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THE EIGHT HOUR DAY

It begins to look as though the eight hour day is coming to stay. Within the past few days threatened strikes in the shipbuilding yards and aviation fields have been averted by governmental action in which the eight hour day and the closed shop principle has been granted the workmen and contractors on government work have been notified that these rules must be complied with or contracts will be cancelled. At about the same time Secretary of War Baker recommended to the timber operators of Oregon and Washington that the eight hour day be adopted in the lumber industry. Some of the lumbermen are disposed to ignore the secretary's counsel and continue the fight and the consequent tie-up of lumber production on the ground that "to grant the eight hour day at this time would mean financial ruin," but, inasmuch as a considerable number of camps are already running full blast and only working their men eight hours it would look as though Mr. Baker will, ultimately have the better of the argument.

The argument made by the operators in this case is the same as has been made in every similar fight in the history of labor but, for some reason, in every case in which the eight hour day has been granted it has remained and the industries have continued to operate and prosper.

Many big employers who have tried it, including Henry Ford, testify that a well organized, well paid, satisfied crew of workmen will produce more working eight hours a day than they will working ten hours. Demand for the universal eight hour day is the main stock in trade of the professional agitator and when that is accomplished and the workmen are paid a wage commensurate with the present cost of living, that gentleman will be out of a job as an agitator and will, perhaps willingly, go to work.

GIVE THE SHEEPMEN A CHANCE

Patriotic conservation of food stuffs at a time like the present is good; it is absolutely necessary

if the nation is to feed the armies that are to win the war and at the same time keep the wolf of hunger away from the doors of the workers at home upon whom devolves the duty of producing the wherewithal to keep the armies in the field. The armies must be fed and clothed to keep them in first-class fighting trim and the people at home must be fed and clothed to keep them up to the proper degree of efficiency. Food and shoes and clothing, however, that is being "conserved" by being locked up in warehouses and held for still higher prices is doing neither the armies nor the people any good. That condition, however, will soon be remedied, if Herbert C. Hoover is able to carry out his program of putting a stop to speculation in food and other necessities.

However, in one particular, Mr. Hoover seems to have become inoculated with some of the hysteria that has been cultivated by certain theorists regarding the slaughter of lambs and calves. The proposed action forbidding the slaughter of these young animals is not proper conservation. If sheepmen are forbidden to send their lambs to market this Fall they will be obliged to sacrifice an equal number of their older sheep including numbers of breeding ewes for the simple reason that their winter range and winter supply of hay is limited and to go into the winter with more stock than they can properly feed and care for means financial disaster for the sheepmen as well as a decreased production of lambs next spring. With mutton and wool at present prices it is to the interest of every man engaged in the sheep business to manage his affairs in such a way as to produce the maximum of wool and mutton for the world's markets, and the fact that these men have been able in the past to stay in the business without going broke is pretty good proof of their business ability.

If the eastern conservationists will look after the wool and food speculators in their own part of the country and allow practical sheepmen in the west to manage the producing end of the business they may depend on a maximum production of wool for soldiers' clothing as well as mutton for home consumption. Better give the people a ration of tender and juicy roast lamb than have thousands of sheep die of starvation or of old age.

Red Cross Sewing

All ladies who desire to do sewing for the Red Cross during the Summer months are requested to call at Mrs. L. G. Herren's store for the same.

Mrs. Phil Cohn, Chairman.

INFORMATION ON BANKING

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1st. Information about the many and various facilities afforded by banks. 2nd. Details regarding the methods, services and functions of The Farmers and Stockgrowers National Bank.

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Will be held at Heppner, Oregon, September 13-14-15, 1917

As this is the One Big Gala Event for Morrow County the Board intends to make this Fair the best ever held. The Secretary is busy now shaping up good attractions and promises that they will be something entirely new this year. All attractions given the people by the Fair Board will, while new and novel, be of a patriotic character. Big Auto Parade Thursday, September 13, at 10 a. m. Every owner of a car in Morrow County is urged to have their car in this parade, and help make it the biggest event of the kind ever pulled off in the county.

\$1500 in premiums. Make your plans to take home some of this money.

Watch this space for list of attractions which will be published August 13.