been thus far too little history minded to attract the general attention of the country and the world, like this has been done in other sections of the west, and especially along the eastern line of the Old Oregon trail.

Dr. Howard R. Driggs, president of the Oregon Trail Memorial association, who is one of the professors of New York university, writes to the press of the United States that he has just completed



## Know Your Oregon!

An Interesting Game of Questions and Answers Prepared by The Research Department of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce HOW MANY CAN YOU ANSWER CORRECTLY?

- Set No. B-10
  - 1. In what county is Crater Lake located?
  - 2. Give the diameter of the lake.
  - 3. How does it rank with other bodies of fresh water in the U. S. in depth?
  - 4. How many people visited this National Park during that year 1935?
  - 5. Is it possible to travel around the rim of the Crater?
  - 6. What is the color of the water in the lake?
  - 7. What did E. H. Harriman say about the lake?
  - 8. What are the accommodations and outing facilities at the lake?
  - 9. Name two Gateway cities to Crater Lake National Park.
  - 10. How far can you travel from these cities on paved roads to the lake?
- Answers to Set No. B-9
- 1. Rear Admiral Sir Samuel Hood by Lieut. Broughton.
  - 2. Samuel K. Barlow and pioneers in 1845. Through "Barlow Pass."
  - 3. 11,228 feet.
  - 4. Hotels, buses, cabins, camps, hiking, swimming and all winter sports.
  - 5. Lost Lake.
  - 6. Over 400,000 in Portland, Oregon City, Cascade Locks, Toh Dallen, Dufur.
  - 7. Gray Hots.
  - 8. Bull Mt. Hood Loop highway around mountain, many trails.
  - 9. Yes, many people lease land and erect summer cottages.
  - 10. Regulations require permit from forester rangers.

will make an appropriate closing day.

This "covered wagon centennial" celebration should and will give a powerful stimulus to the movement that is being set on foot for the centenary celebration of the coming of the missionaries to the Oregon country, in 1834. The center of that coming event will necessarily be in and around Salem, though the interest in it will extend to every part of the country and to all sections of the world.

The preliminary announcements of the "covered wagon centennial" celebration say every national organization is being asked to "join in paying tribute to these builders of our nation," and that "already plans are completed for the cooperation of the public schools of the nation through the National Education association, in a program of all-American history study. Also the Boy Scouts of America, the Playgrounds Association of America, the Girl Scouts and the historical societies are interested.

There will have to be formed a general committee for outlining and carrying on the work of preparation for the 1934 centenary celebration. This should be done soon. The contemplated organization should be functioning in time to see to it that some fine advertising is secured through the "covered wagon centennial" celebrations throughout the country.

Four years would be a long time for one to hold his breath. But it is not too long a time for the work of preparing for the 1934 event, which should begin at once after June 15, 1934, as on that date in 1834 Jason Lee and the members of his little party crossed over the crest of the Rockies and set foot on the soil of the old Oregon country, and camped within its borders.

The event cannot get too much advertising. The tentative plans for the actual celebration cannot be started too early, for there will be much to do.

## Yesterdays

... Of Old Oregon

March 12, 1905  
Track athletics took on a new lease of life at Willamette, with several new candidates entering the track and field events. Willamette holds championship honors in the state for three events; Roy Buckingham won the high jump in 1904 with a mark of five feet, eight inches; Rube Sanders won the shot put in 1903 with a put of 41 feet, three inches; and R. B. Wilkins won the mile in 1900 in 4:48:2.5.

The state board of education has issued its diploma to a number, including Mark Ward McKinney and L. R. Traver of Salem and state certificates to Mabel Robertson and Mrs. Minnie Stephens of Salem, among others.

A. H. Parker returned from his visit to Old Mexico, where he spent three months on business and pleasure. There he visited with Dr. Contris, former Salem dentist.

## Artillery Lad Is Transferred

KEIZER, March 12 — Willard Savage, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Savage, who has been in the artillery service at Ft. Lewis has been transferred to Corvallis. Willard is a graduate of Keizer school and also of Salem high.

American librarians will meet at the Grand Canyon in Arizona this June, before their convention in Los Angeles.

## An Ounce of Caution in Hay Fever

It's Possible to Lessen the Severity of This Malady by Early Care.

By R. S. COPELAND, M. D.  
U. S. Senator from New York.  
Former Commissioner of Health,  
New York City.

THERE are many people who suffer greatly from catarrhal inflammation of the nose, eyes and throat either during the Summer and early Fall, or throughout the entire year. "Hay fever" is a malady of a catarrhal nature, but it is a violent, acute thing, worse than ordinary catarrh.

It is called hay fever, but hay and a cat's nose don't seem to have much to do with it. The ailment is associated with many other things.

Summer, when the air is filled with the odor and pollen of flowers and grasses, is the time that most victims suffer from the ailment. Some have it in the season of roses, or when the various grasses are ripe, as when there is the odor of new-mown hay in the air.

Goldenrod, ragweed, and other early fall flowers are a menace to the sufferers from hay fever. Intense heat and moisture, dust from the streets and roads, as well as physical disability from overwork, may bring on the attack.

When hay fever gets a start, the mucous membrane of the nose swells and there is an almost continuous discharge from the eyes, nose and throat. Breathing is difficult. Sleep and appetite are poor. After a while, the inflammation creeps down to the bronchial tubes. There is a wheezing cough and an asthmatic condition. Sometimes the inflammation extends to the stomach and intestines.

It is a possible thing, one should get away into the mountains where the air is pure and dry, and the vegetation is not irritating. Either the sea trip or the Great Lakes or an ocean voyage seems to be the only thing which will give prompt relief. Even then you may have to go more than once, perhaps every year.

But not everyone can change his abode, even if he suffers greatly from hay fever. But at least you can be careful about the diet. Keep the skin active with a daily bath. Sleep all you can. Keep the bowels in good condition.

There are many preparations for use in inhalers or sprays which give temporary relief, permitting one to sleep. But all such things, including medication, should be used only upon your doctor's advice.

Most of our large hospitals have special clinics for treatment and advice in cases of hay fever. Here are good doctors who give advice for the relief of the sufferer.

## GENTLE TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

Well-Known Monmouth Leader Recovering at Hospital in This City

MONMOUTH, March 12 — Thomas H. Gentle, a professor in the extension department of the University of Oregon; and for 17 years director of teacher training at the Oregon Normal school, was suddenly stricken with illness Monday while visiting his family at the Gentle farm home here.

Taken to a Salem hospital for treatment he is making satisfactory improvement, and according to a report from the family today will be able to return home shortly.

Professor Gentle, who came to Monmouth from Wisconsin, where he had long been engaged in his life-work, teaching, became affiliated with the Normal while J. H. Ackerman was president. As a prominent school figure of Oregon he is well known over the state; and is in demand as an influential lecturer because of his unusual versatility.

Mr. Gentle became interested in dairying while in Wisconsin, and brought with him to Oregon a fine herd of registered Jerseys. About five years ago he was seriously incapacitated in an encounter with one of his prize bulls, and but for the timely intervention of his daughter, Miss Catherine Gentle, a critic teacher in the Monmouth training school, he might have been fatally injured.

## FARMERS WORKING HARD; SPRING HERE

CLEAR LAKE, March 12. — Farmers of the community are taking advantage of the fine weather, and are busy plowing and planting. Many are also putting in early gardens, which with daffodils beginning to bloom makes it seem spring is really here.

Mrs. Myrtle Myers has been ill with the mumps the past week. Her classes have been in charge of the primary teacher while Mrs. L. J. Massey has been teaching the primary grades.

Christian Endeavor cabinet meeting will be held at the home of the president, Miss Alice Massey, Friday evening, March 21.

Miss Christina Harold of Salem was an overnight guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neill Saturday. Sunday Miss Harold was a dinner guest at the home of her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harold.

Mrs. Orel Garner underwent a successful operation for removal of a gopher last week and is getting along unusually well.

## Canadian Man Kingwood Guest

KINGWOOD, March 12 — A recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Adams was Henry Fitch who is an uncle of Mr. Adams. Mr. Fitch came here from Seattle where he had been visiting other relatives. His home is in Alberta, Canada.

## 5-Acre Keizer Place Bought

KEIZER, March 12 — Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Arkansas have recently located in Keizer, having purchased the five-acre tract owned by Archie Potwin. The place is largely set to fruit. The Keizer soil is known far and wide for its fertility.



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## ANNUAL SOCIAL IS GALA LODGE AFFAIR

Oddfellows and Rebekahs at Jefferson Have Program, Supper

JEFFERSON, March 12. — The Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and families met Saturday night in the Odd Fellows hall for their annual social gathering. The following program was given:

Address of welcome by Chester Miller.  
Piano solo, Margaret Goin.  
Reading, Russel Miller.  
Reading, Burton Thurston.  
Reading, Mrs. Truax.  
Duet, Genevieve and Kathleen Weid.

After the program games of various kinds were enjoyed.  
At a late hour, an oyster supper was served to about 70 present.

## WOODBURN GROUP VICTORS TO TALKIES

WOODBURN, March 12 — The associated teachers of the Woodburn school enjoyed a theatre party in Salem Tuesday evening.

They went to Salem in one of the large school buses and attended the show at the Hollywood theatre afterwards taking lunch at a restaurant in Salem.

In the party were Georgia Albee, Margaret Templar, Virginia Mason, Ruth Mitchell, Fern Wadsworth, Mary Scollard, Mesdames Geo. Clark, L. S. Mochel, R. L. Guis, and Messrs P. E. Rohrer, Gilbert Oddie, Harold Aspinwall, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Burnett.

## Kingwood Folks Hosts on Sunday

KINGWOOD, March 12 — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams were hosts Sunday to a group of relatives. The occasion honored the 12th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Adams' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, of Pringle. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, Mrs. Gilbert Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams and their sons, Robert and Daniel. Additional guests for the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond and their daughters, Margaret and Bernice.

## A Problem For You For Today

Given a 7-pint vessel and an 11-pint vessel, how would one measure exactly 17 pints?  
ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PROBLEM  
6102 cu. in. Explanation—Add 14.7 to 75 to get the total pressure. Use an inverse proportion. The ratio of the volume now is to the volume after blowout as the ratio of the pressure after the blowout is to the pressure now. Thus, 1900: volume equals 14.7: 59.7; multiply 1000 by 59.7; divide by 14.7.

Philippine rice growers are organizing cooperatives.

## WHEN A CHILD IS FEVERISH, CROSS, UPSET

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