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NOTES ON LABOR ARRESTS

Thirty-two men have been arrested in connection with bombings and beatings in the labor controversy in Portland. Some of them have been released, some have confessed, some are held as material witnesses and the investigation goes on with police expecting a possible total of 250 under arrest before all cases are cleared.

Labor headquarters hasten to deny guilt and ask for an open public mind on the matter until after trial is had. It is but fair and just that the men be not condemned until they are proven guilty. It also seems fair to comment at this time, that employers have been accused of most reprehensible crimes against the public welfare, and immediately held guilty by labor speakers without trial or chance of trial. Nevertheless, it is to be hoped that these men receive more courteous treatment.

It is possible—even may be probable—that the elected leaders of labor in the state were not acquainted with the existence of the beating squads. It is very certain that such tactics are not favored by a majority of the working men themselves.

The arrests have undoubtedly done organized labor in this state a lasting injury. This being the case it is surprising that labor, itself, does not demand a full accounting and hasten to show clean hands. The customary plea of labor that the guilty men were not bona-fide laborers but spies sent into the ranks by industry to discountenance the labor movement has been made and it is not indicative of a desire to have a general house cleaning and henceforth proceed with disputes lawfully.

People throughout the state and in Portland as well are congratulating the police officials who made the arrests and gathered the evidence. It has been the general opinion for some months that this would be the eventual outcome of the strife. Workingmen who are members of the unions in order to keep their jobs, and many others who are passive members, have been assured of the honesty and uprightness of their leaders by word of mouth, and they are the ones who probably received the greatest shock at the news.

There is also reason to wonder if the labor responsibility bills were up again if labor leaders would be so bold as to beat their breasts and proclaim their virtue to the world. Would they so loudly state their contention that the labor movement and its leaders needed no control? And after all, human beings being what they are, what chance is there that men leading labor will on the average be any better than men hiring labor? And if one needs control by government, why do not both need control by government?

ARE WE GOING TO WAR?

Since the president's famous speech at Chicago last fall in which he mentioned the advisability of "quarantining" some of the warring nations there has been growing apprehension of war and the recent proposal to build \$800,000,000 worth of battleships has not decreased it.

It is all so familiar to those who can remember 1916 and 1917 before this nation went to war with Germany. The official pronouncements of a wish for peace; the "we will not go to war unless" statements; the hurried building of armaments are all indications as easily recognized as the actions of a man who pulls off his coat while saying, "I ain't lookin' for trouble, but—"

There is at present no public desire for war and there was not in the beginning of 1916. Some unfortunate incident may be expanded to inflame the public if it is not wary.

Despite a friendliness for the Chinese this country can hardly pose as the protector of that nation. Our trade with them is small com-

pared to our trade with the Japanese. A vast majority of Americans feel that a grave injustice is being done the Chinese, but is does not compare with the injustice that might be perpetrated if American youth were recruited to go across the Pacific to settle the troubles.

War might have the effect of stimulating our depressed economic system. It might postpone for a few years the inevitable effect of our economic sins. Yet as a possibility it scares the ordinary citizen.

THE AARD-VARK

If the ground-hog was able to see his shadow Wednesday when he—if tradition was followed—made his vernal advent to the surface of the earth he is possessed of a sight better than men. Therefore it is safe to assume that the weather will forthwith be mild.

But more about this traditionally correct and practically worthless prophet of the weather, this Aard-vark, this *Oryzctopus capensis*, this marmot, this insectivorous quadruped of the *edentata* family, who is related to the ant-eaters and the Armadillos. Each year the entire American world awaits his coming on the second day of the second month and jests about his knowledge of the weather.

His reported actions are most peculiar for the usual program would be to hail the sun after months of hibernation and stay in its warmth instead of hieing back to cover at first sign of shadow. He is a bit reminding of those who, when prices are high, want them lower and when they are lower want to raise them, this insectivore that runs from the sun which breeds the life it lives upon.

COMMUNITY CENTER

The recent offer of the Moro firemen to give \$50 toward the improvement of the appearance of the Legion hall is indicative of a spirit of community betterment worthy of comment.

The Legion hall is a community hall in that it is not operated at a profit. It is true that rent is charged for most of the events that are held in it, but the rent is not high enough to pay the overhead expenses of the place and provide for any improvements such as are needed at this time.

The entire community would be aided by a more presentable meeting place for plays, shows, dances and the innumerable gatherings that are held in cities each year. Now it is entirely probable that with the aid of the firemen the interior will be cleaned and decorated anew although other organizations may be called upon to help before sufficient funds are raised to make it possible.

Any community can have pleasant places to meet in winter and a comfortable park in summer if there is enough of the desire to have them.

GOVERNORS?

The announcement of Dr. Hosch of Bend that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor assures members of that party a variety of men to vote for in May, assuming that Martin will try to succeed himself.

O. Henry O'Leen, present representative from Columbia county, is a physically active man whose special interest is pensions and lower property taxes. He perpetually tries to reduce the incompatibility of these two objectives while arguing violently against sales taxes by name.

Dr. Hosch is a well to do doctor of Bend whose major interest is toward public power. He is inclined to lack of tolerance for those who do not follow his lead in this question although in other matters he is not so vindictive.

The governor's characteristics are well known to nearly everyone in the state as nearly everyone has heard him or has at least read some of his pointed remarks on lawlessness. There may be many others before the final filing date.

So called little business men held a wild meeting in Washington this week, all trying to be heard and none of them succeeding. Maybe that is the reason they are little business men.

The Oregonian is going to print a list of missing persons each week. Now we will find out what became of Mr. London.

The New Republic, a liberal magazine, has an article on who caused the depression. Easy. Depressions are always caused by the other fellow or the other class of people.

When the housing bill is signed it will be possible to borrow 90% of the value of a house and pay the cost in 25 years at 5% interest. So folks, if you want a home just wait a few years and buy one cheap from the government.

The in again, out again behavior of the Oregon basketball squad is hardly championship quality.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one)
decide to run I shall enter the Republican primaries, reserving the right, however, to run as an independent candidate in the general election if I am defeated for the Republican nomination."

While some authorities hold that Zimmerman would be prohibited from running as an independent in event of his defeat in the primaries others believe that he could compel the secretary of state to accept his filing if he should take his case in court on a mandamus proceeding. These latter base their opinion on the action of the state supreme court in requiring the secretary of state to accept the filing of W. A. Elwell as a candidate for Congress while he was still serving as a circuit judge in Multnomah county. The high court in that case held that the state was without authority to prescribe the qualifications of federal officers. Attorney General Van Winkle in an earlier opinion had held that whereas the state law precluded a defeated primary candidate from running as an independent candidate there was nothing to prevent his friends from writing in the candidates name and nothing to prevent his serving in any office to which he might be elected by that method.

Zimmerman, it is recalled, ran a good race for the governorship in 1934 when he was an independent candidate finishing second in a field of three, 21,000 votes behind Chas. H. Martin the democratic candidate but 9000 ahead of Joe Dunne, republican.

Slowly but surely the little one-room school house is passing out of the Oregon picture. A survey just completed by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, reveals that their number has been reduced by 249 in the past six years—from 1326 in 1930-31 to 1077 in 1936-37. That is at the rate of more than 40 a year, a rate which if maintained will see the complete disappearance of the one-room schools within the next 25 years. One-teacher high schools are also on the way out, Putnam explains. Whereas there was 30 of these small high schools in Oregon in 1930-31 there are now only five to be found in the state.

Oregon utilities plan to spend \$8,217,210 in new construction during 1938, according to estimates filed with Utilities Commissioner Wallace. Telephone companies alone plan to spend \$3,889,350 in improving and extending their service, and electric utilities have budgeted an aggregate of \$3,844,695 for expenditures on construction work during the year. While these estimated expenditures show an increase over expenditures during 1937 they fall far short of annual improvements by the same utilities during the period from 1935 to 1939, Wallace points out.

There will be no need for the services of the Graham gentleman who generously offered to play the role of a human guinea pig in order to test out the state's new lethal gas chamber. Neither is there any intention of sacrificing a dog or even a rat in the new chamber. Warden Lewis of the state prison brands these stories, some of which aroused public indignation to a high pitch as segments of the imagination with no substantial foundation. Lewis says that as far as he is concerned the new gas chamber is all set up and ready for its first victim.

THE POTTER FAMILY

Antone Potter with three of his brothers came to what is now Sherman county in 1880 from Oroville, California, spending several weeks on the journey. They all took up land in the Klondike vicinity where Antone now has large holdings. Arch Gosson farms the old Potter place.

He was married in Weiser, Idaho to Lizzie Jacks almost fifty years ago. Of the brothers who came here all have left except A. B. who has continued to make this his home since coming here to break up bunchgrass. John and Manuel returned to California, and Frank has since died.

In 1900 Mr. Potter bought the Klondike store from Moore Bros. Mercantile company which at that time had stores in Moro, Monkland, and Klondike. In 1906 the store burned and he traded it for some land on the John Day river, later buying it back again. He managed it until recent years when his son took over the duties and it still remains one of the last and most successful of the many rural stores that were started in an early day when travel was slower.

Descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Potter are George A. Potter, who has been county judge of Sherman county since 1930 and who has four years of his present term to serve, and two daughters, Mrs. Mayme Elliot of Wasco and Mrs. Edna Weedman of Beaverton.

Mr. Potter is 77 and although badly injured in an automobile accident several years ago, is active and about the store every day. He also manages several hundred acres of land which he owns near Klondike.

In Other Days

From the Observer Feb. 3, 1919

Roy Kusman, having been discharged from the navy, has returned home and again taken up his duties in the Moro Trading Co. store.

Miss Frances Rutledge and Glenn King were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rutledge, Wednesday morning. Shortly after the ceremony the young couple left by train for Portland on a honeymoon trip.

J. H. Elliott, when in town Tuesday, informed us that he had received word from his son, Milo, saying that by the time word reached here he would be on the ocean bound for Port Vancouver, B. C., for discharge from the Canadian army. Milo enlisted early in the Canadian army and has seen considerable service in France.

We are told that John Dunn has sold his blacksmith shop and business to a man named Templeton, from Portland.

From the Observer Feb. 5, 1909

Hon. R. J. Ginn has become owner of the Goldendale Milling Company property, involving in the aggregate consideration about \$114,000. The deal was made through the Moore-Harbke Investment Co.

Drs. Ferguson and their little girl have returned from their trip around the world, and are again at home at The Dalles Hospital.

W. S. Hall has purchased the Park kins place, near Kent, through the W. B. McCoy agency.

C. R. Belshee has purchased the livery and feed stable business of J. M. Dunahoo, at the Blue Barn in this city and will put in several head of up to date horses and rigs to match.

From the Observer Feb. 3, 1899

Mrs. Cash Fairchild went to market alone Tuesday, men folks busy plowing.

Dr. Smith was hurriedly called to Kent Sunday to attend Mrs. William Taylor, who was thrown from a horse that day and badly injured. She was carried to her home at Mr. Donohue's, remaining unconscious for several days. Hope for recovery seems doubtful.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Elrod and a niece, arrived in Moro Saturday evening. Mr. Elrod has quite recovered from the loss of his hand. He was married to Miss Chambers in Murray, Iowa, January 24, is looking hearty, and glad to be again at home.

Several of the most thorough farmers of this county are going to give flax a trial this season. Twenty acres each will be sown by Messrs Robert Newton, Joe Morrissey, J. A. Hand and E. Peoples.



For the first time in more than two and a half years, Oregon automobile accidents have taken a downward dip. Secretary of State Earl Snell announced this week. A definite decrease in fatalities has been shown for several months, but the number of accidents continued on an upward trend.

December with about 3800 accidents reported, was nearly 250 below December 1936, Snell said.

While there has been seasonal fluctuations from time to time, Snell said that until December every month since May, 1935, had shown more accidents than the corresponding month during the previous year.

"This is the best news we have had since the state first began to make head way against the high-way death toll several months ago," Snell declared. "It gives us some basis for hope that 1938 will show fewer deaths, fewer injuries and fewer accidents than 1937. Marked decreases in all three will be our goal this year."

Snell pointed out that accidents cost every man, woman and child in Oregon approximately \$17 last year. He said that this economic drain cuts deeply into the wealth of the state every year, and that every feasible step must be taken to halt it.

Up to our top knot in a purple fog, struggling desperately to round up a few duffles for this month's bag when the phone rang.

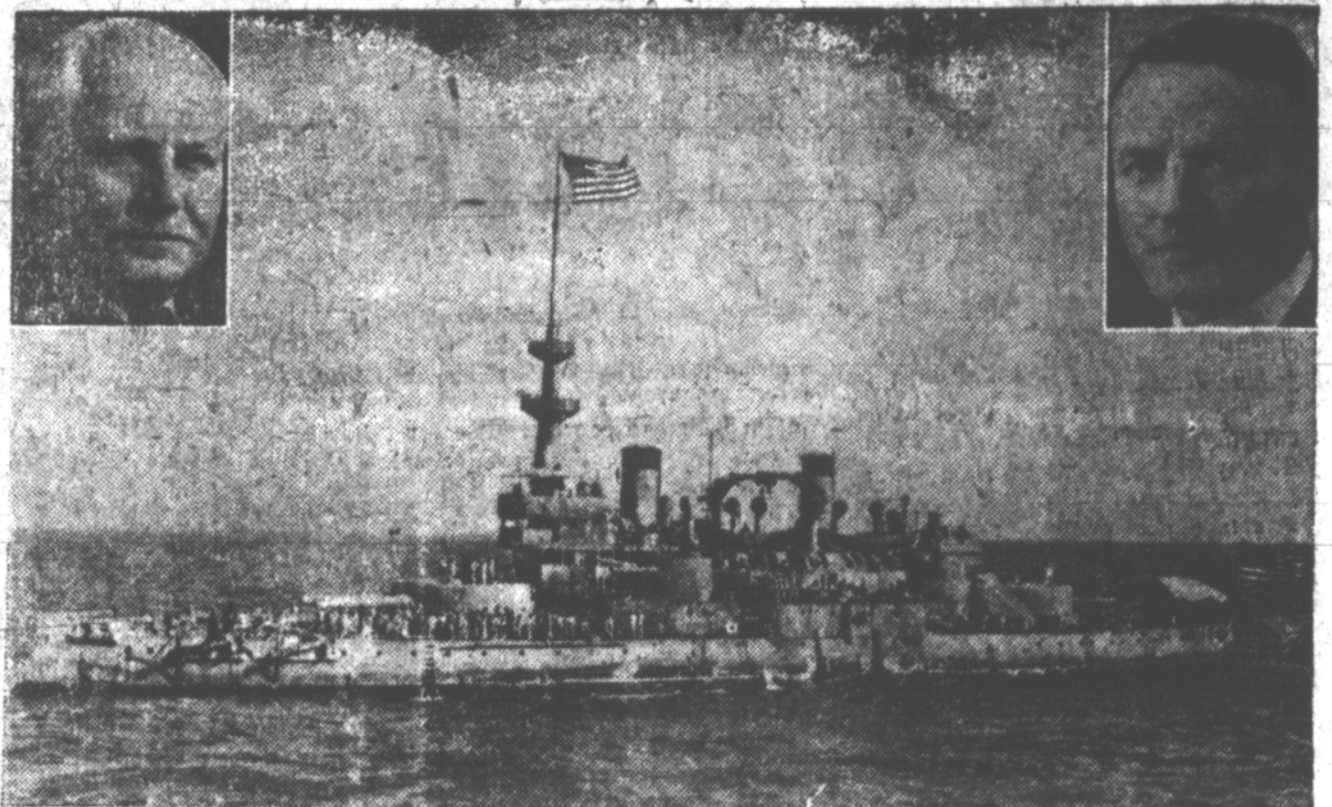
"Is this the lady who washes?" inquired the voice.

"Indeed—I should say not," says we.

"Why, you dirty thing," says the voice.

Older Insider

There was a young woman named Snider
Who drank of bowl of hard cider,
So that when she arose
To powder her nose—
She powdered the lady's beside'er.



Determined to see the battleship Oregon berthed in a permanent home in a memorial park for which the ground has been provided by the Port of Portland commission, Governor Charles H. Martin has launched a movement to raise a special fund for this purpose and will next Monday night make the principal address at a kick-off dinner to be held at the Multnomah hotel in Portland. Campaign dates are February 7 to 17.

Public Health In Oregon Held Improved

Much has been accomplished toward the betterment of public health in Oregon during 1937. Constant vigilance has been exercised over public water supplies and the state has been free from epidemics of water borne diseases. Special efforts have been put forth to safe guard the health of mothers and infants. Local health departments have been greatly strengthened through the organization of county units on a whole time basis. The reporting and management of communicable diseases has been more complete. Aggressive measures have been started to lessen the ravages of venereal diseases. Plans to bring cancer, diabetes and pneumonia under effective control have been considered.

In a recent survey of chronic illness in the United States covering a representative population of over 3,000,000 persons in widely separated parts of the country, it was found that one out of five had some chronic disease, or suffered from a serious defect of vision or hearing or some other permanent disability. Responsibility for a large part of the chronic illness was charged to diseases of the heart and arteries, the mental and nervous diseases, rheumatism, tuberculosis, cancer, diabetes, chronic diseases of the gall bladder and the complications of syphilis. Disability from such sources are usually associated with the middle age or the older group. It is interesting to note that the conditions were found to exist in about equal proportion among young adults as in the middle age and older group.

It was observed also that the increase in the incidence of chronic diseases began with those just reaching manhood and womanhood (those from twenty years old and upward) and reached maximum in the oldest age group. Chronic diseases start with slow beginnings that may not even be recognized by the individual, but that often may be readily detected by a careful medical examination. Early discovery may not make a complete recovery possible, but in many instances, through attention to every day matters, such as rest and recreation, through some modification of diet or through some readjustment of the daily routine under a doctor's supervision, it is possible to check the onset of a disabling handicap and to prolong both life and usefulness. Be sure to select a reputable doctor who is known to be competent. (After having selected your doctor you can expect him to render careful and conscientious service. It may not be possible for him to make an accurate diagnosis upon the first examination—your case may demand careful study and observation before the nature of the disease can be determined. With confidence in the physician of one's choice, the wisest procedure is to follow his advice concerning diagnostic and treatment measures. The physician today has infinitely more to offer as a health advisor than ever before in the history of medicine. Given an opportunity he can render you a real service.

A balky mule has four wheel brakes And a billy goat has bumpers, The fire fly sports a bright spot light.

Jack Rabbits are puddle jumpers; Camels have balloon tired feet, They carry spurs of what they eat, And you gotta confess that nothing beats

The kangaroo with rumble seats,

Back Seat Driving

The husband drew up his chair beside his wife's sewing machine.

"Don't you think it's running too

fast?" he said. "Look out! You'll sew the wrong seam! Mind that corner, now! Steady! Slow down: mind your finger!"

"What's the matter with you, John?" said his wife, alarmed. "I've been running this machine for years!"

"Well, dear, I was only trying to help you, just as you help me run the car."

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Frank von Borstel and Amanda von Borstel, administrators of the estate of Carsten von Borstel, deceased, have filed their petition for distribution, determination of heirs, determination of inheritance tax, and final account on said estate, and that Monday, the 7th day of March, 1938, at the hour of 10:00 a. m., in the County Court Room in the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said petition, final accounting and settlement of said estate.

FRANK von BORSTEL
AMANDA von BORSTEL
Administrators

Brown & Van Vactor, Attorneys

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of John Mathieson, Sr., Deceased, are required to present them with vouchers to the undersigned at their farm residence near Rufus, Oregon within 6 months of the date of the first publication of this notice. The date of the first publication of this notice is January 7, 1938.

Hugh S. Mathieson
Executor
Margaret Leff
Executrix

Frank G. Dick, Atty.
Vogt Block
The Dalles, Oregon

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON.
IN THE MATTER OF THE

ESTATE OF Maude P. Mullenburg, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, administrator of estate of Maude P. Mullenburg, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, his final account as administrator of said estate and that the 31st day of January, 1938, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the county court room in the courthouse of said county, has been fixed by the court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said account, if any, and the settlement thereof.

William Mullenburg,
Administrator of the estate of Maude P. Mullenburg, deceased.
R. J. Kitchen,
LaGrande, Oregon,
Attorney for administrator.

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