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STRIKE THOUGHTS

It is entirely possible that many strikes are caused by a condition that arises because of the improper relationship between employer and employee.

It was probably an error to permit any consideration between them other than wages. If laborers had had the sentiments of freemen they would not have asked for pensions, unemployment compensation, hospitalization or any other thing other than wages.

Employers, too, preferred to give other things than money, liked to feel big by caring for their employees, liked to feel superior by giving hospitals and pensions and caring for their help as if they were dependent serfs.

Perhaps the truth is that there are not enough independent men to insist on a straight deal of wages for labor; it may be that a majority of us want to be coddled.

But strikes could be much simpler and much shorter if there were no argument at the table but the one about wages.

SCHOOL CURRICULUM

There has been an improvement in the Sherman high school. Last year, as we remember, the educational courses and the training courses were almost equally divided.

There are ten English classes, two sections each of the four year classes and one of speech and one of Journalism, which is, or should be English courses for Journalism is essentially writing.

There are four courses in history including World Geography which must have some history in it. These are World History, U. S. History and American Problems.

We think a child might wonder if the world didn't live a pretty fast existence before the United States started but if interest is engendered the library could furnish material about Greece and Rome, Europe and Russia to fill out his history.

There are 12 courses in mathematics and science including algebra and chemistry, physics, biology and general science and general math. In addition there is a class in French, an experiment in foreign language just started this year.

The remainder of the curriculum is filled with agriculture and home making and physical education with typing and shorthand. These are the training courses.

A youngster could get a pretty good start on an education at Sherman high school if he chose the educational courses.

IN TEN YEARS

A national magazine has a story that purports to tell what this nation will be like in ten years and it doesn't interest us very much, not that we don't care but we can wait and see.

Since a banker fooled us once by saying how strong his institution was just before the bank examiner closed it for good we have had little faith in economic prophecy. We suspect that Americans will be working for a living in 1960 much like they do now, maybe a little less but complaining more. That's the way it seems to be.

The women will be wearing clothes, maybe big sleeves and wide hats for it will be about time for such fashions again by then. And the men will be making fun of them, but looking at the women in them so all will be happy. The men, we guess, will be wearing their same old clothes out of habit, long engendered.

There will be a lot more people creating a surplus more pressing than the present one of wheat. By then the seven lean ears will have eaten the seven fat ears and the problem of getting enough to eat will be as important as the problem of too much to eat for more people.

Humans will be male and female and will have trouble with the moral code. But they won't change it much because with more population it will be needed more.

People are not going to change much in ten years or ten centuries. Change is not in their history. Their clothes, their amusements, their religion, their governments range from bad to worse and even fairly good but mankind remains the same as when the first philosophers began talking about him. And the philosopher's talk hasn't changed much either.

COAL TO NEWCASTLE

This week readers of the newspapers to this area could see a picture of a representative of The Dalles Elks lodge presenting 30 deer hides to women of the Wyam tribe at Cello.

That was kind and generous of the Elks and it was done because of a plea that the good squaws of the tribe had no buckskin and they use it to make things to sell. The Wyams are not reservation Indians and must make their own living or go on relief.

But the point of our comment is to note that white men are now giving the raw material for buckskin to the Indians, that white hunters now bring the hides from their deer to the squaws for tanning. The artisans of the Wyams (the women) persist after the hunters have failed in their ancient duty. Bucks kill 'em, squaw dress 'em is no longer the case and white hunters provide the material for smoke smelling moccasins and hand fitting gloves.

STARTING ON 72

With this issue the Sherman County Journal starts on its seventy-second year which means that it has long since survived the ills of childhood, the perils of adolescence and the ailments of youth and seems destined to go on until old age ends its career. A newspaper is not exactly like a human being, living longer if healthy, but like humans, the most perilous years are the early ones.

The first paper started in what is now Sherman county was the Wasco Observer and its owners were among the group that wanted to break away from Wasco county and establish a new county called Fulton. This was a risky adventure because the homesteaders south of Gordon ridge were not much excited about having a new county. But when it seemed a probability men from Moro went down and bought the paper to aid their attempt at becoming the county seat.

Sherman county had lots of newspapers having many small towns and there were three until the depression of 1930 which now seems quite a ways back in the pages of history.

The files are not complete but a person could be old enough for the official retirement age and have had his birth noted in the papers reposing in this office.

Small newspapers are concerned with details of a given area; a county newspaper covers the news of a county and does not cover news from outside that county unless it affects the residents thereof. Most readers are primarily interested in what is happening around home, not what transpired in New York or Amsterdam. That is why county newspapers have survived.

It is doubtful if a county could long survive without a newspaper. It would need some other medium to speak for it, to be its voice, to unify its thinking.

The Sherman County Journal makes no effort to be anything but the newspaper of Sherman county. It is a small county and that is a small newspaper and that is right and proper. If we had aspirations to be the New York Times we would go to New York to do it. Any newspaper worth the ink it printed with must have loyalty to the area it represents. That rule is so universal that anyone who thinks his local projects may be helped by newspapers from another county is almost always disappointed as he might have known had he taken thought.

A newspaper is a continuous business, like a life, although we do divide it up with little anniversaries and birthdays of which this is one. Like other such times, they mean more to the one observing the day than to others.

If you weigh 122 pounds, you read your weight in paper each year. Americans used 76.8 pounds of newspaper and 46.2 pounds of other printing papers apiece last year, according to American Paper and Pulp Assn. Good forest management which supplies the raw material for this paper in this way plays a part in the dissemination of information. Total per capita paper consumption last year amounted to 405 pounds, nearly four times as much as the 58 pounds each American used in 1899.

OREGON'S CENTENNIAL ALBUM PAGE 33

Portrait of Simeon Gannett Reed with text: 'GAME WEST AT 22 TO CLERK IN W.S. LADD'S STORE... FOUR YEARS LATER I WAS A PARTNER. HE ROSE RAPIDLY IN BUSINESS CIRCLES... HE HELPED ORGANIZE THE OREGON STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY AND WAS ACTIVE IN ITS MANAGEMENT... SUCCESSFUL MINING VENTURES AUGMENTED HIS FORTUNE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WISHES, HIS WIDOW LEFT HIS ESTATE TO THE FURTHERANCE OF ART AND EDUCATION, PROVIDING FUNDS WHICH FOUNDED REED COLLEGE.'

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CHURCH GROUPS GATHER IN JOINT MEETING

The Young Adult group of the Wasco Methodist church entertained a similar group from Moro Monday evening. The party was held in the church social rooms, which were cleverly decorated with Halloween symbols. Miss Carol Armstrong was in charge of recreation for the evening. She was given a rousing cheer at its close for her efforts in promoting the hilarity and good fellowship that was enjoyed. Vernon Root and Larry Eddings were in charge of program management, and encouraged the participation of everyone in the general merriment. Bowls of freshly popped corn and crisp apples were available for munching throughout the evening, with more substantial refreshments of donuts, coffee and cider served later. Couples enjoying the affair included Messrs and Mesdames Don Thompson, Harold Melzer, Glen Virtue, Mac Hall, Allan Pinkerton, Robert Nisbet, Martin Pshigoda, Clyde Fridley, Leroy Belshie, Vernon Root, Pete Rlenards, Harold Brown, Jim Taylor, Leo Roberts, John Kellogg, Richard Skales, Bill Broughton, Larry Eddings. Also present were Mrs. FOR SALE: Service Station, home, 6 unit motel on Highway 97, at Grass Valley, Ore. Excellent return on investment. \$17,500.00, terms. Contact "The Helyers" at Arleigh D. Black's Realty CY 6-6106, The Dalles, Oregon. 1-2c. FOR SALE: 1948 Studebaker truck, 1 1/2 tons, rebuilt motor - approx 1500 miles, wheat and stock rack, and hoist. Call JO 5-3589. 1c

Tom Moore, Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand, Mrs. Eunice Lutje, Miss Lois Daily and Miss Carol Armstrong.

Rufus Personals

By Mrs. Geo. L. Fox. The American Legion Auxiliary at Wasco met Monday afternoon at the little Legion hall with the president, Mrs. Pat Patrick in charge.

The group planned a bake sale for Nov. 20 at 1:30 p. m. at the Wasco Library rooms. Plans were made for the Auxiliary to have a Christmas party at the hall at the next regular meeting December 7. Each member to bring a gift not to exceed one dollar for a gift exchange. The president reminded the members who haven't paid their dues to please get them in as they were due in October. Mrs. Dewey Thomas gave a news report on Americanism. Mrs. Bill Reid has purchased the material for the Auxiliary to make bed jackets for patients in the veteran's hospital. Mrs. Reid cut some of the jackets out and gave them to different members to sew at home. Mrs. Grace Medler, Girls' State chairman, said Lynn Rathbun, who attended Girls State in Salem last summer will give a talk to the members at the December meeting. She will tell of the things the girls experienced and learned while attending.

Mrs. Pinky Nisbet and her troop of Brownie Scouts at Wasco put on an Armistice day program. Hostesses for the day were Mrs. Clem Welk and Mrs. Raymond Van Gilder who served jello salad, crackers and coffee.

Mrs. Jerry Brackett will sponsor a silver anniversary celebration at her home honoring Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett on Nov. 10 between the hours of 2 to 5 p. m. Miss Joan Brackett will be co-hostess for the affair.

A group of young people met in Rufus Saturday night going for a hay ride, and then on to the Herman Brackett home for a chili and hamburger sandwich supper. Twenty-nine young folks took part.

The Past Masters of the granges of Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties and their wives met Saturday night for a scrumptious pot luck supper at the Harlandview home near Moro. Everyone enjoyed the delicious roast of Moose meat which Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bruckert recently brought down from Canada.

Walter Bruckert, president of the club, called the meeting to order. George Fox reported on legislation, Earl Moore on agriculture and Mrs. Rolland Johnson on

education. It was decided to have the meetings in the counties according to the number of granges in each county instead of the county alone as they have done since starting the club. The next meeting will be in Wasco county. Mrs. Rolland Johnson had charge of the program. There was an action song by all. A monologue by Mrs. Harland McDonald, a poem "When October Smiles at Me" by Mrs. Earl Gentry. Slides were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hughes of the state convention last June. Several games were played by the group.

The Rufus PTA social group sponsored a Halloween party at Rufus school house Friday night. The children came in costume and even some of the teachers arose to the spirit of the times donning a costume. A number of games and a fish pond was provided for the children's entertainment with prizes for all. A movie on Red Skelton was shown in the school gymnasium by Jack Lloyd and Don Kohlmeier. The refreshments committee Mrs. Jack Beers, Mrs. Sammy Tsubota and Lyla Hayes served doughnuts, cider, coffee and punch to everyone. Mrs. Sammy Tsubota donated a box of red apples for the children. Afterwards the children danced to records in the school gym.

The Rufus PTA social group met for its regular monthly meeting at the school cafeteria Monday evening. Mrs. Joe Morris, president, opened the meeting reading the previous minutes and giving the treasurer's report. Jack Lloyd said there will be no school Nov. 11 on account of Armistice and Nov. 12 and 13 will be teachers' institute, so the children will have a five day holiday from school. The rooms at Rufus school are having a contest to see who can collect the most clothing for the "Good Will Industry" at The Dalles. The one winning will get a set of books for their room. Mrs. Leonard Jordan, Rufus post master says obscene literature going through the mail is to be sent to a committee working for its removal. Parents have decided it is time for them to help with this.

The teachers at Rufus school say they feel need of room mothers for each grade to help out with parties and activities at school. Mrs. Morris says each hostess for the month is to plan a program of some sort, which could be social, or educational. Hostesses for this meeting were Mrs. Howard Steward, Mrs. Lyle Peck and Mrs.

Jerry Sitton, who served cup cakes and coffee to all. For entertainment different groups played ping pong, volley ball and just visited.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab visited at the George Fox home in Rufus Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pearson and family of Portland spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald. Earl is a brother of Mrs. McDonald.

Mrs. Frank Reid, who is census taker for the north end of Sherman county is out working to get the forms filled out.

Mrs. Bert Swigart was side swiped by a car Monday evening at the Bill Huck driveway. Mrs. Swigart who was not hurt was making a turn into the driveway when it happened. The doors and side of her car were damaged. The 4-H students at Rufus school are learning to knit under the leadership of Mrs. Carl Thompson. The little girls are starting out very enthusiastic.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reid are planning to spend the weekend visiting their son, David, who is a freshman at Willamette university at Salem. David likes college very much.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S. Meets every second Thursday each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Ore. Imogene Hailey, W. M. Dorothy Heater, Secretary

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WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" BY C. WILSON HARDER

Some in Washington predict there will always be, from now on out, several million unemployed in the United States. And unless government policies are changed, this seems like a very safe prediction. On one hand government keeps driving taxes up, setting new minimum wage scales, and on the other hand it is permitting cheap labor goods to flood into the nation and even subsidizing the food bill of those G. W. Harder lamps that are doing the flooding. For example, recently the U. S. government sold the Japanese government, from surplus stores bought at the taxpayers expense, over 11 million pounds of dry skim milk at a price of 2 1/2 cents per pound. The average price of this product to the Japanese housewife is around the 30 cent mark. In the meantime, with wages rates running as low as 7 cents per hour, the Japanese taking advantage of constant 40% protective tariff slanders, are really making hay. It is also easy to see why the Japanese cartelist can pay such very low wages. With this country giving his free, or practically free food, why should he worry about rising living costs to his workers. There appears to be something extremely silly in all this. But it seems impossible in Washington to find anyone who can give a logical reason for all this. The standard reply now of a bureaucrat when confronted for an explanation of a situation is "It's a matter of a state-of-mind." It's a matter of a state-of-mind. It's a matter of a state-of-mind. Of course, it is one knows what is meant by the policy.

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