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COAL STRIKE

How long the soft coal strike is going to hold the headlines, annoy the administration and pester the public is a question all would like to have solved.

So much has been said that there is hardly a man who can say with finality where the fault lies. The miners struck for the reason that their cost of living had gone up and the administration had failed to hold it down while keeping wages at the former level.

The coal mine operators have refused to make any concessions even after the miner's boss, John L. Lewis did offer a compromise. The mines are technically in the hands of the government, but are useless without men to work them.

Enough abuse of the miners and Lewis has been uttered to heat up any question and no doubt the miners have done their share. Being without the support of any national publication their case is not well known.

Start of the whole thing is the favoritism shown labor for the past ten years which has built up unions so strong they can now defy the government. Like a pampered child they are hard to handle. Another contributing factor is the failure of OPA to keep food prices down as constantly promised.

It is certain that the matter will not be settled until the miners, the government and the mine owners get around a table and give and take until a solution is reached. It will not be done by name calling or politics. And it is often hard to imagine that either will be dispensed with for some time.

LOCAL OPA

Did you ever think about serving on an OPA board?

It is an important job. If successfully conducted the Office of Price and Rationing Administration could keep prices down to levels within the reach of all. would make it possible for a greater part of our national income to be devoted to war and prevent us from starting into a whirl of inflation that may make savings worthless.

There are several agencies that interfere with the action of the OPA. The War Labor Board has permitted wage increases, the Office of Defense Transportation has insisted on gas and rubber use beyond the rules of the OPA.

farm organizations, official and unofficial, have demanded higher prices for farm products. At best and without interference the OPA would have had an almost impossible job. Under present conditions the job cannot be done at all.

As far as the people are concerned it is often the local board that takes the rap for inefficiency above them. Rulings are made for the entire nation although conditions are much different in a county like Sherman and a county like Oglethorpe county, Georgia or the overcrowded isle of Manhattan.

Purpose of the OPA was, and is, to keep the price of commodities down and to equalize the use of rationed goods so each has the quantity he or she needs.

If local boards were given the authority to do that the job would be simpler. As it is each board is told to comply with rulings even though they are entirely incompatible with conditions locally. For the ill this system has brought it is likely that OPA will be liquidated and another agency given the job. It will not be successful unless the attempt to

rule the entire nation from a Washington office is changed.

Local boards are generally composed of patriotic citizens who are trying to perform a useful service in war time. They should be given more authority, more responsibility, fewer annoyances.

HANDSOME IS AS HANDSOME DOES

The city of Moro is very pretty at this time of year. The locust trees are as full of bloom as at any time in the memory of the oldest resident and, the blossoms fill the air with their scent. The park is green and its closely clipped lawn very inviting. The flowers there and in the Adams corner are in full bloom. All of which gives the city a decorated effect that is pleasing.

Whether towns are pretty or not depends on the residents thereof. The same is true of other things. Small town citizens can sit on the curbs in disgust at the ugliness of their village, they can talk endlessly about the lack of entertainment, the rural dullness. Or, they can remedy all these by spending half the time it takes to go to pretty places, brightly lighted places or lively places.

As Moro has improved many of its unsightly spots it can likewise improve its lack of gaiety by taking thought and using the natural talents of its citizens toward that end.

In Other Days

From the Observer June 12, 1914

Grover J. Duffey, who has recently located at Moro where he has opened an office for the practice of law in the office with W. H. Ragsdale, has been appointed a notary public for the state of Oregon by Governor West.

Henry Ruggles brought in the L. L. Peetz threshing engine last Friday for an overhauling preparing for harvest. The next day it rained, this is the ninth season this has happened to Henry and now Louie won't let any other person touch the throttle when steam is in the boiler; particularly if rain is needed.

Contractor W. A. Raymond is busy putting down concrete walks on McCoy street in front of the property of E. H. Moore, J. N. Landry and L. Barnum.

From the Observer June 13, 1924

W. H. Williams left for Portland early Thursday morning, accompanied by Floyd Flatt. The trip was for the purpose of bringing back a Ford truck which Mr. Flatt has purchased for his local dray business.

Mrs. D. H. Wright accompanied by her two sons, Pearl and Alvin, left by motor on Wednesday of this week for Roseburg where they will visit with a brother of Mrs. Wright.

From the Observer June 10, 1904

Fred Hennagin is making a success of farming his brother Albert's place. He is also tacking a section on his own account. We are glad to see the young men of good old Sherman county forging to the front.

Miss Lizzie Bailey's school will close at Erskenville Friday next, June 17th, with an entertainment and ice cream social. Refreshments will be 10 cents, to be devoted to benefit of the school.

A man having wool to sell this year gets as much per fleece for it as the individual sheep is worth. Frank Payne sheared 1,257 head and sold 12,103 lbs. of wool at 16 1/8 cents per pound.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Account as Administratrix, with the will annexed, of the Estate of Jessie Henrichs, Deceased, and that Monday, June 21, 1943, at 10:00 A. M., in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, in the courtroom of said court, has been fixed by the court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said Estate.

Wilma Hansen Administratrix, c.m.

T. Lester Johnson, Attorney for Administratrix

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T. Lester Johnson LAWYER MORO

Kelly's Column

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Plans for a surprise war bond drive are now in the making. The kick-off is scheduled for July 16. After the last drive it was understood that the treasury would not start its next bond selling campaign until September, but the plan had to be changed. While the last drive was a huge success oversubscribing the goal set by close to \$5,000,000,000, the treasury officials were not satisfied with the general results. Not nearly enough of the small buyers or wage earners, planked the officials on the line, say the officials. Banks, insurance companies and other large buyers were the ones who put the drive over the top. Every effort will be made this time to coax the little fellow and wage earner up to the bond buying counter, or else. Inflation is still a nightmare to government officials and something has to be done to get the wage earner to put more of his high war time earnings in bonds instead of promiscuous spending. Otherwise a compulsory bond buying plan is sure to come.

The weather is beginning to turn warm here in Washington, and so is politics. The boys can hardly wait until that long looked for recess time rolls around. Next month, all things being equal, the congress will recess for six weeks or so. In the meantime much cloak room gossip is going the rounds. It is said that a certain mystery man, who knows his politics, will quietly visit the west. He will be an emissary for Governor Dewey. The west is coming in for plenty of attention from the Republican party. It's a foregone conclusion say the political seers, that the Republican ticket must carry the western states if they are to win next year.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Leroy Herbert Martin, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Leroy Herbert Martin, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, Attorney six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which date is May 14, 1943.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of J. P. Yates, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the Estate of J. P. Yates, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, at Warco, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice, to-wit: June 4, 1943.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F.

Moro, Oregon Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I. O. O. F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Charles C. Wilson, N.G.

Percy Thompson, Sec.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116

Moro, Oregon Meets 2d & 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Colla Belshee, N.G.

Frances Johnston, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us.

W. F. McLeod, W.M.

C. V. Belknap, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, G.E.S.

Moro, Oregon Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in Each Month. Visiting Members Invited.

Norma Balsiger W. M. Marie Hoskinson, Sec.

NOTICE OF 1943-44 BUDGET MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the 'Local Budget Law' Sections 110-1201 to 110-1215, O.C.L.A., as amended, notice is hereby given that the budget committee for Sherman County, Oregon, in compliance with said law, prepared and adopted on June 30, 1943, the budget estimates for Sherman County, Oregon, for the ensuing fiscal year July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944, as set forth in the accompanying schedules I, II, III and IV. All persons are hereby notified that on Wednesday the 7th day of July, 1943 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Court room in the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon said budget estimates may be discussed with the Sherman County Court, the levying board for Sherman County, Oregon, and any person subject to the proposed tax levy or tax levies will be heard in favor of or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies or any part thereof.

The outstanding indebtedness of Sherman County, Oregon at May 24, 1943 was NONE.

Signed: Fred Hennagin J. M. Wilson T. W. Alley Vernon I. Miller P. C. Axtell David Reid

Table with columns: Schedule III (1939, 1940, 1941, Actual for 1-1-'42 to 6-30-'43), EXPENDITURES (July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943), GENERAL CLASSIFICATION, Estimated Expenditure. Rows include COUNTY COURT, CIRCUIT COURT, JUSTICE COURT, OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY, COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY AGENT, COUNTY ASSESSOR, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, COUNTY OFFICIAL CAR, COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, COUNTY TREASURER, COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, COUNTY CORONER, ELECTIONS, COUNTY FAIR, COUNTY SCHOOLS, COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COUNTY JAIL, COUNTY PRINTING, COUNTY STOCK INSPECTOR, MENTALLY DISEASED CASES, RELIEF OF DEPENDENTS, EMERGENCY FUND, ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COUNTIES, AUDITING OF COUNTY BOOKS, SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, PREMIUM ON OFFICER'S BONDS, INLAND EMPIRE WATERWAYS ASS'N, DE MOSS MEMORIAL PARK, INSURANCE ON COURTHOUSE, CRICKET CONTROL, BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY, FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT & OPERATION, EXPENSE OF GOVERNMENT TRAPPER, CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, COST OF DELINQUENT TAX FORECLOSURE, SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, ADVERTISEMENT OF WHEAT LEAGUE ASS'N, CIVILIAN DEFENSE, GENERAL ROAD FUND, BRIDGES OVER TEN FEET, ROAD MACHINERY, CRUSHED ROCK OR ROAD IMPROVEMENT, SINKING FUND.

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