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THESE TIMES

"It's got so these days a body doesn't know what to believe."

A common complaint, and a justifiable one. Much is printed and said in favor of a certain project, much printed and said against it—and both sides, apparently, have the backing of the People and Divine Justice.

Monday a report issued by the joint committee of the Remington Rand Employees' associations came to the Sun office, and it revealed a startling history of bitter labor feuding and misrepresentation, which we feel it our duty to pass on.

The pamphlet, put out at workers' expense, tells how strikes were "put over" at one of the Remington Rand plants by a handful of workers; how other workers, who insisted on their right to labor, were beaten up, assaulted from the rear with iron pipe, clubs, and brass knuckles, and their homes dynamited; how landlords and merchants were terrorized by strikers, so that workers could find no place to stay and no place to buy food.

Charges made by strikers' representatives that the company refused to bargain collectively with employees, that the company was responsible for violence, that actual union membership included a majority of the company's workers, that the company employed labor spies and discharged men for union activities, that the company subsidized the movement to break the strike, were all refuted by the pamphlet, although the charges had gained widespread publicity and credence through the press.

The National Labor Relations board came in for sharp criticism by many metropolitan papers for its order, requiring the Remington Rand company to re-employ 4000 workmen connected with the strike.

"It's (the labor board's) decision reads like the summary of a prosecutor rather than a judicial document." (New York Herald Tribune.)

"The board has steadily lost standing, and this order practically discredits it as an agent of all the people." (Indianapolis News.)

In the face of contradictory testimony, in the face of misrepresentation and half-truths which bury every important dispute in an avalanche of uncertainty, how is one to form an opinion?

The best thing to do is to let opinion rest until all the evidence is in. Something always turns up to "crack" a case that is based on falsehood.

Look for the source of information in every newspaper article. Beware of things which are "understood" or "reported," without positive verification on the part of the writer. Beware of accepting at face value the opinions of others as expressed in the press. Look to their authority.

Remember that it is often impossible for persons closely connected with an incident to make an accurate and complete statement of it; don't blame yourself for your inability to arrive at truth when time and distance both separate you from the occurrence.

Be a skeptic concerning topics of the day. You'll find that your opinions, when they do ripen, are much more apt to be correct.

A SLOW JOB

It's a slow job, says P. S. Treiber, district engineer for the freight container bureau of the Association of American Railroads—the job of getting shippers of agricultural produce to see the need for uniform contain-

er and loading regulations.

But he reports that his bureau is slowly making headway. He visited the Sun office Friday with his interesting portfolio of photographs, showing what happens to carloads of fruits and vegetables which are improperly put up.

Naturally, shippers are suspicious when bureau representatives first begin investigating and questioning, but Treiber made it plain that his aim is not to make more expense for the shippers, but to save money for both them and the railroads. The bureau is attempting to work out formulas for maximum protection at minimum cost.

The fight against breakage in transit is about 15 years old, but the northwest is practically virgin territory so far as the bureau is concerned. Work has been carried on upon a national scale only for the past two years, and this season is the first that any attempt has been made to standardize containers and loading practices in this region.

Treiber says the shippers are strong supporters of the bureau's recommendations once they have been given a thorough test, since loss from breakage is greatly reduced.

The Forum--

TO MY FRIENDS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT

You have undoubtedly had, in the Oregon press, an account of the discussions about Bonneville which have taken place the past week between General Martin and his Portland group, and myself. I want you to know the facts in the case.

General Martin's visit to Washington was heralded in the Oregon press as necessary in order to fight my Bonneville bill. He stated before the Rivers and Harbors committee that there should have been but one bill. He resented the fact that I, a member of congress, had been bold enough to introduce a bill following the President's program as outlined in his printed message to congress on February 24, and thoroughly in keeping with my own ideas as to the most beneficial use of Bonneville. I would gladly have accepted the other bill if it had seemed to me adequate.

The chief attack in my bill was made on those sections which make possible the use of the power by farm and home as well as by industry. The Portland group talked in Washington, as they talked in Eastern Oregon last summer, the program of Bonneville for industry at tidewater. Under this program, one company could take all the power and, because of automatic processes, could use it without adding one hundred people to Oregon's population and payrolls. The product would be shipped out to the enrichment solely of the aluminum trust. Have we spent fifty million dollars for such a program?

The second point of attack was the power given the Administrator under my bill. I provide that he shall generate the current and distribute it. Administrator Scattergood, of the Los Angeles municipal system, testified in Washington last week that the other Portland plan of divided authority would have cost him a million dollars a year extra. The three greatest power engineers in America have testified against it during the past week. The President's committee opposes it. The essence of the Portland statements was monopolization of power by industry. Their proposed amendment would have cancelled requirement for reservation of power for cooperative districts. Yardstick not mentioned.

The General stated that he gave us Bonneville; the Mayor also claimed it; I claimed that it was due to the vision and courage of President Roosevelt. The Portland Chamber of Commerce conception of the use of Bonneville is to fondle and hold it tightly in its lap. Mine is to spread its benefits as far and as wide as possible. The General and his group testified for two days. I was ready to answer but had less than one-half hour, therefore requested postponement, offering to make a brief statement immediately. The committee chairman desired the postponement. I shall delight in meeting the arguments advanced by the Portland group, and shall send you copy of my reply.

WALTER M. PIERCE, M. C.

SONNET

to my boss

'Tis Spring; the golf-bug buzzes slowly by
Debating where to light; he trains his course
Toward offices where sweltering dozens lie
Before their desks, nor feel the least remorse
At digging out their clubs, to seek the source
Of happiness. But can it e'er be found
On greens and fairways of the country course,
Where clubhead misses ball, or strikes the ground?
Nay, happiness, my dears, is found in work;
What though the wheeling sun is high in heaven?
Forget the lordly call of yonder clubs;
For danger in the water hazard lurks
And you are apt to wind up with a seven
Upon a hole where five is made by dubs.

Odd Shots

By H. A. S.

Rather confusing was the headline which appeared in a nearby newspaper last week: "Water Is As Free As Water." Another example, possibly, of fearless journalism.

There is little foundation for the rumor that the sunbathing vogue will destroy the good old Saturday night tradition.

A local waitress, distressed by some of our recent remarks, tried to buy us off with a handful of filberts. As if we would stoop so low as to accept a bribe. Oh yes, we ate the filberts.

Did you ever read a weather man's report which stated, "Rain called off on account of game?"

One thing we're reasonably sure of: That Nick the garbage man will never be murdered in a bathtub.

Then there was the peroxidized high school girl who exclaimed: "I am so young to dye!"

Roosevelt's efforts to diminish the budget remind us of the magician who saws the lady's legs off. We see the cutting performed with our very eyes, yet five minutes later the legs are back on, as big as ever.

When we read of the civil war in Spain we must remember that the word "civil" has at least two meanings.

An old-timer said, "We need a warm day so the bees will start workin'." Too bad that warm days don't have the same effect on human beings.

The old Roman motto, "Labor conquers all," seems to be darn near true these days.

Parent (to teacher): How did you ever manage to teach Johnny so much?

Teacher: It's quite simple. I used the vacuum-pack process.

Joe Glotz would be a perfect sap, except that nobody's perfect.

Jack Dempsey thinks the boxing business needs a czar. Probably believing, like some Russians, that the only alternative to a czar is anarchy.

Caution: This pavement is slippery when wet, frosty or covered with banana peels.

Baseball is not entirely a matter of building box-office appeal; otherwise you can be sure King Edward VIII would be playing center field for the Yanks.

April showers may bring flowers. A friend suggests, if you don't come in out of the rain.

Ford has invented an auto with the motor in the rear. In other words, it puts a man's troubles behind him.

Proverbs are often misquoted and as often only half quoted. Take this one for example: "The world owes me a living." The other part of it is: "And I owe the world service."

Remember that corner where prosperity was "just around" a few years ago? The mayor of Depressville thinks that is where inflation is lurking now.

It was not a sit-down strike that took place in the tack factory, according to the Oregon City (Oregon) Courier. We see the point.

A little boy asked his father what a newspaper was. His father, a newspaperman, replied: "It's what publishes free the same stuff the radio announcer got paid for the day before."

Although Japan is opposed to communism, the Ainu of the northern isles have practiced communism for hundreds of years. Marriage is arranged after a thorough course in free love and workers pool their resources, dividing equally among all. Money is not used, nor is there barter and exchange.

Churches

BONNEVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Civic Auditorium
E. J. Aschenbrenner, minister
10 A. M. Sunday school in charge of Samuel Lancaster.

11 A. M. Morning worship. Theme: "The Exalted Christ." Ascension Day falls on Thursday of next week. We shall observe the event in the service on Sunday. Holy Communion will be administered by the pastor. 5:30 P. M. Young people's service in the west club room.

If the claims and teachings of Jesus Christ are true, then all other interests and issues in life are relatively unimportant. Put first things first. Attend church next Sunday.

CASCADE LOCKS CHURCH

Sunday, May 2
Rev. L. G. Weaver, Pastor

Sermon: "Where Do We Find Forgiveness of Sin?"
League leader: Ann Rasmussen.
Report of Corvallis convention.
Story: "Two Friends of Paul."
Missionary society meets Friday, May 7, at the home of Mrs. C. A. Brolliar.
Quarterly conference Tuesday, May 4 at 1 P. M.

NOTICE OF WARRANT CALL

Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay warrants No. 210-305 inclusive, dated November 12, 1936 to March 17, 1937. Interest stops as of May 1, 1937.
VERA A. SPRAGUE,
Treasurer of the City of Cascade Locks

4-H CLUB NEWS

CASCADE LOCKS HANDICRAFT CLUB

(By Robert Morgan)
Last Thursday the 4-H club in Handicraft met in the grade school basement. There were 12 members present. Our leader, Mrs. Titus, taught us how to initial our tools so that we would know them. Several of the boys passed their first requirement, which is to square a board. These boys were Jimmie Merrill, Ken Woodward, Lee Campbell, Robert Morgan, and Howard Brolliar.

PINE GROVE FLOWER GARDEN CLUB

The flower garden club of Pine Grove will meet with Miss Connie Cochran at the school house—7 o'clock Thursday evening.
This meeting is an important one, as the officers for the coming year will be chosen, and plans for the club's summer meetings will be discussed.

PARKDALE CALF CLUB

(By Virginia Routsen)
Saturday, April 23, the Parkdale Calf club motored to Foley Lakes livestock farm to judge cows and pigs. At noon we had a picnic lunch near one of the lakes. After lunch we motored over to another dairy farm and looked at some beef type cattle.

Those who went were Clinton Kile, John Parker, Dick Parker, Bud Routsen, Chadwick Miller, Allen Mil-

Meetings

Cascade Locks Chamber of Commerce — Merrill's dining room, Tuesdays, noon.

Bonneville Parent-Teachers Association — First Wednesday every month, study club at 1:30, regular meeting at 2:30 in Bonneville grade school auditorium.

Bridal Veil Lodge, No. 117, A.F. and A.M. — School house, Latourelle falls, second Saturday in each month. Visiting Masons welcome.

Cascade Yacht Club—Model room of new administration building, Fridays, 8 P.M.

Cascade Locks City Council—Second and fourth Mondays, city hall.

Cascade Locks Boy Scouts — High school, Tuesdays, 8 P.M.

Bonneville Boy Scouts—Grade school auditorium, Tuesdays, 7 P.M.

Cascade Locks Townsend Club—Odd Fellows hall, first and third Fridays, 8 P.M.

Rebekahs—Cascadia lodge, Cascade Locks, first and third Wednesdays of each month, Odd Fellows hall, 8 P.M.

Damite post, Veterans of Foreign Wars — First and Third Mondays, meeting room of administration building, 8 P.M.

Cascade Locks P.T.A.—Second Friday of each month, 8 P.M., high school.

Izaak Walton league—Meets second Monday of every month in Bonneville auditorium. Directors meet fourth Monday.

ler, Robert, Norman and Leland Brunquist, Welcome Rumbaugh, Dan Struck, James Struck, Kay Kile, Frances Kile and Virginia Routsen. The following people took cars: Mr. Brunquist, Mr. George Struck, Mr. Marble and Mrs. Lloyd Kile. We all had a swell time.
The regular meeting of the Calf club will be Wednesday, April 27.

PARKDALE GARDEN CLUB

(By Paul Benedetti)
The Parkdale Garden club No. 1 has been developing splendidly. It consists of 13 members in all, having Bud Bowe as president, Jerry Houston as vice president, and William Sato as secretary. Due to sickness our regular president, Bud Bowe, has not conducted any meetings yet, but we hope he will soon. At our last meeting the members had special reports on their gardens. With the help of our leader, Clyde Perkins, we will probably have a very nice garden club.

ODELL CAMP COOKING CLUB

(By Lillian Hugbet)
The 4-H camp cooking club known as the "Ramblin' Scramblers" held its first meeting April 22 at the Odell grade school.

The first meal consisted of bacon, eggs, fried potatoes. Those who wanted bread and milk to drink brought it.

We all had a good time even though the wind was blowing and it was cold.