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GOING BACK TO WORK.

The passenger and freight traffic seems to have been resumed on all of the railroad lines running out of Chicago, and while not carrying on their business as smoothly as before the strike, matters are rapidly adjusting themselves. A great many of the men who quit work on the order of Mr. Debs, have returned to their employments. After trying to find out for the last two weeks why they were ordered out when they had no grievance of their own and were perfectly contented with their wages and their treatment, they have evidently been unable to discover any reasonable excuse for that order, or any good reason why they should be sacrificed to the ambition of Mr. Debs to show his power to tie up all the railroads of the West. They have naturally asked themselves, those who have returned to work, what good has resulted to anybody from tying up the railroads. They have had ample opportunity to see the result of their strike. They have seen that it has wrought an incalculable amount of mischief and misery; that it has thrown many thousands of laboring men, besides those in the railroad service, out of employment and plunged them into want and misery; that it has raised the prices of many of the necessities of life to the poor, even here on the coast where water transportation has remained open; and that it has already caused immense losses to business men and producers, and that if continued a few days longer it will produce an incalculable amount of loss, poverty and wretchedness to a vast number of innocent parties. They have seen besides, that in some states the strike led to repeated and continued acts of violence by strikers which Mr. Debs told them would not be permitted; and finally has developed in many places, especially in California, into lawless defiance of the courts and of the authority of the government; that in many places it has been accompanied by cruel and cowardly intimidation to which as honest men and good citizens they could not be parties.

They did not go out at the order of Mr. Debs in the expectation that they would be made parties to what in some states is an actual rebellion against the government, a fact which of itself deprives the strike of any further claim upon their support.

The old unused telegraph line, extending from Fort Stevens to Bald hill, opposite the Tillamook lighthouse, and originally intended to connect that isolated beacon by cable with the outside world, is rapidly going into decay. Just why the officials in charge would never listen to any of the propositions made by private citizens to lease and operate the line from Fort Stevens to Seaside, is probably one of those mysteries that can always be found where Uncle Sam's red tape is used to any great extent. At present the line from Seaside to Bald hill is either on the ground or has disappeared entirely, but from the former place to Fort Stevens, little repairing would have to be done to put it in good working order. As a matter of public convenience, a line of some sort, be it telegraph or telephone, should connect Astoria with the Clatsop beaches, and if arrangements cannot be made with the government to use the abandoned line, the owners of hotels at those places would do a nice thing to take the matter in hand and construct an independent line. There is a great

deal of surprise expressed, that North Beach is just now capturing the bulk of the seaside travel, but it will never be otherwise so long as visitors are put to hardship and inconvenience in reaching the Clatsop beaches, and once there are unable to communicate with the busy world, other than by the slow process of the mails.

A trip among the local markets this morning shows a steady rise in the price of bacon, hams and canned meats. Will any philosopher of labor kindly explain to a puzzled and befogged community the connection between the packing of pork and the building of sleeping cars, and why the refusal of the car manufacturers to pay what they haven't got to the men who want more than they can give, is any cause for putting up the price of meat in hard times? It is too deep a question for ordinary intellect. There is one consolation, however, if prices go much higher, we who are so fortunate as to live in Oregon, can fall back on the good old salmon diet.

OREGON NOTES.

The latest snake story comes from down in Jackson county where two rural prohibitionists, who were returning home from a "meetin'" the other night, discovered a log with twenty-seven young rattlesnakes in it. It is the opinion in and around that part of Jackson county that the lemonade served at the meeting may have become accidentally fermented.

Even the train wrecking industry is going to smash.

They are cutting wheat on the farms about Albany this week.

Waterspouts have placed the roads of Wasco county in bad condition.

Prof. D. V. S. Reid has been re-elected principal of the Eugene city schools at a salary of \$1,200 a year.

Lebanon is feeling her oats. Their academy has added shorthand to the regular course of study.

An Indian, named Jack, was thrown from his canoe in the Columbia river and drowned opposite The Dalles.

The Nehalem Press prints Hon. C. J. Curtis' Fourth of July oration in full. It also states that the exercises drew a large crowd.

The Corvallis hose company has accepted a hub and hub challenge from the Lebanon team for a 233 yard race, purse \$200 a side.

Tillamook seems to be enjoying a building boom. Over \$25,000 worth of new buildings are in the course of erection in that town.

Little Johnnie and his sister Sue will need watching up at The Dalles. The peach crop has begun to ripen on the farms about that city.

The rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church at Salem mixed with the clergymen of other denominations and held union services last Monday.

The Marion county commissioners pulled down E. H. Figg's bill from \$700 to \$450 for printing election tickets. That's right. A printer can work for the interest of the county for years gratis, but when he tries to get a little of the pay for honest work he is shut out by the county officers nine times out of ten.

Forest Grove has a Presbyterian minister who is trying to organize a company to build an air ship that will take Oregon passengers to Chicago in thirty hours. Had he been in Chicago last week with one of his machines he could have made money taking her citizens anywhere no matter how many hours it took.

A Salem paper is fearful that the channel of the river at that point is gradually working away from the city. The cause of its shifting is attributed to a point of land across the river that has been hauled away. The paper predicted a result similar to this when the land was being removed and now points with flaring headlines, "I told you so."

After going over the balance sheet carefully, Receiver Clark, of the Oregon Pacific, finds that there is a big \$20 gold piece to be laid away for the stock holders. Taking into consideration the heavy expenses during the month of June, and the natural decrease of business, the result of his financiering is highly commended by the Corvallis Times.

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