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THOSE THUNDER-GRABBING PORTLAND JOURNALISTS!

Although it can hardly be called treason, the Oregon Journal's printing of three editorials in two days lauding Ashland certainly is downright plagiarism.

Especially since that was to be the topic of one of our editorials today.

Perhaps chief blame rests on shoulders of heads of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, who promoted such a successful banquet a few days ago that the Portland visitors fled for home and typewriters with nothing but praise on their trigger fingers and complimentary words on their lips.

We might go even further back than the annual dinner and point an accusing finger at Police Chief C. P. Talent and several other prominent Ashland business men, whose constructive thinking and positive ambition revived and renewed a decaying chamber of commerce organization.

But, now that the deed has been done, perhaps the Miner should more appropriately accuse not only the Chamber of Commerce members, but also the city council and park commission for the parts they have taken in making the Lithia City such a favorite editorial topic over the state that this little home paper can't even get a word in edgewise.

A pleasant day was almost spoiled for the Miner by the Journal's effusive outpouring on the merits of Ashland until it occurred to us that, after all, we do get to live here.

SIXTY-TWO MILLION PROFIT IN 1936!

Regardless of the legal interpretation of property rights involved, there are several things to be said on behalf of sit-down strikers who take possession of auto factories in their crusade for recognition of collective bargaining.

For one thing, practically all manufacturers of motor cars have sadly misrepresented some facts by deleting from the picture that which is unfavorable to their cause.

Without referring to any particular manufacturer by name—it not being the Miner's purpose to cast aspersions on any one product—we would like to point out a few bits of information the industry's heads have omitted from their public utterances.

One manufacturer, whose plant has been shut down by strikes in recent weeks, declared "Under these conditions (granting of union demands) it is impossible for us to make products of (our) quality and (our) price." A rather bald statement that reveals much when viewed in light of profits made by the same corporation during 1936. We quote from a Detroit newspaper:

"As for wage demands and their relation to price, the corporation made \$62,110,543 profit in 1936, 77.6 per cent higher than in their previous peak year in 1925. This profit was almost TWO MILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN THE NET VALUATION OF THEIR PLANTS AND PROPERTY AT THE END OF 1936! With profits like these, wage increases (10 cents an hour) can be absorbed without increasing the price of the product—unless the corporation's policy is completely controlled by greed."

Another corporation suffering from sit-down disorders has admitted expenditure of \$840,000 in two years for espionage services—for spying on their own workmen so that union organization could be controlled by well-aimed discharge of employees.

The hiring of detectives to stool-pigeon regular employees is in itself an indictment of the good faith of the industry, and while corporation heads plead for more "honorable" behavior on part of striking employees they might well also wash their own hands of doubtful practices.

The wave of sit-down strikes is a national disgrace chiefly because the attitude of big business toward employees has of itself precipitated the demonstrations.

LIFE'S BYWAYS!

I COLLY - I NEVER SEEN THE LIKES O'HIM - EVER SINCE HE'S GOT A GIRL - IT'S A CLEAN SHIRT AND SOCKS ALMOST EVERY EVENING NOW!



OUR BASIC NEEDS

By

LEONARD A. BARRETT

One of the lessons we have learned from the recent depression is that our basic needs are very simple and not difficult to supply.



A careful analysis of our personal budgets may disclose the startling fact that the larger part of our expenditures are not for these basic needs but rather for luxuries, some of which we might do without very profitably. One of the difficult problems which resulted from the last period of prosperity was that we accustomed ourselves to privileges and possessions never before enjoyed. When these were denied us, we felt that the resulting economic condition was both unreasonable and unjust. Of course, many people did suffer unjustly and paid dearly for the errors of others, but the larger group did not want for the basic necessities of life.

An interesting question arises: Suppose we were left destitute somewhere beyond the reach of civilization, without possessions, except an ax, a gun, and plenty of ammunition. Would we be able to build an abode from the uncut trees of the forest and maintain life by the use of the gun? If not, why not? Our forefathers did. What has modern civilization taken from us that our forefathers possessed? We are not arguing for a return to the so-called rugged days of pioneering. We are simply challenging a self-examination of our inner rugged resources of physical strength and en-

thusiastic determination to let no external condition defeat us. Perhaps there are ahead of us many experiences in our modern civilization that will require fortitude of life beyond that expressed in the covered wagon period.

Let us briefly recall the three basic human needs: bread, water, and light. If we eliminate a single one of these needs, we die. All three are essential to life regardless of our social or financial status. These are simple needs, but they are necessary, and at least two of them are given without price. We may have all the water and sunlight we desire. Bread, the staff of life, must be earned. Our failure to appreciate basic needs dwarfs our evaluation of possessions that may come slowly or rapidly. Basic needs have more to do with courage than with comfort of the individual. A basic need which is the first to be distributed and the last to be denied, has a way of developing like spiritual qualities in the life of one who appreciates the basic need.

Comfort may be gone with the wind, but courage is a great rock in a weary land.

We plead for a return to a better appraisal and a deeper appreciation of those things that are basic needs. Possessions are perishable, but not so, peace of mind. Tolstoy relates that a wandering minstrel sang in front of a noted hotel in Lucerne. The people applauded, but met the minstrel's request for simple necessities with respectful silence. Nature is more generous. Shall we be more wise?

FRIENDLY CLASS TO HOLD COVERED DISH DINNER 9TH

The Friendly class of the Christian church will hold a covered dish dinner at the home of Mrs. T. J. O'Hara at 19 Granite street at 7 p. m. Friday, April 9.

All class members are urged to attend, program including election of officers and social hour.

A business visitor from Hills Saturday was Freddie Lehman.

About People You Know!

- L. E. Ager of Klamath Falls visited with his family here over the week-end.
- Art Gilbert, who has been working in Dunsuir, returned to his home here Saturday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Portland were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordan.
- Ellis Russell, who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Moore and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Russell, returned to his home in Portland Friday.
- Visiting here from Chiloquin were Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McClure, who called on relatives and friends Sunday.
- Bill O'Brien returned from Klamath Falls Saturday where he has been attending a Southern Pacific company school.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pinson were visitors in Dunsuir over the week-end.
- Leaving by plane Friday was Mrs. W. L. Stewart, who was called to Oakland by the sudden death of her son, George King.
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haulbert, Mrs. Edna Riggs and son Toddy, left for Roseburg recently. Mrs. Riggs and son will remain for an indefinite visit with relatives.
- Best made garden tools at Pell's Corner. (TIMFC)
- Mrs. Mary Scott and daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Lusk, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud May left for Indiana Saturday. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Lusk plan to visit there several months.
- Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Orres of Klamath Falls called on friends here Friday.
- Mrs. Afton Hannah, who recently underwent an operation at the Medford Community hospital, returned to her home here Saturday.
- Mrs. J. M. Easterling and Emerson Easterling were business visitors in Medford Saturday.
- Mrs. C. E. Huschke is expected to return from Payette, Ida., today, where she has spent the past three months visiting relatives.
- The Misses Errilla and Maxine Gearhart, teachers in the Talent and Grants Pass schools, spent the week-end in Ashland with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gearhart.
- Miss Nina Clark and Harold Owens left for Harrisburg Sunday evening after visiting with Miss Clark's parents here.
- During a layoff from the Espee Orville Hall is employed at Schuerman's grocery.
- Miss Juanita Ross, having spent her vacation in Ashland and Roseburg, returned to Klamath Falls Sunday evening.

not so bad, that is, it might be worse. But what is the use?

No doubt but that a commission manager form of government is much preferable to our present one. Form does not count for so much. Character is what counts.

If Miss Ashland had industrious, cooperative characteristics instead of politico-competitive, many of the things that hurt and hinder would not be ours to suffer. We would be helping each other to live instead of living off of each other. That we need a new Miss Ashland cannot be doubted. But aw, what's the use?

The people of Ashland are fine, the climate and scenery are par excellence. Our administration is not so bad but the legal entity we call Miss Ashland is a decrepit and aged spinster that we should be ashamed of and we should get a new one.

Try again, C. I.
Regretfully yours,
D. M. BROWER, M. D.

Dorrance Ruger, who works in Hills, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ruger over the week-end.

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