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Bill to End Labor Racketeering Cited

"Contrary to propaganda being disseminated by certain labor leaders the initiative bill of Oregon's farmers, to liberate the state from foreign labor dictators and racketeers, does not strike at labor unionism," declares H. L. Shoemaker, president of the Associated Farmers of Oregon.

"Contrary also to propaganda being spread by the self same labor leaders, there is a genuine need for this particular legislation," he continued, adding that the Associated Farmers of Oregon were sponsoring the measure in conjunction with the Oregon Farm Bureau, Eastern Oregon Wheat league, Hood River Growers club and other farm organizations and leaders.

"This farmers' measure," resumed Mr. Shoemaker, "recognizes and preserves every principal of labor unionism—the right to organize, bargain collectively, the right to strike, picket and boycott.

"It strikes only at the power of the foreign labor dictator and racketeer to order a strike and invoke picketing and boycotting against employees satisfied with the wages and working conditions in order to force them to pay tribute.

"In other words, it gives the workers of an industry the right to organize themselves into a union, to bargain collectively, strike, picket and boycott when a majority votes to do so, but prohibits labor overlords and racketeers from usurping those rights against the will of the workers and use them for racketeering purposes.

"In brief, this constructive measure safeguards and protects labor, agriculture, industry and the public alike from the labor dictator and racketeer.

"So much for this trumped up contention of these labor leaders, that this measure militates against labor unions.

Industry and Payrolls

"Now let us see what else this farmers' measure does to liberate the people of Oregon from the iron grip of the labor boss and racketeer.

"To begin with it abolishes forever the indefensible jurisdictional strikes which for the past few years have prostrated our shipping, paralyzed agriculture and industry and pauperized the workers.

"Oregon industries — particularly its lumber mills—have been forced to shut down again and again for long periods of time by these jurisdictional strikes, throwing thousands of workers out of employment, while labor bosses of rival unions have ranged over which one should have jurisdiction and control over the workers.

"It provides further that it shall be unlawful for any individual or organization to interfere with or obstruct the transporting and marketing of agricultural and other products.

"In other words, it will prevent a recurrence in Oregon of the disastrous maritime strikes that cost the people more than \$800,000,000.

"In turn all this means that our channels of trade and commerce will always be open and the markets of

the world always be available to Oregon products.

"It means further that the wheels of industry will hum unmolested, labor work unhindered, and our farmers no longer be forced to pitch fork their way to our local markets.

Ends Gangsterism, Racketeering
"This farmers' measure further makes it unlawful for union dictators and racketeers to use money, wrung from honest, law abiding union men, to hire thugs and gangsters to beat up honest workers, burn and bomb property and perpetrate murder itself.

"Oregon is just emerging from such a reign of labor terrorism, and, if this bill is enacted into the law, it will never witness another.

"This bill further makes it unlawful for any individual or organization to prevent, hinder or molest any person from working or any person from hiring a worker.

"What does that mean?

Enthrones American Citizenship
"It means that every man has a right to live, has the right to make a living for himself and family.

"It means that our young men—our future citizens—thousands of them—who are now walking the streets without work, will be entitled to work and earn a living without the hindrance or molestation of labor union bosses and their hirelings.

"It means that all men are equal and have equal rights—means the dethronement of the foreign labor dictator and the enthronement of American citizenship.

"Now, I submit in all frankness and candor, is there anything in any of these provisions I have quoted, to which an honest, law abiding American citizen cannot subscribe, be he laborer or employer, farmer, professional man or layman?

"Subtle propaganda is now also being spread by certain labor leaders that this legislation is no longer necessary as organized labor has set up adequate police machinery of its own to police its own organizations and prevent another reign of labor terrorism.

When the Devil Was Sick

"This novel proposal reminds me of the old familiar jingle:

When the Devil was sick, the Devil a Saint would be;
When the Devil was well, the Devil a Saint was he."

"It further reminds me that the Oregon State Federation of Labor in its convention in June at Tillamook adopted a resolution denouncing the prosecution of gangsters and thugs hired by bosses and racketeers of the Teamsters' Union during the labor reign of terrorism as persecutions and pledging its financial aid to these unions in the controversy.

"The particular resolution appears

on Page 59 of the published proceedings of the Annual Convention of the Federation.

"With that kind of a resolution sanctioning crime on its convention records what can the public possibly expect in the way of policing and law enforcement at the hands of the Oregon State Federation of Labor?"

"Moreover were the proposal in good faith the Federation would be utterly powerless to prevent another recurrence of labor terrorism in this state.

Ridiculous Proposal

"In fact the strikes through which Oregon has been passing the last few years have been so replete with rioting, violence and vandalism that for a while they not only swept aside all police authority but defied the strong arm of the government itself.

"It must be apparent to anyone who has given the situation so much as a passing glance that this whole proposal of the Federation is so utterly ridiculous that it is unworthy of any consideration.

"In conclusion let me sound the warning to all voters not to be misled by any of this propaganda that is put forth to encompass the defeat of this meritorious and constructive measure."

EXAMINER HERE 15TH

Mr. Bentley, examiner of operators and chauffeurs from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state, will be at the city hall in Heppner on Thursday, Sept. 15, between the hours of 1 and 4 p. m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bentley at this time.

September 23 will be the last day upon which independent candidates for office in the November election will be able to file, Secretary of State Earl Snell announced recently. This will also be the last day upon which candidates can submit statements for inclusion in the voters' pamphlet.

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The Citizen's Retirement Annuity bill which will appear on the November ballot, was attacked as "a monstrous sales tax, a sales tax on a sales tax, a pyramiding super-sales tax," in a negative argument filed for the Voters' Pamphlet by the Oregon Business & Investors league.

The average daily wage paid workers in Oregon industries during

June was \$4.47, highest since last September when it reached an average of \$4.63. Industries covered by the Oregon Workmen's Compensation act paid out a total of \$154,945,697 in wages during the fiscal year ending June 30, an increase of 12 per cent over the wages paid by the same industries during the preceding year.

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Auction Sale

Pursuant to an order of the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, made and entered on the 29th day of August, 1938, the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Emma Ranck Riley, deceased, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at public auction, on

Saturday, Sept. 10, 1938

at 2:00 p. m. at the residence of the said Emma Ranck Riley at the corner of Chase and Willow Streets in Heppner, Oregon, all of the following described personal property, to-wit:

- 2 bedroom sets
- 1 electric sewing machine
- 3 tables, dishes, radio
- 5 straight chairs, 4 rockers
- 1 over-stuffed chair
- 1 heating stove, 1 cook stove
- 2 large rugs, 1 12x15 rug
- 1 davenport, 1 writing desk
- 1 electric washing machine
- 1 clock, 1 clothes cabinet
- Other household equipment

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