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Thus far, the course counseled by the Journal—moderation—has been pursued. The result has been that the material interests of the city have been conserved and friendly relations preserved between the employing and the employed classes.

Another strike is on. Again let moderation rule, and let that moderation manifest itself in the form of arbitration.

Arbitration is recognized as the one solution for difficulties between those who represent the sturdy workers and those who represent the possession of accumulated capital. In many instances, of late it has operated to avert troubles. The civic federation, formed in New York city and composed of distinguished men in business, professional, philanthropic and religious life, together with men selected from the national councils of the laboring men, has already been instrumental in adjusting difficulties arising between the mine owners and the mine workers. That civic federation is recognized by all thoughtful men as trending in the right direction.

The principle involved in that organization should find application in Portland here and now.

The Journal has no fear that aught but fairness will mark the deliberations of those concerned in this controversy; but it feels justified in suggesting, and even urging, upon the parties to this discussion, and particularly to their leaders, that they exercise the spirit of mutual concession which alone can successfully and satisfactorily terminate labor difficulties.

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HUNDREDS ON STRIKE TODAY

BUSINESS SUFFERS

Ninety-five Per Cent of Union Men Obey Orders.

All the members of the 22 unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council were on strike this morning, involving fully 500 men.

It is conservatively estimated that 95 per cent of the union men read and obeyed the call of Secretary Lewton, which was published yesterday in the evening paper. The remaining 5 per cent, it is believed, will be out before 6 o'clock.

Committees were appointed this morning to visit them and notify them officially of the action of the Building Trades Council in calling out the electricians, carpenters, painters, plumbers, bricklayers, lathers, sheet metal workers, shinglers, bridge and structural iron workers, hod carriers, sand and fuel drivers, glaziers and plasterers.

The mill owners have issued a statement, giving seven reasons why they cannot accede to the demands of the union for a nine-hour day.

Briefly put, the first is that they cannot compete with the sawmills, which are working 10 hours, and coming in direct competition with them.

Second—they are in direct competition with the sawmills and sash and door factories of Puget Sound and throughout the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Utah.

Third—they are in competition with all the stock factories of California in the trade of Southern Oregon, Southern Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado, and also with the stock factories of Dubuque, Oshkosh, Minneapolis and other Eastern manufacturing centers.

Fourth—the planning mills affected are paying higher wages than are paid in either California, Washington or the Eastern cities.

Fifth—that they are paying from 50 cents to \$1 per man per day more wages than the sawmills of this city, which are working men on the identical machines, and yet no greater skill is required than by the sawmills which are manufacturing goods in competition with them.

Sixth—A large percentage of the goods manufactured by the planning mills of this city find markets in the Eastern States, and if handicapped by a nine-hour day this trade will necessarily be thereafter confined to this city and the Willamette Valley, and this will mean either the closing up of some of the mills or their limited operation to about three days in the week.

Seventh—the planning mills, notwithstanding the fact that they were already paying the highest wages, offered a fur-

ther advance of 25 cents per man per day before this strike was ordered.

J. E. Lewton, secretary of the Building Trades Council, is one of the skilled carpenters of the city, and denied many of the allegations made by the mill owners. He said:

"The other side. The sawmills do not come into competition with the planning mills, and any sawmill man will tell you so. The sawmills are not equipped with the proper kind of machinery to do the fine work turned out by the planning mills. The former mills do rough work nearly altogether, and all the finished product contained in a residence or other building of any importance comes from the planning mills.

Their argument that they cannot compete with the sawmills working 10 hours and they being obliged to work but nine hours is also weak and will not stand inspection. A few years ago they were working but 10 hours, and competed with the sawmills without any trouble when the latter were working 11 hours. They operated their mills then successfully, and can do so again, by working an hour less than their so-called competitors."

WAGE QUESTION. A planning mill employee said:

"The mill owners never did, as they allege, offer their union employees an increase of 25 cents per day prior to the strike. They did, however, offer such an increase to three or four of the employees in each mill, hoping thereby to retain some of their best workmen and at the same time create discord among some of their men and prevent the strike coming to an issue. Not over 5 per cent of the men were offered a 25-cent increase in their wages.

They also exaggerate when they say that all the mills on Puget Sound and in California are working 10 hours a day. Some of the largest mills in each of those places are working but nine hours a day, and in Denver they work but eight hours."

AT THE MILLS. Twelve or 15 of the union sash and door men at Elmer, Thorsen & Co.'s mill went out this morning in compliance with the call for a general strike. One of the managers at that house said:

"It is probably best for there to be a general tie-up of the industries for a short time in order to get this thing settled as quickly as possible. Our supplies from the planning mills have been practically shut off for some time. I believe in unions and employ union help, but don't care to express myself on the situation. I only hope that some means will be discovered to settle the difficulty soon."

SUPPLY HOUSES AFFECTED. F. E. Beach of the firm of Beach & Co., manager of the large supply house on First street, said:

"Our business is practically tied up. Paints and glass are our specialty, and none of these goods can be sent out until the strike is settled. If the unions in town can call out the United Brotherhood of Teamsters they will be able to win in a short time. But without the as-

stance of the teamsters I don't see how day before this strike was ordered.

The shutdown affects us very materially and I would like to see the matter arbitrated at once. The mills have more outside orders than they can fill, and if they hold out it looks as though they would win."

A prominent architect stated: "If the mills hold out, there is no question at all but that the strike will continue throughout the entire season. The unions will never give up, and if work resumes any way soon, the mill owners will be forced to make concessions."

BUILDING STOPPED. It is estimated that work was suspended today on fully 200 buildings. Among the most important of these might be mentioned:

The Falling, Third and Morrison; the Weinhardt, Fourth and Alder; the Lawrence Leather Company's, First and Oak; six flats for Silverfield, Twelfth and Columbia; Findlay's undertaking building, Third and Salmon; four flats, Eighteenth and Gilsan; six flats, Eighteenth and White; eight flats, Park and Market; laundry building, Third and Columbia.

The executive board of the Building Trades Council went into session early this morning and did not adjourn until this afternoon. Relative to the matter, Harry Curt, President of the Federated Trades Council, said:

"Not much business was transacted at the session. This is the first day of the strike, and it will take some little time to get matters into fair running shape. We gave several permits to some of the men this morning, allowing them to finish up certain work that ought to be done to guarantee the safety of the public. If some of the work was left in its present unfinished state the lives of people traveling in those vicinities might be endangered, and this we intend to prevent.

"I look for no material change in the situation before Friday night. At that time the Federated Trades Council will meet, and it is now certain that if the strike is not ended before that time that other unions will be called out."

The strike is the all-absorbing topic on the streets today. It is the biggest strike that ever occurred on the Pacific Coast outside of San Francisco, and everyone is vitally interested in its outcome. Over 2,000 grim-visaged and determined-looking men are promulgating the various thoroughfares, and all seem to realize that they are on the verge of a death struggle between capital and labor, in Portland. The public is looking anxiously and interestedly on, wondering what the outcome will be. Nearly all have their own opinions and express them freely. "Labor will win," says one. "Capital has the best of it," says another, but no one knows what the morrow will bring forth.

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The City of Portland can and will do the fair. Such aid must be given according to law; not in violation of law. There will be no loss of time by the Common Council taking this action. Everybody is in favor of the fair and city aid for the same. By this act the tax would not be levied until next year. This winter the Legislature will have constitutional legislation authorizing the city to levy a special tax to be disbursed by city officers for municipal purposes so as to aid in many ways the fair; but the city can not raise money by taxation, and make a gift of the same to a private corporation whose officers are accountable only to the stockholders of the corporation.

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CITY BRIEFS

Mr. I. S. Mullen, of Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company, who has been ill at his home in Sellwood for the last few days, has returned to work again.

A McKinley memorial service will be held on May 31 at the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Thirteenth and Main streets. A collection will be taken to be presented to the McKinley memorial fund.

Frank McAdams, a logger from Oak Point, Wash., was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital yesterday suffering with a dislocated shoulder.

The Ladies' Society of the German Catholic Church has opened a bazaar at the corner of Sixth and Alder streets. The ladies have a number of booths, each filled with some special class of goods. The bazaar will remain open for several days.

Fred B. Colville of Spokane, who last season traveled in advance of the Royal Italian Band, is in the city as agent for the Royal Italian Band of Italy. He will bring this aggregation to Portland early in September, having some fair dates on this coast at that time. The well known tenor singer, Signor Giannini, is at the head of this band. One year from now Mr. Colville expects to bring to this city the famous Ladies' Band of Vienna.

The Jewish Ladies' Endeavor Society wishes the person having raffle ticket No. 23 to kindly communicate with the secretary, Mrs. Dr. N. Mossesohn, at 247 Third street, before May 23.

Major Robert Dublin is making arrangements for a tour of inspection to every part of the Pacific Coast division of the Salvation Army. He will start tomorrow and will be gone about a month.

At the regular monthly meeting of the North Pacific Presbyterian Board of Missions held yesterday afternoon at the First Church, an address was delivered

by Mrs. O. S. Wismer of Canton, China, on the missionary work now being carried on in that country. Several letters from foreign missionaries were read.

Watson's Restaurant, open nights to 1 a. m.

The Columbia River Basin Board of Trade will meet May 23, at 10 A. M., in the Chamber of Commerce building.

Portland Club, Fifth and Alder. Finest lunch in city.

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NOT LEGAL Council Cannot Raise Money for the Fair.

In the opinion of Deputy City Attorney Ralph R. Duniway, rendered today, and read by Councilmen Masters, in the City Council; the City of Portland can not levy a 2-mill tax to raise money for the Lewis & Clark Fair. The opinion follows:

Portland, Or., May 21, 1920. To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council, of the City of Portland, Or.

Gentlemen—Complying with your request for an opinion upon the proposed ordinance to carry into effect "An act to authorize the City of Portland to appropriate money for the Oriental Fair to be held at the City of Portland during the year 1920." I am of the opinion that the same ought not to be passed for the reason that said act of the Legislature is in violation of Article XI, Section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and the elementary principles of the law of taxation in that said act undertakes to allow the City of Portland, a municipal corporation, by vote of its citizens, to

raise money for a corporation or association.

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BRIDGE WORK NOT INTERRUPTED

The repair work on the east approach of the Madison-street bridge was not discontinued this morning on account of the strike. The nature of the work is such that it would be dangerous to life and limb to allow the half-completed improvement to stop. The underpinning is old and is likely to give away where the repair work joins on to it. The leaders in the strike are aware of this and are reasonable. County Commissioner William Showers said this morning that he apprehended no difficulty in securing the completion of the job already commenced because of the work in hand being of a public nature and very much needed.

READY FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF WORKMEN

At a meeting of the general committee of the A. O. U. W., held last night, J. E. Werlein, Ralph Fenny and J. R. Mann were appointed a special committee to accompany Governor Geer and Grand Master Workman Rogers to the state line, which the hospitalities of the state of Oregon will be extended to the delegates to the convention to be held here, commencing June 9.

From the state line the combined party will proceed by train to The Dalles, where they will be met by the Portland reception committee, headed by Mayor Rowe. They will then transfer to the steamer Bailey Gatzert, where Mayor Rowe will extend the hospitality of the city of Portland. Arriving at Portland, the party will be taken to their several quarters in hotels.

The evening of June 9 will be devoted to renewing acquaintances and sight-seeing about the city.

The Supreme Lodge will open Tuesday, June 10, at 9 a. m., when new bills will be introduced. It is expected that all business will be completed by 1 o'clock.

In the afternoon the several points of interest about the city will be visited. A formal reception will be tendered to Superior Lodge of the Degree of Honor (ladies) in the Woodmen's Hall, on the East Side.

On Wednesday, June 11, the entire day will be devoted to business of the two national bodies. The drill contests of the Degree of Honor will be held in the evening in Arion Hall. These annual contests are looked forward to with interest by Workmen and the Degree of Honor.

No business will be transacted on Thursday, June 12; instead, there will be an excursion to Astoria, where a lunch will be served by the Astoria Workmen lodges and the citizens. The luncheon, as royal chowder, salmon, clam chowder and crab salad will be served. These dishes, while common in Oregon, will be a revelation to visitors from the far East. Two hours will be given to the reception at Astoria, when, if the tide is favorable, the steamer Potter will run over to Fort Canby, where the delegates will have a chance to feast their eyes on the Pacific Ocean. A luncheon will then be served on the Potter, and the party will return to Portland about 10:30 p. m.

Friday, June 13, will be devoted to legislation by both bodies. In the evening the national memorial services will be held in the Taylor-Street Church. This is a very impressive service, and in East-

ern cities the churches which have been given over to this service have been crowded. Appropriate music will be rendered and eulogies will be delivered for those who have passed away and who have been in any way connected with the Supreme Lodge.

On Saturday evening, May 14, a monster public demonstration will be held. Messrs. Fenny and Edwards have this matter in charge and promise something novel and entertaining. Twelve bands will participate in the parade and red fire will be burned galore. Large delegations from different parts of the state will be present and take part.

Nothing of special importance will take place then until Tuesday, June 17, when a trip will be taken through the Willamette Valley by way of Corvallis. The party will go up on the East Side of the river and return on the West Side. The Greater Salem Commercial Club, in conjunction with the Degree of Honor and Workman lodges of Salem, will serve a luncheon in Salem. Two hours will be devoted to visiting in Salem. Several of the valley cities have signified their intention of showering roses upon the visitors if a stop be made in their respective cities.

This will conclude the set program as far as entertainments and receptions are concerned.

The souvenir badge which will be presented to each of the delegates is a work of art and will be appreciated and treasured by the recipients. The different mottoes and designs on this medal are suggestive of the resources and industries of the state of Oregon.

The Park Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Portland, will have the North Park block look like a very paradise. The park will be full of growing plants and blooming flowers, telling of Portland's welcome and hospitality. If Lewis, the head gardener of the park, will have executed an anchor and shield, surrounded by a wreath of growing forget-me-nots, and a few feet from this a heart with the words "Talitha Cumi" diagonally across the face, and connecting the anchor and shield with the heart will be the words "Alterum, alterius auxilium eget." Heading the emblems will be "Portland Welcomes the A. O. U. W. and D. of H." This mute symbol of hospitality will dispel any idea the East may have had that Portland was lacking in appreciation and welcome to the stranger within her gates.

The delegates will start from Chicago by special train about June 4.

ACROSS THE RIVER

GRAND MUSICAL

A grand musicale will be given at the University Park M. E. Church Friday evening, May 23, for the benefit of the organ fund. The Chinese Association will assist. Following will be the program rendered:

Vocal solo, "O Fair, O Sweet and Holy" (Cantor), Miss Nettie Beard; reading, "The Story of Genevra" (Susan Coolidge), Miss Lillian Bisbee; instrumental solo, "Hungarian Rhapsodie No. 3" (List), Miss Georgia Lewis; vocal solos (a) "Will of the Wisp" (Cherry), (b) "Cavatina" "Twas No Vision" (Verdi), Mrs. Charles T. McPherson; male quartet, "The Tar Song" (Leslie), Messrs. Brown, Barker, Glass and Morgan; tenor solo, selected, Ed Back, Jr.; vocal duet, "Come to the Forest" (Glover), Miss Gardner and Mrs. McPherson; reading, "Fauntleroy's Wall" (anon.), Miss Lillian Bisbee; vocal solo, selected, Miss Stella Garner; instrumental duet, "The Fairy Queen" (Sidney Smith), Miss Georgia Lewis and Mrs. Charles T. McPherson; male quartet, "Old Kentucky Home" Messrs. Ed Back, Jr., W. B. Moy, A. G. Chance, Harry Ding; vocal solos (a) "Heart's Springtime" (Wickede), (b) "Charlie McCree" (Howard); instrumental quartet, "Merrily Goes Our Bark," Messrs. Brown, Barker, Glass and Morgan; vocal solo, selected, Miss Stella Garner; pantomime, "Lead, Kindly Light," Miss Lillian Bisbee and Miss Nettie Beard.

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ple's shipyard. The baths will be finished in time for the Summer bathing season, and will be located south of the Madison-street bridge, about 200 feet out in the water. This will give the tanks a supply of fresh water at all times.

Mrs. Fred Archid, residing in the Fish block, Lower Albina, has departed for a month's sojourn in Roseburg.

Mrs. Emma Sages, accompanied by Mrs. Turner, her mother, are visiting in Albina from Roseburg. They intend to make Portland their future home.

Bart Coffee, the Albina plumber, has recovered from a very serious recent illness.

Oregon Circle, No. 17, Women of Woodcraft, held a social meeting in Hill's Hall, corner Russell street and Williams avenue, last evening.

Mrs. Grace Belknap of Prineville, who has been visiting at the residence of F. A. Watts, the Albina druggist, has left for a visit at Yaquina.

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ple sand, gravel, rocks or other debris into Democrat Gulch.

On the final hearing effort will be made, in case temporary injunction is allowed, to have same made final.

RIVER BULLETINS.

The stage of the river at Portland today is 16.3 feet; The Dalles 27.1 feet; Umatilla 18.6 feet; Northport 18.8 feet; We-match 21.5 feet; Riparia 12.0 feet; Lewiston 18.5 feet and Weiser 6.7 feet.

Not Enough Evidence.

Al Chase, Arthur Deldeman and Ed Uren, who were arrested some days ago, charged with robbing an aged German on the East Side of 320, were today discharged from custody, as there was not sufficient evidence to convict.

THE JOURNAL VACATION TRIP

To the most popular young woman in Portland The Journal will give a ten days trip to the seaside and pay her expenses down and back, and her hotel bill while there. To determine her popularity a vote will be taken and the one receiving the most votes will get the trip. The one getting the next highest number will be given a trip lasting from Saturday to Monday, all free. The one who is third in the list will receive a trip up the lovely Columbia and return.

This is a chance for the worthy young women who fill busy places in the city to take a vacation trip. It will be appreciated.

WHO IS YOUR CHOICE? CUT OUT THIS COUPON

I VOTE FOR _____ At _____ AS THE ONE TO TAKE THE Journal Vacation Trip.

One coupon every day. Six coupons will be given for a week's paid in advance subscription; twenty-six votes will be given for a month's paid in advance subscription, and seventy-eight votes will be given for every three month's paid in advance subscription.

3 CENTS Will Be Fare on Harriman Lines.

Shortly after Edward H. Harriman and those who accompanied him to Astoria yesterday returned to Portland last night, he stated a fact that the public will be pleased to learn. He said that it was his intention at as early a date as possible to reduce the fares on the Oregon lines of the Southern Pacific system to the uniform basis of 3 cents per mile. The Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the O. R. & N. Company have been working under this schedule for a long time.

In regard to the Lewiston-Riparia branch, Mr. Harriman said that the agreement has already been made by which the O. R. & N. Company and the Northern Pacific will jointly use the line from Lewiston to Wallula. This throws open the Clearwater valley to the former line.

President Harriman very wisely advises that Portland interests unite in the effort to bring matters about so that the bar at the mouth of the Columbia shall be reduced and so that the largest ships may pass unhampered to this city.

As the magnate admits, the building of the strip of railroad, 78 miles in length, which is to supply Portland with a long felt want, is not the matter of a few days' creation. Such improvements require time, but he declared that the line would positively be built as soon as the proper material could be gotten together. There is a present scarcity of labor and a scarcity of rails, but these are bound to be supplied in due course of time.

A very important statement was also made by President Mellen of the Northern Pacific. He said that the Washington & Oregon will very soon complete its line into Portland. In regard to the proposed bridge across the Columbia from Vancouver, Mr. Mellen said that the structure would soon be in process of erection, but that it would require two years to build it. When finished, the Northern Pacific will run its passenger trains directly into Portland over the bridge, but will continue to transfer its freight trains via the ferry at Kalama. Between the Oregon shore of the Columbia and Portland, three lines of survey have already been made. As to which of these will be made permanent, or whether still another survey is to be made, Mr. Mellen did not say.

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