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Picketing Law Questions

INTERESTED Oregon authorities have wisely refrained from first-blush conclusions on the supreme court's invalidation of Alabama's labor law and a Shasta county anti-picketing ordinance, as to how the court's decision may affect the Oregon labor law adopted by the people at the election two years ago. A careful reading of the entire decision and a study of the Alabama and California statutes would be necessary to determine the question which immediately rises concerning the validity of the Oregon law.

The Oregon law does not outlaw all picketing. It attempts to limit it to bona fide disputes and to prohibit it in cases of jurisdictional and "secondary" disputes. The supreme court's decision held that picketing is in the realm of "free discussion" as guaranteed by the constitution. Whether it would permit the states to limit this right within certain bounds, as is done in other ways, is an important question that has not yet been definitely answered.

It is, however, quite evident that the Oregon law should be tested, and such a test is underway. It is now before the state supreme court. It appears likely that the courts will be engaged extensively for a number of years in clarifying labor legislation.

Good Start

IT was an auspicious beginning for Klamath Falls new national guard unit, Battery C of the 249th coast artillery, when it selected Lieutenant Dewey Powell as its commanding officer at the mustering-in ceremonies Monday night. Lieutenant Powell and Captain T. D. Case, commanding officer of Battery A (formerly Battery D) give the local guardsmen as fine a leadership as could be found anywhere.

Lieutenant Powell was a sergeant major in the air service in the World war. He became interested in the local national guard activities 13 years ago. He worked up through the various non-commissioned grades and became second lieutenant under Captain Dayton Van Vactor. When Captain Van Vactor resigned and Captain Case became commanding officer, Mr. Powell was made first lieutenant. It is expected he will be given a captain's commission as a result of his election by the members of Battery C.

Colonel C. M. Irwin, commanding officer of the 249th regiment, stated Monday evening that no national guard battery in the United States has a better record than Battery D. A number of gratifying statements were made at that time about the favorable publicity Battery D has received in these newspapers, and the impression we got was that the newspapers were getting the credit. The credit should go to Battery D. It made the favorable news—we merely reported it. We anticipate that we will have much more news of the same sort to report from Batteries A and C.

Tidbits of Intelligence Have No Place in History

BY MARTIN KANE
United Press Staff Correspondent

From far and near came little tidbits of intelligence which indicated no trend in the course of Europe's war, are useless to science and never will contribute a dime's worth to tomorrow's history books.

They signify nothing. It is well known, for instance, that the letter R doesn't count for much in Dixie. The South Carolina legislature further put the consonant in its place by passing a law which extends the oyster season to May 10.

New York taxi drivers did some snubbing of their own. They rejected the oomph of Ann Sheridan to elect Mae West, Alice Faye and Lillian Russell "the most beautiful, most glamorous and most voluptuous women of all times."

Martin Michon of San Antonio dreamed he had been shot. He woke up and found that the revolver under his pillow had gone off accidentally. He really was shot.

Adrian Chaumont dreamed he was dead but wasn't very happy about it when he woke up on a slab in the Montreal morgue. He had collapsed and was considered dead.

Washington, D. C., had an outbreak of horse-thieves, modern playboy style. Capital police solved the mystery with one clue, the bandaged head of a University of Maryland student who toppled from the ridgepole of a Washington riding academy while swiping the 80-pound wooden horse perched thereon. The horse was booty in a scavenger hunt.

The Christian Assembly church of Memphis decided its services lacked color. It installed variable Neon lights which will make possible seven color combinations during services.

Detroit yeggs pounded for hours with sledge hammers to break open a huge safe. The safe was empty and the Catom Pipe and Fitting company reported it hadn't been locked anyway.

Guess who was the only person in Hopedale, O., to object to answering census questions? Clark Gable's maiden aunt—Miss Ella Dunlap.

DRIVERS TO BLAME

A Pennsylvania professor, on completing a five-year study of automobile accidents, concludes that at least 65 per cent of all traffic accidents can be blamed on the drivers.

BIBLICAL MONEY-LENDERS

Professional money-lending dates from Biblical times. Laws were enacted to protect both borrower and lender by governing lending methods, securities and costs of loans.

TODAY

RAINBOW

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 23 — Russia has been scratched from the list of primary world threats by topmost United States diplomats.

Their grapevine telegraph reports the Finnish campaign has taken the manganese out of Stalin. The man of steel is now past 61 and those who have seen him lately, have noticed it. From his most recent acts it is likewise noticeable that his well known dreams of further expansion have been abandoned after the miserable failure of his army.

Before the Finnish campaign, for instance, he was talking tough with Persia and concentrating his troops on the Persian border. Now he has negotiated a trade agreement.

At the outset of the Finnish campaign it was rather well-known in world diplomatic quarters that he intended to continue swiftly on through Finland to the northern Norwegian coast, stopping at a point north of Narvik where he expected to run up to the northward German expanding sphere of influence. The Russian plan also called, as has been more widely advertised, for expansion in the Balkans and Near East to reclaim Bessarabia and the Dardanelles, and to open an outlet to the Indian ocean through Persia. That was when Stalin thought he had a crack army.

Now it is considered doubtful whether he will even attempt to claim Bessarabia unless Hitler first crushes any prospect of Rumanian resistance.

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BRITISH PACT

Softening of Hitler's co-conspirator is evident again in the move to get a trade pact with Great Britain. Hatred of the British was a cardinal Stalin principle until a few weeks ago. The automatic soviet press had been daily ladling abuse upon the British. Then something happened. The British threatened a blockade against Russia in the Pacific. Since then rapprochment has been more or less openly discussed by the soviet ambassador in London and by the red press.

What brought them down to British earth is the fact that they have about $10,000,000 worth of goods in the United States which they are very anxious to have. They cannot get these supplies, mostly machine tools, because ship owners are afraid to risk the passage to Vladivostok in the face of the threatened British seizure.

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NO SPLIT

The British are not being fooled by the situation, if our folks are accurately informed. The British know the reds want to soften them up to the point of relaxing the Pacific blockade, but not of course to the degree of reestablishing friendly or anti-German relations.

No stock is taken here in the stories now going around that Stalin has split with Hitler or that Hitler has suddenly discovered he cannot get what he wants from Russia and, therefore, is ready to drop the Moscow end of the axis. Der well-informed fuehrer was accurately informed in advance of just how little he could expect from the inefficient reds and just how long it would take him to get anything at all. Internal Russian disorganization due to the Finnish war apparently has delayed his acquisitions somewhat but not to the extent of causing him to abandon the deal.

Thus you may expect Lord Halifax to deal slowly and craftily in his promised "exploration of the possibilities" of a trade treaty.

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SOCIAL SUCCESS

The Latin-American good neighbor policy has proved to be a great social success during Pan American week, but there are still some doubts about its commercial accomplishments.

Friendliest person contacts have now been established between North and South American nations, but tangible results are lacking and prospects are diminishing.

The European war has cost South America its best trade. This has resulted in a further shortage of foreign exchange with which to pay for exports from the United States.

American business men who took to good neighboring eagerly because they expected the Export-Import bank to finance the sales freely, have lost some of their enthusiasm. They find credits restricted by the ability to pay. Furthermore, this country is entering a political campaign in which it will be impossible for statesmen to permit extensive imports of South American products which compete with American agriculture.

Thus within recent months the trade negotiations between Argentina and Uruguay have been abandoned, and the dickering with Chile has failed to reach a negotiation stage because the Chilean earthquake has caused that government to concern itself entirely with rehabilitation.

Two young government officials started a plan to have South American imports extensively exhibited at the World's fair, but the Latins dropped the suggestion when they learned the probable cost.

SIDE GLANCES

"I told Emily if she married a polo player she'd have to get used to a man smelling like a horse!"

Telling The Editor

REPLY TO BATTIE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor) — Will you please spare me a little space in your paper in answer to Mr. J. G. Battie's letter of April 16th who seems to think "we westerners" are the only people who have a right to live.

I wonder if the truth were known whether he is a born native, and if so where did his ancestors come from?

I thank God this is a free country and we have the privilege of taking jobs where we can find them.

As for most of the gangsters here being Oakies, I see no reason for them to come all the way to Oregon to rob a bank. They do still have a few banks in Oklahoma and some one said there was one in Arkansas.

And as for them being "clock watchers," I know one Oakie man who worked here two years ago. When the mill shut down he went back to Oklahoma. He is back here now after receiving a letter from his boss asking him to come back to his job. Wonder why he didn't hunt up Mr. Battie for that job?

We are Oakies, have been here eleven years, own our home and pay taxes and are just as law-abiding citizens as Mr. Battie ever was and challenge his right to ask us to leave.

I dare say if all who are not natives were run out there wouldn't be the thriving, fast-growing little city we now have. As for me I like Klamath Falls very much and intend to stay here, and if Mr. Battie doesn't like living among the Oakies here he might go back there. He might not land as good a job as he has here but he'll be treated like a human whether he is or not.

I'm glad to say that what few western people (there really are very few natives) I have met are really fine and would not make such contemptible remarks about other people, therefore, I doubt Mr. Battie being a true westerner. Hoping you will find a space for this, I remain,

Very truly yours,
MRS. O. B. THURMAN.

CRITICIZES ASHURST AND FRIEND

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—To the Editor)—As I have read Judge Ashurst's campaign over carefully and also a letter from his friend, Ed A. Schortgen, in The Evening Herald, I will write a few lines to let you know that those other officials have friends in this city as well as Ashurst.

Any judge or anyone else who uses the prostitutes and gambling dives and hell holes as Ashurst in his campaign slogan for reelection is a pretty poor stick of timber. Another thing—he stated in his long-winded spiel that took two sheets of paper to print that he had cleaned out the prostitutes, gambling vice and hell dives, which he hasn't.

The prostitutes are still here, there is gambling in almost any town and when card playing is not done in the open it is usually done in box cars or behind closed doors and then it becomes more of a vice than when done in the open with some regulations.

I would like to ask Mr. Ashurst: "Before you got on the payroll, did you ever take an interest in a single civic problem? Did you ever help to get a children's playground or advocate or help on a solitary improvement to help the children or poor people of this city?"

As far as gangsters is concerned, if there is any bank stick-up or robbing going on our honorable sheriff or chief of police will take care of those kind of men without any of the judge's blowoff. I want to know what is Ashurst's idea of trying to run the other officials' offices instead of attending to his own affairs. In every piece that he puts in the paper he blows about what he has done but he hasn't accomplished a point yet.

As to Ed A. Schortgen. He was speaking of the cat houses being provided with a paved street and sidewalks. I will say this much: that the city mayor and city police has nothing to do with renting said houses, so you see, he is off there.

Mr. Schortgen complains a lot about conditions in this city and yet he spends very little of his time here. Is it not true that last year he spent less than 60 days here and the balance of the time in California? And does this not hold true of previous years? And he has the effrontery to call himself a Klamath Falls, Ore., resident. Personally I do not believe we need a 10-12 California resident to come up here and tell us Oregonians what to do. You certainly must realize there is no town or city in California of like size that compares favorably from a standpoint with our own city of Klamath Falls! And do you know that insofar as crime is concerned Klamath Falls and Klamath county have good law enforcement and our citizens of this city are just as good morally as any in the United States, contrary to Ashurst's continued insinuations that our population is largely composed of pimps and prostitutes, gamblers, gangsters, thieves, bank robbers, hold-up men and burglars.

Does Mr. Schortgen know that the state of Oregon, like Klamath Falls, is in far better financial condition than the state of his choice (or where he spends the greater part of his time).

There was a county judge in Jackson county a while back who tried to set himself up as dictator and in the end it was the judgment of the people that he be sent to the Oregon penitentiary. This state does not want prejudiced dictators sitting in the halls of justice nor do the people appreciate paying $500 a month and the additional expense of having outside judges sent in to try a large number of cases in which affidavits of prejudice are filed.

Sincerely yours,
CHARLES A. PAULK,
1912 South Sixth Street.

NOW PLAYING!

PELICAN

NOW PLAYING
BRANDED . . . with a number seared on his Brain!

COMPANION HIT!
"THE SHOW GOES ON"
ANNA NEAGLE - TULLIO CARMINATI

VOX

RESOLUTION ON PROPERTY OK'D BY CITY DADS

Adoption of a resolution providing for the disposal of property included on the foreclosure sale list was the most important business transacted at a brief meeting of the city council last night.

The resolution provides that any property owner desiring to eliminate his property from the foreclosure sale list should execute a warranty deed transfering to the city the property in question, and should show tax receipts proving that all delinquent state and county taxes have been paid in full. The city agrees, under the resolution, to enter into contract with the owner of the property and to permit the repurchase of the property on terms agreed upon by the council.

Among other matters taken up were several applications for taxicab stands, all of which were referred to the council as a whole, meeting next Friday night, April 26, at 7 p. m.

The applications were by the following: Fred Duke, 628 Main street; Pat Hogue, Gordon Cab company, three taxicab stands; George W. Duke, Eighth and Main streets; George W. and Fred Duke, Seventh and Main streets; Bernard Hogue, 707 Main street; Wiley Knighton, Fifth and Main streets and Seventh and Main streets.

Although no action was taken a lively discussion ensued when Charles Thomas, chairman of the streets committee, brought up the subject of WPA projects in commercial areas of the city. He said he was opposed to all such projects in areas of the city where property owners are able to finance the work, but said WPA projects were desirable in residential districts where funds are not available for other sources.

Councilman J. E. Hosking took issue with Chairman Thomas, saying the council has no power to settle the question one way or the other. The discussion bordered on general politics before it was finished.

Other matters taken up were chiefly routine property ordinances and communications to the city.

As next Monday is the fifth Monday of the month, there will be no regular council meeting until the week following.

Courthouse Records

(MONDAY)

Justice Court

Ambrose Peter Monette. No operator's license. Fined $5.50.

Charles Toliver Wright. No operator's license. Fined $5.50.

Pete Cooper and Louis Jackson. Larceny of an automobile. Turned over to federal authorities.

Harvey Peery. No operator's license. Fined $5.50.

Horace Belmont Hage. Only one headlight. Fined $5.50.

Marriage Application

COX-FREENCE. John Thomas Cox, 57, blacksmith, resident of Klamath Falls, native of Jackson county. Mae Elizabeth Freence, 51, housewife, resident of Missoula, Mont., native of Wisconsin.

FUNERAL

ELLEN MARGARET DERVAN

Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services for the late Ellen Margaret Dervan, who passed away in this city Saturday, April 20, 1940, following an extended illness, to be held Wednesday morning, April 24, 1940, at Sacred Heart church, High street at Eighth, where a requiem high mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul commencing at 9:30 a. m. with the Rev. T. P. Casey officiating. Interment will follow in family plot in Mt. Calvary Memorial park. The recitation of the most holy rosary will be conducted Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m in the Chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine street at Sixth, with the Rev. T. P. Casey officiating. Friends are invited.

Ends Today - "VIGIL IN THE NIGHT" - Carole LOMBARD
STARTS TOMORROW

PINE TREE