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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1918.

OREGON WEATHER

Cloudy, with rain in north portion; moderate, southwest-erly winds.

THE MOONEY CASE

Governor Stephens, of California, in commuting Thomas J. Mooney's sentence to life imprisonment, has placed that famous case in a different light; has disappointed many people, as well as the condemned man himself, who has repeatedly stated that he would rather hang than be condemned to a living grave. Yet, in the light of the conflicting opinions as to whether Mooney is guilty or not, the governor probably took the wisest course. There is always time to hang a man after there is no longer any doubt of his guilt.

Now comes Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor and says the governor's decision does not settle the case so far as organized labor is concerned, all of which probably means that the great strike scheduled by the workmen for the 9th of December will become a reality. Just what such a strike will accomplish is not yet known, and will not be known until it is finished, except that it is a safe prediction that such an act will drive deeper the wedge between the labor element and that great majority of the public who demand justice and fair play. And the sympathy of this great majority is always necessary to make a strike a success.

There are those who state that organized labor is ever upholding the criminal class and cite the McNamara, Haywood, Moyer, Harry Orchard and others as concrete examples. While these assertions are true, it might be well to go back a little further in history and search for the cause—there is always a cause.

A few years before Harry Orchard, Haywood and many others came into the limelight—in fact from 20 to 30 years ago—it was common knowledge that the man with great wealth had about nine chances out of ten of coming Scott free of any crime he chose to commit. It was not imagination, it was a fact. Too many lawyers and judges were tempted by the long-green; too many juries were tampered with. Poor men, some of them innocent, were arrested and brought to trial, but having no means with which to fight the case, they were speedily tried, sentence passed, and they were passed on to their doom. After about so many men from the ranks of organized labor were thus "railroaded," organized labor awoke to the situation and it was agreed to

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assess members to raise funds to assist accused brothers—who never possessed more than their week's wages—to fight the charges.

Had organized labor stopped at this, it would have been well and good and they would have had the sympathy of the entire public, but the radicals, whose ideas did not vary much from those of the I. W. W., got control of the various labor organizations and advocated violence as a means of fighting for their rights. As a result, organized labor lost the sympathy of many of its former admirers.

Organized labor certainly has a right to raise a fund with which to fight charges against any of its poor members. The harm accrues through the fanatical teachings of many labor leaders in preaching to their fellow workmen that no trial is fair unless the accused is exonerated.

In regard to the Mooney case, there are many conflicting opinions, even among the millions who are not directly interested. The trial judge in the case states that there were evidences of trickery in the trial. Either the trial judge has something worth telling, or else he himself has been bought off.

However, even if Mooney is not guilty, the evidence adduced proves that he is a dangerous man to society. Probably a million dollars has already been spent on the Mooney case. Literature has been distributed throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, and hundreds of men have been working ceaselessly to obtain every particle of evidence possible, and probably much "framing" has been done. The end is not yet, but the International strike scheduled as a protest will lose organized labor millions of sympathizers, although the organization has won first blood—Mooney will not hang.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Alice Ament

Thanksgiving day was observed as a national holiday, and the high school students were allowed to remain home, to study the formation of turkey, and again learn to call by name any pie or cake in the pastry language. On Friday some of the desks were unoccupied, those who appeared at school wore a sad and worn expression.

On Monday a short basketball rally was held for the purpose of rousing enthusiasm in the games for which the girls are practicing. A number of the students including the players, gave their views on the subject of "backing them up," and all pledged their loyal support. The boys, as yet, have no place in which to play, but every effort is being made to obtain one.

The appearance of the commercial rooms has been greatly improved with the addition of large window-boxes of plants and vines. Mrs. Parent believes that cheerful recitation rooms add to the pupils interest in their work, and is acting accordingly. The students taking manual training make these boxes for the different rooms.

On next Friday night the Cleonian society will give the first program of the year, and it is to be a "humdinger" according to all who have attended practices. The variety and excellence of it will hold the interest of all.

The program will be made up of orchestra selections, readings, music by quartets and choruses, and a one-act French comedy, which is the funniest yet. Everyone who is to

take part in these numbers has been spending a great deal of time and effort to make their parts perfect, and the whole entertainment will be worth while. The high school assembly is to be the place of the entertainment, and the admission prices are to be 15c for "villagers" and 10c for students.

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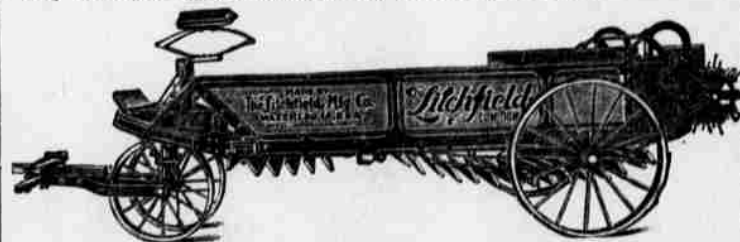
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