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FIFTY-CENT GASOLINE

FIFTY-CENT gasoline is predicted by Percy Rockefeller of the Standard Oil company as an actuality before summer. The reasons for the exorbitant price is thus stated by Mr. Rockefeller:

There is no use talking of contract or reduction. There are three big factors which figure in the high cost of gasoline. Until these difficulties can be surmounted the price will increase.

Yet the report of Secretary of the Interior Lane shows that while gasoline has been going up, there has been an increase in the net visible reserves of crude oil of 45,000,000 barrels, and 15 per cent of the total output for 1915 went into storage.

The report of the federal trades commission shows that there is no real competition in the fuel oil business because the Standard Oil monopoly of the pipe lines has never been disturbed and that no independent can become a competitor while dependent on the trust, as they all are, for pipe line transportation.

The price of gasoline is going up, because monopoly has the power to force it up and make the public pay the amazing high dividends being declared. The war is just the excuse. This is the fruit of giving away a natural resource to private owners for exploitation of the public.

Yet in spite of this object lesson, the United States senate, instead of taking measures for relief of the people, has just passed the Shields bill, conferring a similar monopoly of water power resources upon the power trust for similar exploitation of the public in the future.

STEEL CHIEFS INDICTED

INDICTMENT of six steel corporations for conspiracy to control wages by the grand jury at East Youngstown, Ohio, as a result of the fatal strike riot, shows that a more enlightened sense of justice is permeating the public.

A new era is ushered in by this attempt to hold to accountability those responsible for the inhuman and un-American industrial conditions that drive the victims to desperation instead of jailing a few workmen.

At Youngstown, as elsewhere in the steel and coal regions, only a handful of the toilers are voters, and none of them have a say in the management of the industry.

But indictments only attempt to doctor the result and leave the cause undisturbed. We have been indicting people for thirty years and still have the same old troubles.

The economic and industrial system that gives to property owners sole right to prescribe the bread and butter of the masses without giving the mass a voice in the control is at fault—and the only permanent cure is the democratization of industrial enterprises.

FROST-SURVEY OF VALLEY IN PROGRESS

J. Cecil Alter, observer for the weather bureau has established his official relation with the local weather bureau as "frost man."

Mr. Alter will make local studies, receiving and disseminating weather observations and reports for the purpose of aiding in predetermining the temperatures for each succeeding morning for all parts of the valley.

GOVERNMENT EXPERT TO DISCUSS MARKETING

C. E. Bassett, marketing expert from the department of agriculture, will lecture at the public library Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock upon the marketing plan of the department for the northwest.

Medford Commercial Club, Farmers & Fruitgrowers' League. Are They? Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Kimball are invited to Dr. Parker for the receipt of a very fine daughter on Thursday—The Rockaway (O.) Times.

DIED

ABBOTT—At her home in Butte Falls, March 13, 1916, Mrs. Emma Abbott, wife of Everett Abbott, aged 30 years, 4 months and 5 days. Valvular heart trouble is assigned as the cause of death.

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GOLD HILL RAID REVEALS STOLEN AUTO AND MOTOR

GOLD HILL, Or., March 14.—Excitement was rife in Gold Hill Monday afternoon following the arrest of L. S. Noe, a local second-hand dealer, former town marshal, and a man known here as "Bob Smith," residing with Noe.

The search of the second-hand store and a residence belonging to Noe revealed the Ford car belonging to D. H. Miller, which was taken from the garage last November 3.

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TREBIZOND MOST IMPORTANT CITY ON BLACK SEA

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The city of Trebizond, according to a statement given out here today by the National Geographic society, is by far the most important Turkish port on the Black sea.

The road from this Turkish Black sea port to Erzerum is a very difficult one. It heretofore has been too much broken to admit of the transit of wheeled vehicles.

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PRESIDENT SEEKS TO SPEED NAVAL BILL

WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Wilson urged Chairman Padgett of the house naval committee today to hurry the naval bill.

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOLD PRIMARIES

CONCORD, N. H., March 14.—Voters of New Hampshire today had their first opportunity to choose by direct primaries delegates to the national party conventions.

Packard and other prominent automobile engineers favor motor oils from Western crude. Exposition juries at San Francisco and San Diego gave highest competitive awards to Zerolene—an oil from Western crude.

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