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### Some Different Now!

Just now, as tax-paying time approaches, we are reminded that the cost of government is mounting. There is, of course, a reason for all this as we must have better roads, better schools and better conditions all down the line. In this town of Heppner it will take 55 mills on the dollar of your assessed valuation to square your account with the tax collector this year. We are not complaining, of course, for many of the things we are paying for we have voted upon ourselves, and we have to pay the fiddler.

Speaking of schools, we are reminded by looking back over the files of January 31, 1901, that J. W. Shipley, who was then county superintendent of schools, stated that the average teachers' wages at that time were about \$40 per month, and there were 43 districts with 60 teachers employed. The principal in Heppner at that time received \$1000 per year of 9 months, at Lexington the head of the school got \$600 for 8 months; lone, \$495 and at Hardman, \$400. It is some different now. The average wages received then would scarcely pay the keep of a teacher these days.

The town of Prairie City is figuring on building a new jail. They ought to be able to buy a second-hand one at a greatly reduced figure.—*Canyon City Eagle*. To be sure, Heppner has a second-hand jail that could be bought dirt cheap—furnishings and all. Send us a bid.

### Is This Not America's Most Serious Problem?

The *Survey*, a journal printed in New York, more especially for social workers, is noted for its radical opinions and for its defense of even Bolsheviks in our midst. Certainly nobody of education would think of calling the *Survey* conservative.

And yet we read in that journal a letter quite evidently written by a workingman—one who thinks even if he does not think very straight according to educated standards, denouncing the radical *Survey* as an organ of the exploiters of labor. He talks in a half rambling manner of cutting to the ground the thing that he declares is the cause of all our trouble—capital. He would totally change the economic system upon which present civilization rests. Of course, without saying it, he is for the Bolsheviks. The man's name is Butler, so nobody can sweep him aside as "an ignorant foreigner."

But even though he is not a foreigner, and even though he is undoubtedly ignorant or he wouldn't believe as he does, he breathes the sentiment that so many of our working people hold today without being I. W. W.'s, or Bolsheviks or Anarchists.

What does it all mean? Does it mean that the civilization which we and our ancestors have slowly, patiently and with so much sweat and blood and agony built up over 2000 years, is to be thrown into the discard? Does it mean that people who are yet children and incompetent to think, except as they think crookedly through such educated hypocrites and liars and enemies of mankind as Lenin and Haywood, are to completely overturn the progress of centuries and throw us and our children back into even worse than the middle ages?

It is a vast and serious and even blood-curdling problem, and those who are carrying forward progress by evolution may well become alarmed into definite action. It is not a problem for the rich and cultured and the super-educated alone. It is much more a problem for the great mass of middle-class people of America who work with their hands or their brains for a living and are glad they work. In considering that problem, it might not be amiss to quote Lincoln, as follows:

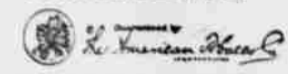
"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior to capital, and deserves much the higher consideration. Capital has its rights, which are as worthy of protection as any other rights. Now is the time to think of these rights, and probably always will be a relation between labor and capital producing mutual benefits. The error is in assuming that the whole of the community exists within that relation."

We vote for all the tax measures, we buy all the autos, go to all the shows and dances, borrow all the money we can, and then wake up all of a sudden and want to know what's the matter. There is nothing the matter except the drive is over, and we've got to pay the fiddler.—*Canyon City Blue Mountain Eagle*.

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### Slats' Diary.

By ROSS FARQUHAR.

Friday—went to a soshul meeting at the church tonite & we had games & contests & so 4th. I game was they ast a lot of kwestions & all we had to do was to anser them. the 9st kwestion was Are you trooth ful. All the ladys rote yes on there paper. Then the last kwestion was How old are you. A lot of the ladys speshully them witch is not married and are singel snuk out & quit playing.

Saturday—pa home tonite & was very sick. he had a tuth pulled & the antiseptik witch the dentist had give him made him sick in his stumik. ma was very kind to him & give him hot coffy & custard pie & supe & pik-kels & wen he went to sleep she took a 1/2 a \$ out of his pokket & had me go get sum candy for us to eat.

Sunday—pa tuk us out fording in otto this evening we got lost it was so dark & the lites went out on us. pritty soon pa sed We sure are moving sum. look at those mile posted were passing. then we diskovered we was passing telephone poles or toom stones or sum thing.

Monday—ma had a letter from her bruther Ike out in Conn. he is my unkel & he has been married 3 times & has now got a good job traneing wild animuls like leperds & tigers & lions & ostriches and so 4th. pa sed he shud ought to make a good 1 after all his xpieries.

Tuesday—pa told me las weak that Mr. Homes had a job doing sum wirk passing bills. I ben a dodgeing Mr. Homes ever sents. so he finely cot me & give me the job & I past them mostly but when I went in to cleeck from him he had wentout. mebbly he seen me comeing & will dodge me like I ben dodgeing him. I hope not.

Wednesday—no skool today on acct. the teacher was vaxinated & it was taking. I beleave in vaxination witch I never did before. pa tuk me to the city in the ford & we was stopped 1 time by a pleceman. he sed Say you big hick this is a 1 way St. just like that. Pa replied & sed Well you big boob I am driving 1 way aint I. the judge let pa off easy but tawked awful plane.

Thursday—ma is hiring a new hired girl. I cum today & ma sed Well haw about yure Ancestors. she sed Honest misses I ain't got enny think like that just a little roomater & a cupple hunyans but no ansestors. I gess she thot they was a dezease.

Wonder if the railroad people would consider a proposition to give Heppner better passenger service. They will have the opportunity to do so for it is to be put up to them. As was stated by Mr. Barratt at the commercial club meeting Monday, the people of Heppner have been long suffering in this matter. They have taken what has been given all these years, not only in the matter of train service, but in water service and light and power service, and it would seem that the time has arrived that better conditions will prevail. By going after these things in the right way we can get relief. At any rate, it is not going to be so very long before we can have an outlet to the main line of railroad over the Willow creek highway, and the greater portion of passenger traffic will go that distance toward Portland by auto and abandon the railroad entirely. We believe that this will not be necessary, however, as the railroad company will no doubt listen to reasonable demands and arrange to give the branch a more satisfactory service.

That was rather a cool reception the Near East and Chinese Relief got at the hands of the *Ione Independent* scribe. You better take the word of those who know, Bro. Ackerman, and not trust too much to an Associated Press report which may in the end prove to be Japanese propaganda. People in the Shantung province of China are starving by the millions; there is no doubt of this and the people of Morrow county are asked to contribute just a little toward alleviating the terrible suffering

that exists there. Why not be a booster for a good cause; it will help you to get a bigger view of things.

### Honest Work or Closed Industries.

In discussing the labor situation before a meeting of mine operators and representatives of labor organizations, and the necessity for perfecting new working agreements under which shirking on the job and requiring two men to do the work of one are common, C. F. Kelly, president of the Anaconda Company made some plain statements which should be heeded by all employers and employees when he said:

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"I don't care what the propaganda of the I. W. W. or the Wobblly is, or what your views about the capitalistic system may be, but I do know that on the first of the month the Anaconda company has to pay its bills, and I do know that it has been difficult to find money enough to pay them.

"I haven't any use for a narrow employer, any more than I have for an agitating radical; one represents a type that is as far wrong from an employing standpoint as the other does from the standpoint of an employee.

"I believe you have a right to organize as long as you act squarely and fairly upon the broad principles of union organization, but there is one thing I don't think you have a right to do and that is impose unnecessary, burdensome, grievous and oppressive restrictions upon industry and I haven't any hesitation in saying that I think you have been guilty of doing things that are costly, inefficient and oppressive in your actions towards us.

"The principle objections the em-

ployer has to trades-unionism come from the tendency to preach a slow-up and the constant claim as to skilled work that which is not skilled, because skilled work commands a higher rate of pay. There has been no place where we have suffered from these things more than we have right here in Butte.

"It is constant fighting over the jurisdiction of work that makes oppressive conditions. If we can establish reasonable conditions, reasonable rules under which we can go ahead and do business, and if we can cut out these grievances which we

feel are foolish and oppressive, there is no reason why we cannot proceed amicably, fairly, decently and self-respectingly and co-operate in our work.

"If we can get down to a decent basis with one another, one that is fair, we are ready to go ahead, and if we cannot, we are ready to break.

"\* \* \* If we agree, we will continue just as we have in the past to try to live up to our obligations and expect you to live up to yours, and if it comes to the point where we must break, it is a break for good."—The Manufacturer.

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