Labor Strikes Endanger Welfare of Entire State

(By W. H. Perkins)

Ontario, Oregon, May 28—No fair-minded person will deny to labor the right to organize and to bargain collectively for the procurement of favorable wages and working conditions, but when labor organizations become dominated and controlled by well-paid leaders who prey both upon the working man and the public, the welfare of the entire state is endangered.

The labor situation is Oregon to day is tense. Thousands of employees of the sawmills and loging camps are out on strike. Our gigantic lumber industry is practically closed down. The situation along the Portland waterfront is smouldering and may flame into a paralyzing strike at any moment. Oregon agriculture has every reason to be seriously alarmed.

The unthinking may ask why agriculture concerns itself with a situation which affects the lumber industry. The proven answer is that agriculture suffers a tremendous financial injury—an injury which it can ill afford to bear.

The devastating effects of the Pacific Coast longshoresmen's strike last summer are still fresh in the minds of every producer and shipper in the state. Agriculture, which was not directly concerned with the source of that labor dispute, suffered a loss of many millions of dollars in Oregon alone.

Let us consider losses suffered in the Hood River valley alone as a result of last year's waterfront strike. These growers ship approximately 1,500,000 boxes of apples each shipping season.

Some three months after the close of the longshoresmen's strike last year, the fruit growers made a careful investigataion of shipping costs. Their findings showed that although the longshoresmen had been granted increased wages and shorter working hours, yet they went out on a sirike. In dollars and cents, their findings showed that after the strike it cost them $127.09 to load 6000 boxes of apples, whereas before the strike it cost them $101.60 to load 8000 boxes of apples.

Not only in fruit, but in all other forms of agricultural products, increased costs of handling, shipping and marketing are always passed back to the producer, who must foot the bill.

This is but one instance of the heavy financial losses suffered by agricultural producers last year. The strike was called just as the wool growers were shipping their many thousands of tons of fine Oregon wool to the world markets. Many carlads were held up in transit. Numerous growers lost markets they had arranged for their wool, and many of the Eastern Oregon clips which could have been sold last summer at a fair price, are still piled high in local or Portland warehouses, with the growers facing almost certain financial ruin.

Oregon agriculture finally has become aroused. It is determined to protect itself, not against legitimate organized labor, but against the oil-tongued leader who fattens financially upon albor discord and discontent. In years past, the voice of agriculture has been inarticulate, but for self-protection and self-preservation it is determined now to fight for its very existence.

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From the Gold Hill News of May 28, 1910

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The Ashland and Gold Hill junior ball teams will cross bats on the local grounds this afternoon. Lloyd Miller and Alva Walker will be the battery for the home kids.

Miss Katie Pankey and Gwendolin Stickel entertained Monday evening at the home of the former with a comet party. Besides gazing at the comet and the eclipse of the moon, which were visible notwithstanding that it was cloudy, other amusements were indulged in, after which delightful refreshments were served.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Witte Wednesday morning. Dr. Kelsey was the attending physician. He also reports the arrival of a fine little daughter at the Galls creek home of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham early Sunday morning.

Prof. A. J. Hanby, who is principal of the Gold Hill schools is spending his vacation at Central Point. He closed a very successful term of school at Gold Hill last Friday, and he has been re-elected for the coming year at an advance of salary of $20 per month.

Returns for the census in Medford's population was 8,500. The big natatorium building at that place is nearing completion and will be ready for business about July 1.

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Over the State

Grants Pass Preparing for July 4th Celebration—

Citizens of Grants Pass are making preparations to entertain 20,000 visitors during the three-day state convention of Eagles and Fourth of July celebration scheduled for July 4, 5, and 6. A complete program of events have been arranged, including a water carnival, baseball games, boxing and wrestling, band concerts and speaking. The water carnival, "Venetian Nights," will be staged on Rogue river at night with more than 15 electric lighted floats already entered.

Two Boys Nearly Suffocate Under Truck Tarpaulin—

Two 14-year-old boys en route to Medford nearly suffocated Sunday night under a tarpaulin as they were riding in a truck. When the vehicle stopped in Grants Pass the boys started to get out of their temporary bed but both crumpled over and it took R. C. Cadmus, police officer, an hour and a half to revive them using artificial respiration. Fumes from the exhaust of the truck were held under the trapaulin cover which caused the trouble.

Closing Notices Posted At Mouth of Rogue River—

Members of the state fish commission last week went to Gold Beach, accompanied by members of the state police and closing notices were posted along the river. The notices state that the river will be closed for commercial fishing beginning June 12 for a period of five years. Tourists are now flocking to Gold Beach and many pieces of property have been sold, according to word from that place.

Owen-Oregon Lumber Mill at Medford Ordered Closed —

The Owen-Oregon lumber mill at Medford was ordered closed by officials last week. Since 1931 the mill has been in process of liquidation. At one time 650 men were employed at the mill which is one of the largest in southern Oregon.

Oregon University Student Suicides—

Alan Eugene Yeon, 22-year-old University of Oregon student took his own life last Thursday night by inhaling gas from a heater in his apartment at Eugene. The youth was despondent for some time due to ill health, fellow students reported.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION REPUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. LAND OFFICE at Roseburg, Oregon, May 15th, 1935

NOTICE is hereby given that Mrs. Minnie M. Byerly of Gold Hill, Oregon, who, on March 17th, 1932, made Homestead entry Serial No. 019743, for Lot 1 and the SE¼NE¼, Section 35, Townshop 36S., Range 4W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Victor A. Tengwald, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 26th day of June, 1935.

Claimant names as witnesses:
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