

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY STRIKES growing out of jurisdictional disputes, which President Truman would outlaw, have not been a serious problem in the Klamath country, but Oregon as a whole has had a lot of trouble from inter-union warfare.

Jurisdictional issues were largely at the bottom of the dangerous and damaging labor trouble which harassed the state in the nineteen thirties, especially in the term of Gov. Charles H. Martin. Jurisdictional squabbling helped to create the public opinion that passed the Oregon anti-picketing bill by a large majority in those days.

There have since been occasional flare-ups of jurisdictional trouble. One situation that comes to mind was at Springfield not so long ago, when operation of a large lumber plant was interrupted while two unions fought it out.

The most serious inter-union trouble in Klamath country in recent years occurred in connection with the CIO strike at the Weyerhaeuser mill in 1945. In that case, the trouble developed when AFL machinists decided to go back to work through CIO picket lines, claiming the CIO strike was illegal and unauthorized. Serious violence was threatened, but didn't materialize. It was most fortunate that calm heads prevailed and the whole affair was finally settled peacefully. Enough happened then, however, to demonstrate the ugly potentialities of inter-union strife.

Bizarre Suggestion

AT last night's first meeting of the new city council, Councilman A. F. Condrey raised some bizarre questions concerning newspaper reports of the instructions given the grand jury December 2 by Circuit Judge Vandenberg on the matter of alleged police brutality.

In brief, Mr. Condrey said the story gave the impression several or all of the members of the police department "were going to be indicted." (One was indicted.) Out of the discussion came the suggestion that the alleged impression ought to be corrected in the newspaper.

The story referred to merely reported what happened in the circuit court room. So far as we are concerned, reading it then and re-reading today didn't give the impression described by Mr. Condrey, but whether it did or didn't create such an impression is not the point. It was an objective report of what occurred. This newspaper couldn't do it then and it can't do it now retroactively in an attempt to create or destroy an "impression."

If there was an impression that all or several members of the police department were going to be indicted, it would seem that the subsequent action of the grand jury, indicting one rather than several or all of the policemen, would take care of that impression. The single indictment was duly reported in the press.

Clarification

WE suspect that what Mr. Condrey and other councilmen were trying to get at was that they felt that the brutality charges tended to cast a cloud on the entire police department, and now that the investigation is supposedly complete and only one indictment returned, the other members of the department, by implication at least, are cleared of suspicion.

If that is what they wish to say for publication, we are glad to report it. It seems only fair to us that the members of the police department who do their work conscientiously and honestly, and whose job is certainly no bed of roses, deserve such a statement of confidence.

Possibly the grand jury will eventually make a further statement indicating the completion of its investigation and clearing up any lingering suspicions.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A bright attorney (identity unadvertised) suddenly developed the idea a few weeks back that the seven months old pottery decision might be used as a basis for back pay suits against industry. The idea was not new, Congress had it in a corrective bill which passed one house last session. But this originated the portal to portal suits which total more than \$2 1/2 billions already and may reach \$5 billions to \$8 billions—the last figure apparently being the total business liability.

The business organizations like NAM and

Health Unit—There will be a regular meeting of district 8, Oregon State Nurses' association, Thursday, at 8 p. m. Surgery—J. B. Seaberry, route 3, box 674-C, employee of the Lovness Logging company, had surgery Tuesday morning at Klamath Valley hospital. Boilers of railroad locomotives use aluminum foil as an insulation. Largest bauxite producing state in the Union is Arkansas.

RADIO PROGRAMS

TUESDAY EVE., JAN. 7 KFLW—1450 kc. 12:00 Music Melodies 12:15 Home Town News 12:30 World News Summary 12:45 Music of Melodies 1:00 Your Navy Recreators 1:15 Melody Parade 1:30 Klamath Theatre Guide 1:45 Music by Cugat 2:00 Lum 'N' Abner ABC 2:15 Stand By Adventure 2:30 Dark Venture ABC 2:45 3:00 3:15 3:30 3:45 4:00 4:15 4:30 4:45 5:00 5:15 5:30 5:45 6:00 6:15 6:30 6:45 7:00 7:15 7:30 7:45 8:00 8:15 8:30 8:45 9:00 9:15 9:30 9:45 10:00 10:15 10:30 10:45 11:00 11:15 11:30 11:45

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C. of C. have been rather unexcited publicly about the matter but their lawyers are fingering the wage hour statutes amazed and confused because no one knows how far it will go and because all industry could be overthrown with this one legal stroke—for these following unstressed reasons:

Industry has no reserves to pay backpay plus damages, in amounts fixed by courts, for estimated nonworking time, including loafing on industrial property for the past nine years. The \$5 to \$8 billions must come from current earnings which means the produce price must be increased again to the public or profits must be cut that much in a single year. In actual fact, the claims would amount to the same as another 15 to 20 per cent wage bonus increase for one year only.

The union suits, in which AFL has joined, do not seek portal to portal pay today and from now on. They merely seek to apply nationally a clumsy 6 to 2 supreme court decision last June in the Mt. Clements pottery case ruling that pottery workers at that company are entitled to be paid for time spent on the employers' premises preparing for work—walking to their places, putting on aprons and overalls, removing shirts, taping or greasing arms, putting on finger covers, preparing the equipment for productive work, turning on switches for lights and machinery, opening windows and assembling and sharpening tools. So thousands of suits have been instituted to collect back pay to 1938 under the wage hour law for any kind of preparation for work (parking time?) in amounts which cannot be calculated precisely—although the companies will be liable for any amount the court decides to fix. (The 1938 law specifies this, allowing liberal attorney fees for starting suits.)

Works Two Ways

THESE are not publicity suits. Legally they are well grounded. Morally, you may think offhand a worker has a right to such portal-to-portal pay. But that is not the pinpointed question. The amount involved for such current pay would be large enough to be economically important. The actual question is one of collecting backpay accumulated for nine years. If the unions have a moral right to do that, the stockholders certainly have a moral right to sue the unions for billions lost in their strikes during the past nine years—with resulting legal and financial chaos. Not only that, but the companies may morally and legally claim tax refunds up to the full 95 per cent excess profits tax levy for any back-pay settlements now made—with similar chaotic overturn of the tax schedules involving the federal debt, budget and expenditures.

Consequently the government must stop or limit the retroactive nature of these suits. I suspect one reason why the industrial leaders have not been more excited in print is that there are so many things the government can and probably will do. Congress had pending last session the Gwynne bill to kill the retroactive backpay feature and restrict claims to bona-fide cases. Furthermore congress can amend the law in any particular and is far less under union control now than formerly. Also the government has entered Detroit district court in the matter to seek a clarification of the law. While in this move it claims to be disinterested party, the very fact fact of its move discloses its tremendous interest. By any clarification of law it might limit the suits to say \$5 billions or even to the \$2 1/2 billions which the government claims to be involved, or otherwise protect its tax refund liability.

Thus the chances are the suits will be shorn of their nationally destructive force in one way or another. Nevertheless some industries are compromising out of court with the unions and other companies are adopting a notion they can settle and avoid the legal costs, fearing New Dealers control of the courts through Roosevelt appointees and realizing all the trouble was caused by a bad decision in the first place.

Traced To John L.

IN any event, new portal-to-portal pay claims are likely to become a general union demand for their next contracts. In this connection it seems every disruptive new labor idea can be traced to John Lewis. He brought to these shores the sitdown strike which caused such great plant machinery destruction the government finally had to stop it. He initiated the vertical union idea which led to the calamity strikes of whole industries on a national scale. He developed the portal-to-portal pay idea for his miners. He first acted out the public-banned policy of labor inhumanly calling a coal strike in midwinter. After Petrillo, he taxed a consumers product for his private union interests.

The fruition of his portal-to-portal theory, however, is not important from a human standpoint. If that pay extension is imposed, it can hardly be extended beyond company gates, although the supreme court has ruled that "work" consists of any "required" thinking an employee does in connection with his job, and under that decision Lewis may start a movement for "bed-to-bed" pay, meaning pay for all waking hours. However, the companies in this case actually will probably stop cigarette smoking, gabfests, loafing and loafing on company property—the consumed time for same being about equal to the time spent in "turning electric switches," "opening windows" and "walking," so the public may come out about even in the matter of prices.

SIDE GLANCES



"Before you start your next snappy story, I have a brief message from our sponsor!"

STATIC

By KELLY ROBERTS



Mrs. Winchell's little boy

Walter proved once again Sunday evening that he is his own best publicity agent. In his shy, retiring voice Walter informed his listeners of the miracle he'd just performed. It seems that Sunday before last Waldo learned that a man was in a Miami hospital desperately in need of a rare type of blood, Waldo waved his magic voice and instantly telephone calls began pouring in from all parts of the country offering their blood to the man. People in Oregon, Washington and California were crowding the planes, trains and buses bound for Florida. Eastern airlines offered a plane, if needed, to fly a donor from New York to Miami, and in August, Georgia, an unidentified man chartered a plane to fly to Miami. Two persons, it is reported in a mimeographed publicity blurb, had regular passengers "bumped off" a plane in Savannah, Georgia, to enable them to rush to Miami. A few hours later Waldo again appeared, to state that a donor had been found, and that all was well. Last Sunday Waldo commented at great length on the miracle he had performed, and ended by bowing to his listening audience and saying that it proved the great unselfishness of the American Public. It does, and it was a great thing for the thousands of people to have done. It also showed Walter's sponsors that the great Winchell listening audience was still tuned in. Of course Winchell could have phoned in to one of the several large rare type blood banks along the east coast for the necessary rare type, but then who'd know about it?

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We know now that we at least have one reader. Last Saturday we told about "Paperweight" the little kitten which wandered into the office and went to sleep in the copy basket. Last evening we received a phone call from a girl named Laura telling us that she'd lost her kitten and had read about "Paperweight" in Static, and she wondered if it might not be her lost kitten. She came to the office and identified a picture of "Paperweight" as her kitten. But now we can't find "Paperweight." She's a fickle feline and just

Tule Slates Night Classes

TULELAKE, Jan. 7.—Night education classes for adults in typing, shorthand, S. P. A. 1818 photography, blue print reading and homemaking will be offered free of charge to the public beginning January 14, it was announced Tuesday by Norman Esser, principal of the high school.

An average daily attendance of 10 persons must be maintained to continue the classes which will be offered until the end of the school year. High school teachers will make up the faculty. Esser stated that those planning to attend will arrange for nights convenient for classes and anyone interested may register at the high school.

Completing the list were additional civic committee appointments. On the airport commission are Ralph Mazertown, chairman, Jack Murphy, Dr. C. V. Ruth, and committee members: Dr. Y. E. Miller, chairman, Charles Thomas, Orville Hamilton, apical committee, R. H. Dunbar, and committee members: Fred Coffey, R. Denham, committee, John Huber, chairman, Burge Mason, A. F. Condrey, N. B. Drew, Fred H. Jones.

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147 Persons Named to City Boards

One hundred and forty-seven appointments made by Mayor Ed Ostendorf were approved by the city council Monday night bringing to near completion the roster of city committees and boards for 1947.

Reappointed to their places in the city's official family were Orville Hamilton, police chief; Keith K. Ambrose, fire chief; Henry Perkins, city attorney; Dr. J. C. Hunt, meat and dairy inspector; Walter E. Salsbery, building inspector; Jack Moore, electrical inspector; E. E. Hambrick, recreation director; E. A. Thomas, city engineer; and O. D. Matthews, plumbing inspector.

Voters okayed a change in the park board and recreation committee set-up. The committees are combined in name but function separately, with members serving on both boards. Instead of life appointments, members will serve staggered terms of two, four and six years. Appointments to the park and recreation board are O. D. Matthews, two years; Alfred Collier, six years; C. H. Underwood, two years; Mrs. Frank Peyton, four years; Fred Robinson, six years; and Curt Strong, four years. The mayor is chairman of the board.

Cemetery and planning committee members will not be named until the final reading of the cemetery ordinance and planning committee details are completed.

Council committees and chairmen were named as follows: Fire, Paul Landry, chairman, A. F. Condrey, Angus Newton, police, Newton, chairman, Wendell Smith, D. Miller, street, Country, chairman, Miller, Landry, finance, Miller, chairman, Newton, Smith, public utilities, Smith, chairman, Landry, County, judiciary, Landry, chairman, Newton, Condrey, cemetery, Matthews, health, Newton, and armory, Condrey.

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REBEKAH'S INSTALLED

LAKEVIEW, Jan. 7.—With Mrs. Josephine Elliott acting as installing officer and Mrs. Bernice Hewitt as grand marshal, the Rebekahs were installed at the annual Odd Fellow-Rebekah meeting Saturday.

Frances Wilkie, noble grand; Faye Swingle, vice grand; Neva Green, warden; Gladys Officer, conductor; Vivian Daron, chaplain; Edna Ackerman, outside guardian; Katie Lee Hotchkiss, inside guardian; Viola Vincent, musician; Josephine Elliott, right support to noble grand; Ruby Arnold, left support to noble grand; Hazel Arzner, right support to vice grand; Parma Lee Baker, left support to vice grand.

Shirley Hewitt and Carol Kubat acted as flower girls at the ceremony.

Poe Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nork returned from Shady Cove and Eagle Point where they visited with their son and family, the Ben Norks, and the Ken Doaks, their daughter and son-in-law.

Tom Bray was a visitor here from Bonanza this week.

Waney Roberts called on John Nork Saturday.

Web Van Meter and son, Dale, went to Eagle Point Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nork were visitors at Macdoel at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Edwards and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turner and sons, Billy and Jimmy, were callers here from Homedale this week.

The Hubert Stovers were visitors from Lakeview at the home of her mother and brother.

Bo Tucker had the misfortune to break his ankle recently. He is able to be around on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. McCamey of Klamath Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Roth of Bremerton, Wash. were visitors here on New Year's Day. Mrs. Roth is the former Louise Van Meter. They left Friday to return to Bremerton.

Roy Snodgrass went to Little Rock, Ark., for Christmas to visit with friends.

Friends are sorry to hear of Andrea Treat's injury in a car accident Christmas Eve when a car forced them off the road, causing her to fall out of the car, injuring her leg. Six stitches were necessary to close the wound. She is able to get around on crutches.

Web Van Meter was a caller here from Klamath Falls Sunday. He is engaged in drilling a well for the Johnnie Edwards family at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Relling and children were visitors at the Glen Kester home New Year's Eve.

The Christian Endeavor people sponsored a bridal shower for Mr. and Mrs. Orval Lewis at the community hall Saturday with quite a few attending. Many useful gifts were received by the young couple. Mrs. Lewis is the former Mary Louise Haynes and lived here most of her life. Friends wish them a lot of happiness in their married life.

Tulelake

TULELAKE, Jan. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McMahon announce the marriage of their daughter Gloria Ann to Gordon Chester Birtwistle at Reno on December 22. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Birtwistle of Tulelake.

The ring ceremony was read in St. Thomas' cathedral at high noon by the Rev. Father Murphy.

Accompanying the young couple were the bride's parents and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Loudon, Tulelake.

Mr. and Mrs. Birtwistle returned here to make their home on a ranch near Stronghold. The groom was recently discharged from the navy and the new Mrs. Birtwistle has made her home here only a short time.

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Merrill

Virgil Barron, depot manager for the Shell Oil company here for seven years, has been transferred to Klamath Falls. Barron is succeeded by Earl Edgmon, Klamath Falls. Mr. Barron taught the fourth grade in the elementary school here and she is to be succeeded January 13 by Dorothy Dehlinger of Henley. In the meantime the class is being taught by Mrs. Olivia Holm, Merrill.

Semester examinations that will mark the end of the first semester in the high school will be given students January 9-10 and the semester officially ends on the 10th.

Merrill young people attending school elsewhere who have been home for the holidays will leave this week-end with Geraldine McKendree, daughter of Mr. and Dale Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, going back to St. Helens hall at Portland. David and Terrance O'Sullivan, Mervyn Takacs and Pat Hammond all go to Christian Brothers school for boys at Sacramento. Mervyn Schuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Schuck, goes to Montezuma, and Maurine O'Sullivan and Mildred Petrigo go to Mercy academy at Red Bluff.

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