

● LOOKING FORWARD

By FRANKLYN WALTMAN, Publicity Director, Republican National Committee

In one of the many small parks which dot Washington, alongside of one of the Capital's busy thoroughfares, there is a large bronze statue of a seated figure, leaning forward tensely, the face peering with some concern, as though trying to see what lies behind the veil of the future.

The figure is a replica of Samuel Gompers, a part of the memorial erected in honor of the first president of the American Federation of Labor. Gazing on the bronze statue one wonders what Sampel Gompers, the old man of labor, would think were he living today.

For Samuel Gompers undoubtedly did more to promote the organized labor movement in this country than any other man. Where other men had failed, he succeeded because he seemed to have an inner sense, an intuition of the wise and smart thing to do. In his long years of struggling on behalf of labor, he won the respect and admiration of a great part of the country. He brought to the American Federation of Labor a moral prestige which in later years proved to be its greatest asset.

Shunned Partisan Politics

It was Gompers' wisdom and great vision which steered the American Federation of Labor away from the shoals of partisan politics. In 1894 he risked his prestige and his standing within the A. F. of L. to battle successfully against the adoption by the Federation of a socialistic program of political action. Indeed, though he won that war, he lost a battle for he was ousted for one year from the presidency of the A. F. of L. because he made the fight.

Although Gompers kept the A. F. of L. aloof from taking sides in partisan politics, he realized the necessity for organized labor to concern itself with government action to protect its economic interest. He inspired in 1906 the Federation's policy of rewarding its friends and punishing its enemies—a policy which today remains the A. F. of L. policy.

Gompers would not have been in sympathy with the political activities of John L. Lewis and his C. I. O. cohorts. Were he living he would have been shocked over the members of organized labor being assessed to place approximately \$500,000 in the campaign warchest of a political party. Had he been living, without doubt he would be wrathful over sit-down strikes, attacks on the Supreme Court, regimentation of labor by a government board with powers to compel observance of its decrees.

Thus William Green, now president of the A. F. of L., in expressing his opposition to such events is acting in the Gompers tradition. He, like his illustrious predecessor, is following a path of economic statesmanship, rather than one of demagogic, partisan politics. In the years ahead he will be remembered for saving the organized labor movement at this time, just as Gompers is remembered for saving it in the nineties.

How do we know what Gompers would think about all this were he alive? Inscribed in the bronze on his memorial are three quotations expressing the Gompers philosophy. **Compulsion Gains Nothing**

"No lasting gain," reads the first of these quotations, "has ever come from compulsion. If we seek to force, we but tear apart that which, united, is invincible. There is no way whereby our labor movement may be assured sustained progress in determining its policies and its plans other than by sincere democratic deliberation until a unanimous decision is reached. This may seem a cumbersome, slow method to the impatient but the impatient are more concerned for immediate triumph than for the education of constructive development."

The second of these quotations reads thusly:

"So long as we have held fast to voluntary principles and have been actuated and inspired by the spirit of service, we have sustained our forward progress and we have made our labor movement something to be respected and accorded a place in the councils of our Republic. Where we have blundered into try-

ing to force a policy or a decision, even though wise and right, we have impeded, if not interrupted, the realization of our aims."

And the third quotation reads: "Say to the organized workers of America that as I have kept the faith I expect that they will keep the faith. They must carry on. Say to them that a union man carrying a card is not a good citizen unless he upholds the institutions of our country and a poor citizen of our country if he upholds the institutions of our country and forgets the obligations of his trade associations."

John L. Lewis is not the only man who, on this Labor Day, should read and ponder those words. Franklin Delano Roosevelt also might read them with profit.

Court Proceedings For August Term

Be It Remembered, That County Court met in regular session at the Courthouse in Heppner, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of August, 1938, this being the regular time for holding a term of said Court, when were present: Bert Johnson, Judge; George N. Peck, Commissioner; L. D. Neill, Commissioner; C. W. Barlow, Clerk; C. J. D. Bauman, Sheriff; Frank C. Alfred, District Attorney.

The minutes of the July, 1938, term were read and approved.

In the Matter of Claims

Now, at this time, various claims against the County were presented and the Court approved, disapproved or continued them and ordered approved claims paid by the proper warrants from the proper funds.

Court orders transfer of \$3,416.61 from Security Account to General Fund Account.

Court agrees to accept as rental for the year 1939 of the County-owned lands in the Morrow County Grazing District, \$2352.00 face value of John Day Irrigation District warrants in lieu of \$1176.00, the rental value of the lands.

Court orders sale of County lands and City lots as follows:

Lots 5 to 11 inc. in Block 38 to Town of Irrigon. Min. price \$2.50 per lot.

Lots 13 and 14 Block 26 to Town of Irrigon. Min. price \$5.00 per lot.

Lots 13 and 14, Block 5, Sperry's 2nd Addition to Town of Ione. Min. price \$102.00, 20% down and terms on balance.

Warrants Issued on Market Road Fund, August, 1938

Harry Tamblin \$112.86, Frank W. Gentry \$112.65, James Farley \$35.88, Walter Gilman \$25.41, Clair Ashbaugh \$2.99, General Roads \$215.00, State Industrial Acc. Comm. \$5.71.

Special Fund Warrants, August, 1938

Joe Belanger, Fair Expense \$500.00

Warrants Issued on General Road Fund, August, 1938

Pacific Power & Light Co. \$2.50, Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co. \$2.75, I. R. Robinson \$46.70, Wm. Greener \$277.87, H. J. Phelps \$12.00, Standard Oil Co. \$2.65, Robert Wilson \$48.26, Heppner Blacksmith & Mchy. Co. \$12.85, Edith K. Hendrick \$1.95, Barlow Service Station \$11.29, Columbia Equipment Co. \$25.76, Frank Nixon \$51.74, Bert Johnson \$1.25, Ferguson Motor Co. \$58.42, Shell Oil Co. \$169.90, City of Heppner Water Dept. \$3.25, A. A. Afee \$5.00, Penland Bros. Transfer Co. \$10.92, Lexington Oil Co-operative Inc. \$7.80, Chas. Williams \$40.77, Tracey & Co. \$19.35, H. Beket \$1.90, Jack Allen Supply Co. \$13.45, Geo. Wicklander \$2.50, F. P. Leicht \$20.80, Union Oil Co. \$46.51, Feenaughty Mchy. Co. \$66.93, Harry Tamblin \$68.74, L. N. Morgan \$107.09, Walter Gilman \$34.38, Clair Ashbaugh \$5.98, James Farley \$33.71, Glenn Sherer \$55.84, Clair Ashbaugh \$11.96, Dale Ray \$2.99, Frank W. Gentry \$23.58, Walter Gilman \$1.47, Braden-Bell Trac. & Equip. Co. \$171.81, State Ind. Acc. Comm. \$13.55, W. H. Tucker \$4.50, Kane's Garage \$90.30, Contractor's Equipment Co. \$111.00, E. W. Peck \$7.87, W. D. Jackson \$42.75, Dalles Freight Line \$4.29.

Warrants Issued on General Fund, August, 1938

J. O. Peterson, Watermaster. \$ 75
Pac. Sta. & P. Co., Current Expense 6.17
L. W. Briggs, Treasurer 2.00
State Dept. Agriculture, District Sealer 6.15
Emp. Don. Fund, Dist. No. 8, General Assistance 15.00

Bert Johnson, Judge, General Assistance	169.43
Pac. Power & Light Co., Court House	40.04
Lois Ashbaugh, Supt. Assistant	22.00
Thomson Bros., Emergency ..	6.75
Harry Wells, Emergency	77.74
St. Ind. Acc. Comm., Emergency	2.60
Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., Current Expense	42.80
C. W. Barlow, Clerk, Current Expense	4.50
Gazette Times, Clerk	32.15
Franklin Printing Co., Clerk ..	4.10
Gazette Times, Assessor	3.00
Edward S. Woodford, Assessor Reclassification	47.65
Thomas J. Wells, Assessor, Field Work	63.10
Gazette Times, Sheriff	3.00
C. J. D. Bauman, Sheriff	53.55
St. Ind. Acc. Comm., Sheriff ..	6.52
Gazette Times, Off. Publications	46.65
C. J. D. Bauman, Circuit Court Frank C. Alfred, District Atty.	10.00
Bert Johnson, County Court ..	39.90
George N. Peck, County Court ..	18.65
L. D. Neill, County Court	24.40
Harry Tamblin, Watermaster ..	14.70
E. L. Nelson, Treasurer	12.50
Bert Johnson, Judge, Old Age Assistance	380.76
Mothers' Aid	109.00
Blind Assistance	7.87
Parade Committee, Rodeo, Emergency	25.00

HARDMAN NEWS

Birthday Club Active at Hardman

By OPAL HASTINGS

The Birthday club met at the home of Mrs. Harlan Adams Saturday. Mrs. Adams received many lovely and useful gifts. Refreshments consisted of cabbage salad, apple salad, sandwiches and punch.

The Birthday club met at the home of Mrs. Ad Inskeep Monday. They gave her a lovely bathrobe and house slippers. Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, cookies and punch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steers of Klamath Falls came Saturday and visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Steers and Mr. and Mrs. Foster Collins. They left Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Buschke of Burns visited Mr. and Mrs. Max Buschke for a few minutes Monday.

School opened Tuesday morning with 13 pupils in Mrs. McCutcheon's room and 11 pupils in Mrs. Brannon's room. There are 9 enrolled in high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leathers and daughter Jean were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leathers of Monument over the Labor day week end.

Opal Hastings is enrolled in the North Kitsap high school at Paulsbo, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Emil and children of Oregon City visited Mrs. Emil's brothers, Nelson and Henry Knights. They arrived Friday and left Sunday.

No wonder all the people were rushing about on the streets of Hardman Tuesday morning, for both schools started that day.

Leon Chapin and Marvin Saddler were business visitors in Heppner Monday.

All the little kiddies are going to school with their coats buttoned to their necks because Old Man Winter is setting in.

Mrs. Muriel McCutcheon and her son Glenn arrived in Hardman Saturday in order to get settled for school. They have a very enjoyable vacation in various places in Oregon. Mrs. McCutcheon went to Grants Pass when she left here in May. Within a month she came thru here on her way to Pendleton and Ontario where she and Glenn visited relatives and friends. They both report a good time. Glenn is enrolled as a freshman in high school.

NOTICE

No trespassing or hunting will be allowed on the F. D. Cox and Mrs. D. O. Justus land in Morrow county. Anyone found trespassing or hunting will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

F. D. COX,
26-27p MRS. D. O. JUSTUS.

O. S. C. Students—Good board for four boys in quiet, private home. Mrs. A. B. Black, 335 N. 10th St., Corvallis, Ore. 25-26.

Facts for Drivers

From the office of Earl W. Snell, Secretary of State.

While legislators have placed many laws on the books designed to prohibit dangerous actions on the part of motorists, the question of a driver's safety depends not only on his strict observance of the letter of the law but also on his own good judgment.

He spoke the truth who said, "The graveyards are full of drivers who had the right-of-way." The law clearly gives the right-of-way to the driver on the right, when two vehicles approach an intersection at approximately the same time; yet a person who always insists upon taking the right-of-way whenever it is legally his may easily come to grief.

The same reasoning applies to passing. There are occasions when you can pass legally yet not safely. A road may be straight as a die and free of approaching traffic for miles, yet if the surface is narrow and slippery, passing may be extremely dangerous, particularly in the upper speed brackets.

Whizzing past a car which is traveling only 10 or 15 miles an hour may also be dangerous. Cars traveling very slowly are often preparing to turn; treat them as if they were about to swing across the road just ahead of you. Slow down and pass them at a reasonable speed, giving them ample warning with your horn.

A third dangerous practice is that of attempting to pass a long string of cars in one swoop. In the first place, this is unsportsmanlike, since normally you should give the cars ahead of you the first chance to pass; in the second place, you may not be able to get back into line if a car suddenly pulls into the road ahead of you.

Oregon State College—The first seismograph ever to be installed in Oregon is now in operation at the OSC physics department ready to record any earth tremors that come this way. Already it has detected a recent disturbance near Los Angeles. The present machine, constructed by a graduate student, Wm. H. Moore, is equipped only with horizontal tremor recording instruments. It is hoped later to obtain the more expensive apparatus for recording vertical disturbances.

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