

EDITORIAL



Labor Cannot Strike

Most of the social gains made in the past sixteen years have been made on the side of labor, yet it is possible that the campaign the organized groups have made will eventually cost them, and the rest of us, the freedom under which we have operated as a nation since the formation of these United States.

Recently, in the course of an opinion handed down in Portland, Circuit Judge Walter Tooze said: "Labor, which has the legal right to strike and engage in peaceful picketing against private employers, cannot strike against the government, or any arm of the government." He further implemented this view by saying, "Bluntly stated, under no circumstances can there be lawful picketing or striking against the state, or any part thereof."

This, says the Industrial News Review, is an unequivocal expression of a generally accepted legal principle. The government is supreme, and a strike against it would be in the nature of rebellion. It could not be tolerated. It would, of necessity, be broken and all the resources of the government would be mobilized to do the job.

What is the significance of this to labor? The answer can be stated simply. If we are to have government-owned business, which is socialism, and if we are to have ever-increasing governmental control over our economic life, we will see a steady loss of freedom on the part of labor. Once government becomes a mass employer, the working man will take whatever the politicians want to give him. He will totally lack any effective means of bettering his lot. And that, in the long run, is what creates slave labor on the communist pattern.

To put the case another way, we will have free labor and free unions only so long as we have free enterprise and privately-owned business. The two are inseparable—they are based on exactly the same concept. Every dictator, as soon as he communizes industry, destroys the labor unions and shackles the workers. Every man becomes a serf.

Salesmen Safest Drivers

There have been many jokes about the traveling salesman, but in Oregon at least, the TS is no joke as a driver. This is verified in a release from the office of the Secretary of State which shows that after comparing accident severity records of all drivers by occupational groups, the traffic safety division found the salesmen leading in safety with no fatalities in 1,984 reported accidents. Clerical and retail sales workers were next with three fatal accidents in a total of 5,576

reported. And who do you suppose had the worst record? Farmers and farm laborers, with ten of 2,720 accidents proving deadly.

Students and professional drivers were only slightly better than the farm group, the report goes on to say, recording 13 fatalities in 3,737 mishaps and 24 in 6,907, respectively. Housewives, who enjoyed the best record in 1948, slipped to the middle of the rating, although their actual fatality rate was nearly the same as last year and far better than the next lowest group. Six of their 3,546 accidents resulted in death.

Laborers had the greatest number of accidents but were well below average in deadliness, with 30 fatalities in 21,034 mishaps.

Remember these figures when you start on that holiday drive. There will be heavy traffic and adverse driving conditions to contend with, and it is always sensible to be safe.

Remember The Boys Who Gave

It is not the intention of any of us to forget "the boys who gave," but in the course of the Christmas rush we may overlook sending a remembrance or contributing some money that may be used for providing a gift for the boys in the veterans hospitals.

This is not to remind those who have already contributed to the wreath fund but for the purpose of spurring into action others who would like to give. The wreaths will be delivered today, hence this is not an appeal for that fund. There are many things in the way of gifts which will bring a little cheer and comfort to those fine lads, the majority of whom will never realize a hope to be released from hospital life.

Giving to this cause is exemplifying the real Christmas spirit and makes one more fully realize that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Gazette Times felicitates Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swanson on their fine new home and wishes for them years of happiness in their pleasant surroundings. Elegance and comfort have been combined to a most satisfactory degree to make living at home highly desirable. When people invest heavily in a home it is because they like their neighborhood and intend to stay. Building of good homes is a sign of contentment and is proof of the substantial character of a community and its people. There are many evidences of growth in Morrow county and we are bold to say that the days of "mining" the land for a fortune and going elsewhere to spend it are over. This county is a good land and our people are coming to appreciate it. We add our felicitations to include all who have invested in homes.

Boardman Grange Hall Locale For State Conference

By MRS. FLOSSIE COATS
Ladies Aid met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Leo Root. Officers elected for the coming year were: Mrs. Leo Root, president; Mrs. Hugh Brown, vice president; Mrs. Claude Coats, secretary; Mrs. Clyde Tannehill, treasurer; Mrs. Jess Allen, missionary secretary; Mrs. Frank Cole, spiritual life secretary.

Mesdames Chas. Andereg, Leo Root, Tim Rippee, Glen Carpenter, and Robert Wilson, Garden club members, motored to Hermiston Thursday where they were guests of the Hermiston Garden club, seeing the movie, "Nativity" and "Travels in the Holy Land."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shrud and daughter recently of Heppner arrived in Boardman where they will make their home. Mr. Shrud is employed at the Black Dahlia. The grange hall has undergone an interior decorating under the direction of the executive committee, Clyde Tannehill, I. Skoubo, Arthur Allen and Earl Downey. Knotty pine was used on the walls and also new pedestals have been made.

The Chaffee home received a new dress of outside siding the past week.

Sunday school officers of the Boardman Community church were elected Sunday: Leo Potts, superintendent; Mrs. Leo Root, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Z. J. Gillespie, recording secretary; Mrs. Ralph Earwood, Sunday school secretary; Mrs. Leo Root, treasurer; Mrs. Willard Baker, primary superintendent; Mrs. Leo Potts, cradle roll superintendent; Harold Marlow, librarian.

Pendleton shoppers Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Black, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Macomber, Mrs. Z. J. Gillespie and son Donald, Mrs. Nathan Thorpe and daughter Sandy, Mrs. Leo Root, Mrs. Cram, Vinette and Jack Cram.

Mrs. Carl Peters and children of Central Point arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harwood and will remain until after Christmas. Mr. Peters will join them at that time.

Gracia Vellee and Joyce Cram returned from Portland after a week-end in the city where they attended the Ice Follies. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Flock of Portland spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kunze.

The state grange council was held in Boardman, beginning at 1:45 p. m. Members from all over the county were present. State officers taking part and holding

classes were Morton Tompkins, state master; Beulah Moore, state lecturer; Bertha Beck, state secretary; Ethel Moore, home economics; Ellen Roberts, state juvenile matron, and Oscar Peterson, state agriculture committee chairman. Jack Willis of Portland also was present for the conference.

Art Peck spent the week-end in Pendleton with his family.

Mrs. Ruth Valentine was brot home Monday from St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Her uncle, F. W. Turner, motored over after her. During Mrs. Valentine's convalescence, Miss Esther Bergstrom will assist with her care. Mr. and Mrs. John Lane Jr. are the parents of a son born December 9 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

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Population Increases
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Born—December 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Cox, a son.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Cleve H. Van Scholack of this city, on December 12, a daughter.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Sibley of Lexington, on December 12th, a daughter.
Born—in this city on December 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cox, a daughter.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adkins in this city on Wednesday, December 17th, a daughter.
Eliza Jane Mitchell, the eldest daughter of Wm. and Judy Mitchell, was born in Umattilla county, Oregon, near the present site of Stanfield, Feb. 23, 1860. She died at her home in Heppner Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1919, being at the time of her death 69 years, nine months and 16 days old. She was the first white child born

Newly elected officers for the Women's Auxiliary of All Saints Episcopal church include Mrs. Marvin Wightman, president; Mrs. W. O. Dix, vice president; Mrs. Jesse C. Payne, secretary, and Mrs. J. G. Thomson Jr. treasurer. At their meeting Thursday afternoon in the parish house, the auxiliary ordered 28 new hymnals. This was a no-hostess meeting. Refreshments were provided by the retiring president, Mrs. Richard Wells.

writups of the town of the county, particularly the schools. Editorially the paper said: The Gazette Times comes to you this week in somewhat enlarged form. It is not an industrial edition, but we have striven to make it reflect the Christmas spirit, and have attempted to embody somewhat the value of doing your shopping at home. Hence the larger number of ads from local business firms.
Miss Helen Barratt, Max Rogers, Emmett Hughes and Vawter Crawford Jr., students at Oregon Agricultural college, arrived the fore part of the week from Corvallis to spend the holidays with their respective families.

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