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After Two Years

With this issue, we begin our third year with the NEWS. In the two years we have had charge, we have learned much in one way and another. When we started in, we had some definite ideas as to the way we thought a country paper should be run, some of which we have had to modify or forego, from force of circumstances. We are painfully conscious of the shortcomings of the paper, as no doubt our readers are. But, it is one thing to have good ideas about the management of a paper, and another to carry them out. The main drawback has been the financial one, both newsprint, paper of all kinds as well as everything in the printing line, has been and is continually mounting up in cost, so that close figuring is necessary to avoid hopelessly running behind. The addition of even a supplementary page involves an extra expense which should be seriously considered beforehand. To improve the paper would entail a considerable expenditure, for we should have to get not only another press but the extra cost in paper and work, is not justified by the present income and support.

We have endeavored to be loyal to our patrons, the town and community, to support everything which pertains to their advancement, to encourage and not to capriciously criticise. No doubt some would prefer we should run a definite partisan paper, and for many reasons we should prefer so to do. But in our judgment, this is not advisable unless the place can support two papers. We believe the minority has some rights, and besides a local paper is not primarily for the consideration of national questions, but to give the local news and deal with local questions. In these days almost every family takes a metropolitan paper, which can and does more effectively deal with national issues than the small

country weekly can. So we have not attempted to enter this field beyond cursory comment, and in this we have endeavored to "tote fair," although our political preferences will crop out time and again.

In beginning another year, we wish to express our thanks to those who stood by us, our subscribers, our advertisers, our readers, our correspondents and our helpers in the mechanical work. In these last, we have been particularly fortunate, John Dunseath, Mrs. Nina B. Ecker and E. L. Crain our present efficient foreman. These all have worked in our interest and at a financial remuneration far less than their worth. We look forward with confidence to the future and bespeak the continued support we have heretofore enjoyed, requesting our patrons' forbearance."

"Be to our faults a little blind, And to our virtues exceeding kind."

LABOR DAY

The industrial world has been and is divided into two camps, capital and labor. That these two are in perennial conflict with each other, is most unfortunate, not only for themselves but for the general public, whose interests are bound up with theirs. In their disputes and wranglings this fact seems to be ignored by both except as an after thought, although when it comes to paying the bills, it is the general public which is mulcted. Monday will be Labor Day when the representatives of organized labor will celebrate and hold forth and plan for its betterment. This is as it should be. If labor has any legitimate grievances and any legitimate remedies it should make them known, and if the former be justified and the latter sound, it may be sure of the sympathy and support of the general public. In times past when labor was weak and disorganized it had such sympathy and support, so much so, that capital which was prone to tell the public that the disputes with labor, was none of the public's business, was compelled finally to recognize that public opinion was not a factor to be flouted. Since then it has been careful not to alienate this opinion.

But labor has now become powerfully organized and is feeling itself in position to compel surrender to its demands whether just or not, it shows no consideration for the welfare of the public. In this it is contributing to its own undoing. The public sees no essential difference between profiteering by capital or

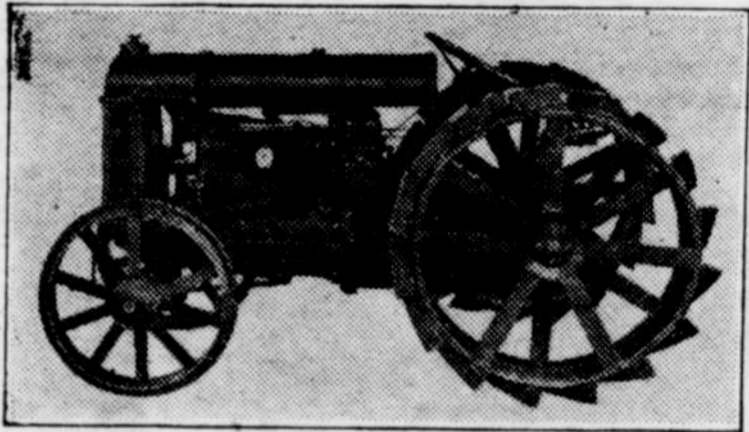
by labor, or the disregard of its rights by the one or the other. It is often difficult for the public to judge the merits of the disputes because these are so involved, but usually certain features stand out prominently. When these show unfair treatment on the part of capital, the public will side with labor and *vice versa*. It behooves then for labor to be sure that its demands are just, and to employ no methods to attain them, which will infringe on the rights of others, for two wrongs never made a right.

Bro. Chapman of the *Oregon Voter*, is not only a master of analysis and statistics, but also a word painter of no mean ability. This was evidenced in last Saturday's issue, by his exquisite scenic description of the site of the new tourist hotel, the Wau Gwir Gwin, soon to be erected on the bank of the Columbia, about one mile west of Hood River.

The Democratic presidential nominee, Governor Cox of Ohio, is attacking his republican opponents on having a fifteen million campaign fund, to buy the presidency. Methinks the gentleman does exaggerate too much. The fate of General Wood in the primary campaign would serve as a deterrent, as his chances were seriously handicapped by the current report that the monied interests were heavily supporting him in a financial way, and also the case of Senator Newberry in Michigan, is still fresh in the public mind, which showed unmistakably that it resents and is suspicious of an excessive campaign expenditure. The Republican campaign managers are not fools.

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