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Abraham Lincoln won many
arguments through sheer force
of logic. Once having failed to
make a stubborn opponent see
the error of his reasoning, Lin-
coln said, "Well, let's see. How
many legs has a cow?"

"Four of course," came the
ready answer.

"That's right," said Lincoln.
"Now suppose we call the cow's
tail a leg, how many legs would
the cow have?"

"Why five, of course."

"Now that's where you're
wrong," said Lincoln. "Simply
calling a cow's tail a leg doesn't
make it a leg."

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GLOUCESTER, Mass., July
25—I am down here to my old
home town which has been tied
up by strikes of the Fish Hand-
lers. Everyone has been arguing
about the rights and responsibil-
ities of the other fellow. Discus-
sion, usually leads to a fair con-
clusion; but I hate to see people
get mad, especially while en-
gaged in a great celebration of
St. Peter and Christ's Teachings
that LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER
is the only answer.

Reasons for Strikes

This strike, like others, has in-
cluded a demand for more
money. There are various ways
to get more money, namely
through hourly pay increases,
paid holidays, more overtime pay,
etc. In my talks with strikers
everywhere, however, I find that
the basic struggle now is over
the question whether the Union
or the owners are to run the
business. The strikers take me
around to the stores, and show
me the increased retail prices
and I cannot help being sym-
pathetic with them for wanting
more money. Besides, these peo-
ple, as a rule, have several to
feed and clothe; while we and
other stockholders usually have
only small families. But when it
comes to letting them dictate
the business policies, I am for
the owners.

The employers, ten years ago,
paid these Fish Handlers 60
cents per hour. Now they are
perfectly willing to pay practi-
cally double this or \$1.15 per
hour; but they cannot afford to
pay \$1.30 per hour. In many in-
stances, two or three members
of the family are working which
gives an excellent family income.

The time to rehabilitate such
areas as the Tillamook burn is
before the problem becomes so
great as to require legislative ac-
tion. It will take the services of
hundreds of men and years of
concentrated effort to bring the
area back into production. Five
seconds of one nien's time might
have prevented this disaster.
Keep Oregon green.

to the Fish Handlers. The em-
ployers insist and I am sure
they are right, that if further
pay rises are granted, the retail
price of fish must be increased.
As the retail price of fish since
1940 has already doubled in
most stores, they question whether
people will eat so much fish
if prices are further increased.
We all know that when the bar-
bers raise the price of haircuts,
their customers go a few days
longer between haircuts and the
barbers are no better off in the
end.

Something About Fish

There are two large Fish Un-
ions here. One is made up of
the fishermen who go on the
high seas and catch the fish.
They do not receive ordinary
wages, but rather a share of the
catch. Conditions vary with dif-
ferent ports, but usually about
40 per cent of the catch goes to
the vessel owners, and about 60
per cent is divided amongst the
crew and skipper, with a spe-
cial extra bonus to the skipper
which bonus comes out of the
owners. Some expenses are paid
by the crew and other expenses
by the owners. Thus, the Fish-
ermen are really on a "piece-
work" basis. Moreover, it is
hard work and they are subject
to 24 hour call.

When fish comes to the wharf,
it is sold through public auc-
tion so as to be fair to both the
fishermen and the boat owners.
After it has been purchased, the
vessel delivers it to the firm
which is to cut off the heads,
skin it and fillet it. This work
is done by the Fish Handlers,
the one who have been on a
strike. They stand in long rows
by benches and the fish come to
them on belts. They work very
quickly and with much care so
as to get out all the bones. They
prepare it for market.

What Consumers Want

From letters coming to me
from all parts of the country, it
is evident that consumers want
fish; also that if the price should
be reduced, they would buy
much more fish. Hence, they
wish the Fish Handlers would
agree to piecework and be will-
ing to be paid according to
what they produce as are the
Fishermen who catch the fish.
The slow workers might then
get only 85 cents per hour;
while the fast workers might
get \$1.50 an hour. This would
be fair to all people and espe-
cially to the consumers, who read
this column.

Every wage worker should
remember that if his group alone
could raise wages with only the
price of his product going up,
this would be fine. But the
workers in all other groups are
sure to follow causing the prices
of everything to go up more and
none would be better off in the
end. Hence we must finally
choose between piecework on a
fair basis, or else wait for depres-
sion and unemployment to bring
us to our senses. I see no half
way answer. Only as we all unite
to increase production and low-
er prices will we have more in
food, clothing and shelter. This
applies to every industry and
every city.

Oregonians Practice Christianity Says Visitor

This community seen through
the eyes of those who have just
come here takes on new value.
Those who have lived here for
years and have come to take this
land for granted should hear
some of the comments made by
those who have chosen this spot
over the land of their birth as
the ideal place to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Vander
Boegh, Sr., of Wilmington, Ill.,
and Mr. Howard S. Norton, fath-
er of Mrs. Vander Boegh of Joliet,
Ill., are high in their praise of
Oregon and particularly the Bea-
verton community.

Mr. and Mrs. Vander Boegh
have lived for a number of
years in Oakridge, Tenn., where
the big bombs were made. They
describe this part of Tennessee
as "beautiful country with beau-
tiful mountains, at least they
call them mountains."

However in spite of this when
they came to Portland last March
to visit Mr. Vander Boegh's sis-
ter they fell so in love with Ore-
gon they planned to come out
here to live.

They arrived in Portland last
month and started looking around
for a place to live. They were
shown dozens of houses in Port-
land and the surrounding towns
but could find none they wanted.
Then they were brought out to
Beaverton to look at the Paulson
houses and fell in love with them.

In fact they looked at the
house at noon, and bought it at
three o'clock that afternoon and
moved in the next day.

Mr. Norton, who is a retired
stock broker from Joliet, Ill.,
came out to visit his daughter.
He is very much impressed with
this country and the people in it.
He thinks "that you people are
very cordial. I had heard of this
western hospitality and it is true,
your attitude is very different
from the people in the east. You

are very friendly. People around
here practice Christianity. They
try to live their lives as they
should. I like the treatment we've
had since we got here. That is
had since we got here.

I like the scenery you have. It
is God made. It must be the art-
ists paradise. What wonderful
scenes they would have to paint.

Your lumber industry is won-
derful and very different from
that in the east . . . and your
cool evenings and nights. You
can't beat them."

Mr. Norton was very much
impressed with our potatoes that
could stay in the ground all win-
ter and still be alive. And he
was particularly impressed with
our roses.

Mr. Norton is a rose expert
having had a garden of 3,000
roses of 300 varieties as his hob-
by. For years he has given lec-
tures on gardens, gardening and
particularly on roses. He arrived
in Portland at an ideal time, just
in time for the rose show this
June.

He tells of his trip west by
train and states that he wouldn't
give much for the dry desert
states. He came by way of Cali-
fornia but was unimpressed by
the dry brown color of the land
there. However, as he woke at
Klamath Falls, Ore., he began to
see the green country side "which
got better and better as he came
north until he reached Portland
and the Rose Festival parade.

He would like to come here to
settle but has too many ties and
too many of his family to leave
Illinois. He is wondering if he
could convince all of them that
they should come out here to
live. He plans at least to buy a
car in the east and drive out
again in the fall. He thinks this
is a "young man's country, where
the future is great."

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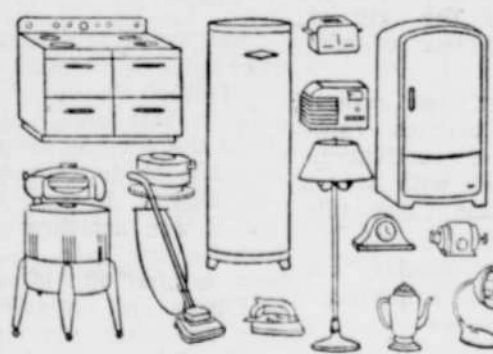
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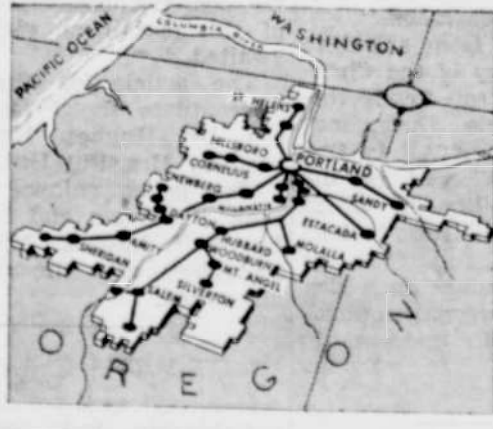
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