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EDITORIALS

LET THEM GO BACK HOME

A Senate Committee has a bill ready to present to the new Congress for increases in the salaries of more than 200 top-ranking Government officials. Washington newspapers say that "salary increases are imperative to arrest the exodus from the Government of prominent men attracted by high pay offers from private industry." We have been hearing that sort of bunk for a good many years. Let 'em go! There are endless numbers of "prominent men" that should be sent back home.

Ten thousand dollars a year for a Government worker is enough in most cases. There is an army of office-holders who are getting more money working from the Government than they could get if they had to make a living in private business.

HOW ABOUT IT?

There are scores of backers in the Congress who will defeat the repeal of the existing labor law. The election returns show that enough Members have been elected to the new Congress to prevent the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

The Democrats will likely amend labor legislation in some important particulars; there will likely be enough changes so that it will have a new name. But what's in a name? "The rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Congress will modify the labor law but the Government, through the Administration and the Courts, will stop run-a-way strikes. The power of the National Labor Relations Board will not be weakened, and it will continue to exercise its powers to stop unions from striking when their bosses snap the whip.

Jurisdictional strikes are likely to remain outlawed. President Truman proposed that Congress should restrict this type of strikes before the Taft-Hartley Act was passed. In short, sufficient restraints on unions will probably be continued. After all the indications are that the labor laws will be clarified and

improved. So, there is no use getting excited about the future of labor legislation. Improvements may be expected in the interests of the public, the labor unions, and the employers. Put that in your hat, and see how our prophecy comes out.

Market Outlets For State Fruit Scanned by OSHS

The northwest fruit industry would do well to maintain a market representative in Europe to keep in contact with future export outlets as they develop. Wm. A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at O.S.C., told delegates to the 63rd annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society in Corvallis.

Dollar shortage abroad and the emergency need for cereals, fats, fertilizers and some farm machinery has precluded recent purchases in quantity of the northwest's normal exports of apples, pears and dried prunes, Schoenfeld reported. As recovery proceeds further, however, the northwest could be more assured of regaining markets in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, The Netherlands and the Scandinavian countries by having their own representative on the ground, he believes.

Meanwhile he urged intensive market development in this country and Canada as an outlet for present production.

Dr. Paul C. Parker, chancellor of the state system of higher education, assured the growers of the keen interest of higher education in their problems and spoke especially in favor of starting more fundamental research in their field.

Many horticultural specialists from Oregon, Washington and California took part in the technical numbers on the program, reporting on late research and experiences of growers. Their addresses will be published in full in the printed proceedings of the society.

A new vegetable section of the society was formed with officers elected to prepare an annual program in connection with the regular convention. Chairman chosen by the vegetable men is Truman Chase, Eugene, with Larry Aylsworth, Gresham, vice-chairman, and Ed

Caruthers, Hillsboro, secretary. Officers chosen by the main organization are Lon Hawkins, Eugene, president; Robert Nanamaker, Hood River, first vice-president; Ward Spatz, Medford, second vice-president; Tom Harper, Junction City, third vice-president, and C. O. Rawlings, Oregon State college, secretary-treasurer. Eugene will be the meeting place next year.

Better Nitrogen Fertilizer Made; Storage Problem

Better quality nitrogen fertilizer, in a form more easy to store and spread, is now available at the Salem plant of the Columbia Metals corporation, says Art King, O.S.C. soils conservation specialist. Farmers can help by purchasing spring needs now and taking delivery, thus freeing storage space at the plant.

In the past sacked fertilizer from the plant has been difficult to store, King relates. The product was slightly wet so that moisture in the air and in the fertilizer destroyed bags in storage. All that has been changed now.

Within the past two weeks the fertilizer company has installed drying equipment which is expected to overcome the bag-rotting difficulties.

King, who has inspected the new equipment, says fertilizer material produced now is dry. The crystals are large and uniform, he reports, and spreading will be easier.

The company is now beset with storage worries, however, King reports. Until recently an ammonia shortage had the plant closed down. But through efforts of the Oregon congressional delegation, a supply

of ammonia was obtained from army ordnance plants.

With fall needs of nitrogen fertilizer generally supplied, the plant is now building up a backlog that is taxing storage capacity. King says the plant may be forced to close down again—this time because too much hard-to-get nitrogen fertilizer is on hand.

The soil conservation specialist is suggesting to farmers that they anticipate their spring needs of fertilizer now and make purchase accordingly. Otherwise the plant may be forced to close down and cancel some of its ammonia allotment.

Locals

Mrs. Helena McDowell cut her hand badly with a knife Sunday, necessitating seven stitches.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Lap, of Grants Pass, were visitors at the Chester Capp home Monday evening.

Mrs. Chester Lapp is attending the Aid at the church of the Brethren Medford on Tuesday this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foster were Sunday visitors at the Clarence Hickey home at Butte Falls. Mrs. Hickey is making preparations to take their daughter, Sandra Lee to Salem where she will enter school there. They expect to go this week end.

Robert Danekin left last week for Greenville, Ill., to visit his wife and children. Mrs. Danekin returned to Greenville in August. She underwent a major operation November first and is recovering nicely. They hope to return to Central Point soon after the first of the year.

Sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Effie Caster and Floyd Edsall upon the death of their sister, Mrs. Cecil May O'Connor.

Robert Kincaid left Monday evening, after spending two weeks with

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kincaid, who reside on Freeman road. He had completed his boot training at San Antonio, Tex. Robert is a first class private and is attached to the Air Corps. He went to Hamilton Field near RaSal, Calif. for further training.

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