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Organize Steel

MAJOR struggle looms for the summer, distinct from the political contest between candidates for president. Industrial unionism has issued the order to "Organize Steel".

Since the Homestead strike in 1892 with its bloody climax steel has remained unorganized. Steel is the backbone of heavy industry.

The organization work is now being undertaken, not by the old crafts unions, but by the committee on organization of industry, a "vertical union" body.

Steel makers, experienced in fending off unionism, plan to dig in. A ten per cent wage increase, with annual vacation on pay, is announced.

The strike, if it comes, may be epochal, with results to affect the future of industry and of labor. If steel wins, labor's chance at organizing the heavy industries where thousands of men are employed at mass production, is balked, at least for a term of years.

As we have tried to make clear before, the labor struggle in this country is passing into a new phase.

Why bother with that sort of thing up here in Central Oregon? Some one is saying. Well, here's the answer. The matter is worth thinking about because it is a commentary on how the New Deal manages its aid activities.

Will Hop-Growing Survive?

WILL hop-growing survive in the Willamette valley? We have heard the question seriously posed this year.

Downy mildew has become a serious infestation in the last decade. It requires more expense for spraying, and in seasons like the present it plays havoc with vines.

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Radio Police Service

THE STATE police will soon have a radio service operating in 24 cities of the state, with sending and receiving facilities. Police cars will be equipped to receive police calls, when on patrol duty.

Steadily the state police is developing a thorough and professionalized service for prevention and detection of crime. With a trained personnel, sure of position if reliable and efficient, the department is gaining in experience and growing in prestige.

The Statesman joins with the Eugene Register-Guard in hailing this new acquisition of the state police as "a welcome assurance that the organization of the Oregon state police is a permanent one, and that modern law enforcement methods are to be embraced, not shunned, by this state."

Pacific Rural Press, published at San Francisco, directs California's attention to thrifty Nevada. The latter state has no deficit, also no sales tax, no income tax and no inheritance tax.

In a Portland theatre Saturday pictures of President Roosevelt were shown and they evoked a storm of applause. A picture of Governor Landon failed to arouse applause from a single patron.

That's the first encouragement of the kind we have heard of in several months.

President Roosevelt has ordered an investigation of the steel industry to uncover possible monopolistic practices. The order is worthy of public approval. Too many big shots in business go lip service for free competition and then scuttle to conferences to fix things up for their own line of business so competition will be suppressed.

A man has just taken a policeman's beat in Portland who was a college athlete, a coach of high school athletics, a qualified lawyer and a handmaster. With that equipment he not only should be able to catch the criminals on his beat but see they get proper punishment.

The papers no sooner get the democrats off the banner headlines than Zischbeck moves back in. Just hard to make any improvement in the news.

Italy is reported as being conciliatory at the session of the league of nations. The same feeling of expansive satisfaction the cat feels after dining on canary.

Editorial Comment

DIKES AND THE WPA Some of the most valuable and highly productive farm lands in the state are on the lower Columbia river. These are bottom lands reclaimed for agriculture by diking.

Built to withstand freshets as high as the highest recorded these dikes have bit by bit been cut away as other work on the river or has changed conditions. Channel improvement by the army engineers has turned currents so that they have washed the dikes, deeper channels have brought about undercutting and channel changes have created new problems of steamer wash.

As the dikes have wasted away it has become increasingly apparent that unless strengthened, they were bound to break and let the river in upon the fine farm land.

Under these circumstances the interested farmers began two years ago to try to secure federal assistance to make the damaged dikes into permanent structures.

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"Oregon Territory This territory bounds the vast dominion of the United States, on the west. It extends from the 42d to the 49th degree of latitude, and from the 115th to the 125th parallel of longitude west of London. It is bounded on the north by a narrow belt of land, which separates our possessions from those of Russia, on the east side by the Rocky mountains, on the west by the Pacific, and on the south by the Republic of Mexico. It is about 895 miles in length by 400 breadth, and contains 375,000 square miles, which, if all sufficiently fertile, would support a population of five or six millions. The immense territory is almost unknown. For the little knowledge we possess, we are principally indebted to the discoveries of Clark and Lewis, which did not extend further than the banks of Columbia river and its tributaries.

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"It has four great branches, by which it is supplied; the north branch, which still bears the name of Oregon, Lewis and Clark's branches, which are each large rivers, 800 miles in length; and the Multnomah, or east branch, heads in the same mountain with the Colorado, near the Rio del Norte, which empty into different oceans; the latter into the Atlantic by the Gulf of Mexico. The former into the Pacific by the Gulf of California. The Oregon after receiving the Multnomah, which is 100 miles in length, increases from one to five miles in breadth and meets with the Pacific 46 degrees 15 minutes of latitude. A branch of the California mountains run parallel with the sea coast 100 miles distant, in a due course north and south. The country between this and the Rocky mountains is unexplored, being a succession of hill and dale of which some of the latter are very fertile.

Ten Years Ago

July 1, 1926 Newport—A three-year old baby rode for four miles on the running board of her father's car, and the driver and mother but badly frightened.

Congress will adjourn Saturday. President-elect Arnold Bennett Hall of the University of Oregon has created a furor by voicing his disapproval of national prohibition.

Twenty Years Ago

July 1, 1916 A mortgage for six million dollars has been filed by the Crown-Willamette Paper company.

Claude Steusloff and Adolph Greenbaum are taking examinations for Annapolis.

The New York Sun has given up its 23-year old fight to establish its own news gathering agency and has been sold to Frank A. Munsey, a member of the Associated Press.

Mrs. Bartnik Leaves On Trip to Wisconsin

MT. ANGEL, June 30—Mrs. Jacob Bartnik left for the east Tuesday morning. She will be joined at Portland by her sister, Mrs. Thomas Orthman of Vancouver, Wash., and the two will visit relatives in Wisconsin, including their mother, Mrs. Theresa Bolles of Athens.

Rev. Alcuin Helbel, Rev. James Koessler and Rev. Damian Jentges, all instructors at Mt. Angel college, and Miss Theresa Dehler and Miss Helen Kiser, teachers of St. Mary's grammar school, motored to Portland Monday to attend the N.E.A. convention.

Soviet Retreat ONE of the first flights of the Russian revolution was the abrogation of all codes of "bourgeois" morals. Religion was denounced. The utmost liberty in sex was allowed. Marriage and divorce were simple matters of registry. Abortions were legalized.

Slowly the Russians have found that such loose morals were corrupting the society. They found that the moral code had more than mere religious affirmation for its foundation.

So they have been retreating steadily in the direction of the same "bourgeois" morals they so frequently denounced just as they have been retreating steadily in other directions from the extremes of revolutionary ideology.

Gradually divorces were made more difficult. Family life has been encouraged instead of discouraged. A law which went into effect last week converts abortion clinics into maternity homes and makes abortions illegal except to save the mother's life or in cases of hereditary illness.

Restrictions on divorces are increased and the cost raised. Eventually Russia may put this country to shame where divorces have become very easy to obtain.

The conventional moral code has its roots in centuries of experience. It is a mistake to think it can be ignored and canceled by society. Russia, after nearly 20 years of trial, is learning that lesson.

With Farley getting out of the cabinet and the president himself imploring Governor Lehman to run on the democratic ticket with him in New York the complacency of the high command seems somewhat shattered.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

110 year old story 7-1-36 The ground is for many miles covered with a beautiful growth of timothy and clover, which will be seen in the next century, covered with droves of cattle and sheep, feeding on the luxuriant herbage, and belonging to man in a state of civilization.

The Oregon City Enterprise of Sunday last, June 27, carried prominently a communication from Fred S. Perrine, secretary of the chamber of commerce of the falls city, saying:

"The following article is taken from the Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican, dated January 4, 1826.

"The Oregon country was not very well known at that time, and that accounts for some of the statements made. The four branches of the Columbia, or Oregon river, are as follows:

"The north branch is the present Columbia above its junction with the Snake; Clark's branch is the present Clark's fork of the Columbia; Lewis' branch is the present Snake river; and the Multnomah river is the present Willamette. The prophecy that 'the city of Oregon will arise on its banks which shall rival New York or Philadelphia in their wealth or population' is yet to be fulfilled, but we have hopes.

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Thus ended the 110 year old story in the Springfield Republican. The man on that great edge of Oregon country geography. But his heart was right.

Health By Royal S. Copeland, M.D. IT IS probable that many persons are now consulting with their physicians about the wisdom of swimming.

"Can I go swimming?" This is a question often asked, but not nearly as frequently as it should be. Many persons indulge in strenuous swimming and water activities during the summer months when they should exercise less strenuously.

At times these accidents can be traced to neglect of the simplest rules of safety. They are often the result of taking unnecessary chances.

Let me warn you against careless swimming in waters with which you are unfamiliar. Always guard against treacherous waters. Swimming alone is another dangerous procedure.

A mistake made by many vacationists is the tendency to go swimming too many times a day, both morning and afternoon. Too often no time is left for rest and relaxation. This is unwise, because it is always best to rest for at least two hours after eating. In addition, avoid drinking cold beverages before going into the water.

Teach Child Early Children should be taught to swim as early as possible. No one should use a canoe or rowboat unless he is familiar with the management of the boat and capable of swimming to shore.

"Ducking" children or adults is poor practice. It stimulates fear of water and keeps the individual from becoming a good swimmer.

The aged or physically defective individual should refrain from excessive swimming. Guard against fatigue and exhaustion. Bear in mind that swimming is a strenuous form of exercise. Avoid overstraining the muscles and dangerously testing your endurance.

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