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LESSONS OF THE GARDEN

The lessons of the garden—oh, I read them every day
They teach me not to mourn too much for the joys that pass away,
The tangled weeds which choke the rose till it grows faint and thin
Remind me of the paths of man which are beset with sin.

Here bloomed some lovely things for me to pay me for my toil,
I carried every stone away and broke the stubborn soil,
I guarded them from heat and drought and learned the truth anew—
That all rewards are measured out by what a man will do.

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CAN A RAILROAD STRIKE SUCCEED?

THERE are two sides to the railroad strike situation and the facts supporting the contention of each side have been fairly well presented. This is not an attempt to discuss the merits or faults of the strike order.

But another question of much fascination pertains to what will happen if the strike takes place. Can the employees win the strike and thereby attain what they want or will they lose out and suffer accordingly?

Perhaps no one knows. "You must do the sum to prove it" is the slogan that will apply. But there are many people who think they are impartial observers who feel that should they strike the men will be undertaking a very hard task and will find its accomplishment impossible.

To begin with, the whole nation will be inconvenienced or distressed if the strike comes. That means something like 110 million people will suffer through a walkout by less than two per cent of the population. Now it is hard for two per cent of the population to put the other 98 per cent in the hole and get away with it. Particularly will this be so when the power of the federal government will be exercised in the direction of keeping trains moving and when millions of people, who have taken losses in one way or another, feel that railroad rates should come down and that they cannot come down unless railroad wages are reduced.

Then there are other factors that will enter into the situation. One of these has been discussed in a Chicago story to the New York World by John Grunau. The World's story is here given for what it may be worth:

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Will the so-called outlaw organization help to defeat the great strike planned by the railroad brotherhoods?

The 60,000 men who went on a strike in April, 1920, in Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, Jersey City, Buffalo and other major terminal points, are planning action outside the ultimatum of the brotherhoods. John Grunau is still a power with his American Employees' Association, the new organization which has grown out of the Yardman's Association. This organization includes trainmen, engineers, firemen, freight conductors, switchmen, and had a membership estimated at 10,000.

W. W. Lee, chief of the trainmen, used all the power of the brotherhoods to destroy them and failed. Many returned to work when wages were advanced in July, 1920, retroactive to May 1. Many thousands have not returned. They lost their seniority rights, their pensions and other perquisites.

Grunau, former St. Paul yardmaster and chief of the "outlaws," said tonight: "I sent out a circular to the whole membership a week ago. You must understand that only about 20 per cent of the 60,000 that went on the strike returned to work. The rest were kept out by Lee and the brotherhoods. I told them in the circular not to take the places of strikers, but I am in doubt whether I can hold the poor devils who are out of jobs."

"They are expert trainmen and burning with revenge for the way they have been treated. The bread has been taken out of their mouths and their families have suffered. I could not blame them if they went to work. I told them if they did they would be going back at the same wage we struck to increase, but that the working conditions were better."

"I don't think the brotherhoods have a chance to win. They cannot control their own men. Thirty to forty per cent of the men are getting on in years and they will not go on a strike that will cause them to forfeit all the good records, seniorities and pension provisions that are theirs. The brotherhoods cannot win. There never has been a winning railroad strike."

"They were defeated in 1857, when fifty men were killed in Chicago and Pittsburg, and the troops were called out. Martin Trans lost the big strike of 1886 on the Gould system with the Knights of Labor. More than 100 men were killed in that strike."

"The engineers lost a strike against the Burlington the same year because of the fight Paul Morton, then a vice president of that system, put up."

"Debs and the American Railway Union lost the big strike in 1894, when many million dollars' worth of property was destroyed here in Chicago and other points. The conditions under which this strike is called are the worst for the men and the best for the railroads."

"I estimate that there are now 500,000 men, who have considerable knowledge of railroad work, out of employment. There were almost that many laid off in the last year. They include almost all departments of the service."

"Of course these men belong or did belong to various unions. But the sting is in the fact that when wages were increased railroad business fell off and they were out of jobs with no wages at all. I doubt whether the brotherhood chiefs can hold these men back from jobs that will give them a living. They have neither jobs nor living now."

That naturally sounds bad from the strikers' standpoint, though, perhaps, this man's views are subject to discount because of his quarrel with the brotherhoods. But it does seem clear that the brotherhoods are in a poor strategic position. If they cannot improve that position materially they should call off the strike. It is no disgrace to retreat when the facts call for such tactics. At least General Washington thought as much and he won a long war by knowing how and when to take his army to the rear.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, October 22, 1893.)

Gilbert Hunt, of Walla Walla, has business at the court house in Pendleton.

W. D. Tyler came over to Pendleton Thursday to meet the railway commissioners.

C. E. Miller returned Thursday from his eastern trip and went through to Portland in the evening.

The next parish party will be given at the residence of Mrs. E. P. Marshall on Tuesday evening next. An evening of enjoyment is promised, as elaborate

preparations are being made for providing some novel entertainment.

Clyde Beach returned Thursday evening from a trip to his former home in Adley, Iowa. Clyde twice visited the White City and like all other world-fair visitors, knows no way in which to put into words his sense of the greatness and magnificence of the exposition. M. M. Beach, father of Clyde Beach, came also and will stay in Pendleton for a time before departing for California, where he will stay during the winter. The state of Iowa is enjoying a goodly degree of prosperity, having for three years had excellent crops and good prices for hogs, which constitute an important product. Mr. Beach is staying at the home of Mrs. T. G. Bailey, his daughter.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

A MERE TRIFLE.

BY ALLMAN



What Pendleton Grade Schools Are Doing

Washington School, Fifth Grade.
Twenty-one members of the fifth grade made a score of 100 in the weekly test in fundamentals given Friday morning.

Grace Mason won first prize in the spelling contest in the fifth grade Friday and Thelma Morris won second prize. The prizes were a large and small Halloween pumpkin. Andra McRobert is in school again after a long absence. John Meyer is absent this week on account of illness. Ruth Lester is having an enforced vacation due to a broken arm.

Eighth Grade.
There was a parent teachers meeting held Friday afternoon, Oct. 21, at 2:30.

Mrs. Smith gave a talk on the "Purpose of the Parent Teachers Association." Mr. and Mrs. George McElroy gave a duet on the piano and violin.

Proceeding the teachers' meeting there was a candy sale in front of the building. The people that were in charge, sold the candy in 50 sacks, and were successful.

Elton McVean was absent the first two days of school this week, because of illness.

The 8th grade boys and girls were running a race in spelling. The girls won four times out of five.

Monday the boys missed nine words and the girls one.

Tuesday the boys missed 14 and the girls 12.

Wednesday the boys missed 20 and the girls 4.

Friday the boys missed 31 and the girls 7. Altogether the girls missed 28 and the boys 165 through the week.

First Grade.
Miss Eva Hansen has completed the physical examination of all pupils in the first grade.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Library is Up-to-Date.

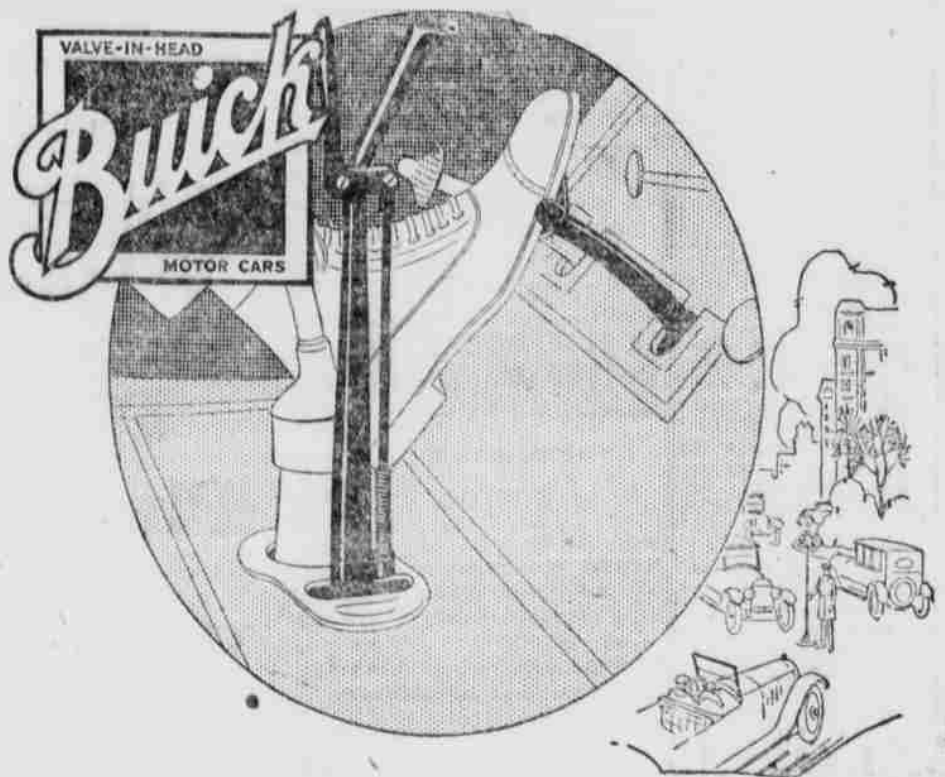
Card cataloging and indexing of the library books is being done by Miss Edith Isley, head of the English department. She has been assisted in the work by Miss Luella Salung, a member of the junior class.

Forty dollars worth of magazines have been ordered for the different departments represented in the high school. The magazines will be kept in the library and will be at the disposal of the students during all hours of the day.

Grades Are Out.

Last evening the grade cards were given out to the members of the four classes by the class advisors. The seniors received theirs from Mr. Travers, the juniors from Miss Fiegel, the sophomores from Miss Wilson and the "rooks" from Miss Sovereign.

"Attitudes and Ideals" the source of much woe both to the faculty and to the students, have been worked out on a new plan which the faculty hopes will prove satisfactory.



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