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To escape comment or criticism, do nothing, be nothing, say nothing.

**Let's Separate the Guilty and Innocent**

No one can deny or confirm, other than by rumor, the "blistering denunciation of farm labor contractors in Oregon" as a 91-page report by the state bureau of labor has been described by the Oregon Journal. Both of Portland's daily newspapers have jumped with apparent glee into a controversy about migrant labor contractors and alleged merchant kickbacks, but their star reporters, whose by-lines are carried on feature stories, are exemplifying sloppy reporting by quoting only parts of the 91-page report.

Stan Weber, who has the grandiose title of labor-management reporter for the Oregon Journal, has written an ambiguous feature patterned after the style of Drew Pearson and Westbrook Pegler. Weber seems insistent on indicting the guilty and innocent merchants and labor contractors with a scatter-gun that peppers retail business firms in Malheur county.

For instance Weber wrote, "The vivid 91-page report, delivered by Tom Current, assistant state commissioner of labor, charged that 'typical examples' of misconduct by farm labor contractors are cheating workers and farmers for a single service or expense, getting kickbacks from merchant and tavern operators patronized by the contractors' laborers, and trafficking in marijuana and prostitution."

Weber continued to write from the report and in his own words stated: "They (labor bureau staff members) secured information on 242 contractors, crew leaders, recruiters and major lieutenants, most of whom operate in Malheur county in the sugar beet fields."

The Gate City Journal (not to be confused with the Oregon Journal) surveyed Nyssa department and food stores as well as other retail business firms and was told in strong terms they never had been approached by a labor contractor for "kickbacks" the gallant Oregon Journal implied was taking place. All of these same merchants denied having been questioned, interviewed or even visited by any representative of the state bureau of labor.

The bureau of labor, and especially Mr. Current, have exposed themselves or have been exposed by one of the crusading Portland dailies, this time the Oregonian, to what might be termed questionable procedure. The Oregonian boldly stated, "Current told the interim committee of what his survey team had uncovered after six months of exhaustive investigation. In his report, Current did not name names. The survey, he later told the Oregonian, was not a criminal investigation but a sociological one. However, he added, his group has documented names, dates and places."

The Gate City Journal does not uphold any wrongdoing nor does it deny that the situation may be as bad as the report seems to indicate. We do question the advisability of the politically inspired insinuations and raise the question, "Why are no arrests being made?" If the bureau of labor is not a criminal investigating agency, but a sociological one, why are not their facts turned over to law enforcement agencies and prosecution proceedings started? Whether the guilty are 50 percent of the total, 75 percent or 90 percent, the remaining 50 percent, 25 percent or 10 percent, who would obviously be innocent, should be exonerated.

**METHODIST CHURCH NEWS**  
The Rev. Paul Ludlow

"The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them." —Psalms 34:7.

July 21-25—Women's society school of missions and service will meet at the College of Idaho. Five from the woman's society in Nyssa are staying on the campus. Mrs. Meeker, editor of the Methodist "Woman," will conduct the workshop.

Thursday, July 24, 7:30 p.m.—Ma-Pa potluck dinner.

Sunday, July 27, 9:45 a.m.—Church school for all ages.

11 a.m. Worship service. The Rev. Ludlow's sermon topic will be "Should We Try Christian Principles in International Relations?" There will be special music.

7 p.m.—MIF, MYF and older youth meetings.

Monday, July 28, 3:30 p.m.—Woman's society of Christian service training day. Mrs. Elva Mason, conference secretary of promotion, will conduct the workshop.

8 p.m.—Membership and evangelism commission will hold their monthly meeting at the church.

**Labor Camp Children Attend Shrine Circus**

Seventy children from the Nyssa labor camp attended the Shrine circus at Ontario Tuesday afternoon.

Their bus transportation and tickets were arranged by Ralph Lawrence, it was reported.

**Mr. and Mrs. Read Gyllenskog, accompanied by Campbell Baer, returned home recently from six days' salmon fishing on the South Fork of the Salmon river.**

Mr. and Mrs. Arlan Haroldsen and family of San Francisco arrived Friday to spend two weeks visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Haroldsen. The San Francisco guests visited in Utah the first part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cullimore of Boise visited Thursday afternoon at the home of their niece,

**Portland's two daily newspapers have reached beyond the Blue Mountains to feature wrong-doing, which probably exists, but they have made no effort to check facts other than the "top secret" survey of the bureau of labor. The 91-page survey was not made available to The Gate City Journal.**

Oregon's great metropolis has gained nation-wide notoriety through Jim Elkins, prostitution, gangland politics, knifings, extortion and unsolved murders, which bring nothing but alibis from The Oregon Journal and The Oregonian. The OJ has been soft-peddling the Fourth of July holiday fireworks explosion that took two lives, injured dozens of people and brought hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage. All of that daily's features have been directed at excuses implying "nothing could have been done" and future regulations "might infringe on personal rights."

Of course, the two metropolitan dailies reach less than 10 percent of the homes in the Nyssa area and their circulation departments are hopelessly indifferent to anything but building up Portland area newspaper sales with scare headlines.

We call upon the bureau of labor to start proceedings immediately, through local, county or state law enforcement agencies, against the labor contractors or any merchants involved in kickbacks.

The Gate City Journal will publish their names, if any action is taken, thus exonerating the merchants and contractors who are not a part of the sorry mess.

**LDS Two-Stake Primary Convo Held in Nyssa**

The annual Nyssa and Weiser stake LDS primary convention was held Monday at the Nyssa Stake house. Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders, Mrs. Lee Stoker and Mrs. Tren M. Jones were in charge of the arrangements for the all-day affair.

Mrs. Myrl W. Hamilton and Mrs. Kathryn J. Soelberg, visiting general board members from Salt Lake City were the principal speakers for the day. Other speakers were Mrs. Flinders, Mrs. Lucille Reed, president of the Weiser stake primary and President Fred W. Blacker of Ontario.

Those attending were the officers and teachers of the wards in both stakes and members of ward bishoprics. Special stake guests were President Arvel Child, President Blacker and Montgomery of the Nyssa stake presidency and Melvin Beck, advisor to the primary. Presidents Dewey and Weber of the Weiser stake presidency and Mr. Lichtenberg, advisor to Weiser also attended.

The afternoon meetings were departments of instruction to members of the two-stake boards and stake officers.

Luncheon was served at noon by the Nyssa First Ward under the direction of Mrs. Ernest Bunn, president of the Relief Society.

**Nebraska Picnic Set At Nyssa Aug. 10**

The annual Nebraska picnic is scheduled for Aug. 10 in the Nyssa city park.

All former Nebraskans and friends are invited to attend. There will be a program in addition to the potluck dinner, it was reported.

**Dr. and Mrs. Grant B. Hughes and family.**

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Storm, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Looney, Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Gann and their two grandsons picnicked and fished Sunday at Owyhee dam.

**Apple Valley—PTA Executive Officers Meet Thursday Eve**

Mrs. Dwight Seward  
Phone 2-2731

The PTA executive officers met last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Jurries, local president. Mrs. Snoden Roberts, vice president, Mrs. David Bay, secretary and Mrs. Betty Griffin, treasurer, were all present.

Suggestions for committee members were discussed and will be disclosed as soon as appointments are made.

**The Woodrow Wilson family moved last week from their place in Apple Valley to a new location on highway 95, north of the Nyssa-Parma junction where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Farnsworth, who formerly owned that farm, traded for the Wilson place and have moved onto it.**

**Home From Hospital**

George Bailey returned home last Wednesday from the Samaritan hospital in Nampa, where he was a patient for eight days. Gertrude Hicks, Mrs. Elsie Robinson and Mrs. Ida Riley called in the home Sunday.

**Roy Googing and family came from Klamath Falls recently, bringing a truck for his father, Jed Googing. They spent several days visiting their parents and other relatives.**

**Maynard Banta, Perry Dean Haile, Rodney and Bryce Jorgenson were among the LDS church Explorer's group who visited Yellowstone national park for 10 days, returning home Thursday. They were sponsored by Limon Reynolds and Wilbur Eckberg of Parma. The boys enjoyed exploring, camping and fishing.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Conley Wilson and Larry spent the week end in La Grande with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thaniel Botner and children.**

**Steven and Margaret Farnsworth arrived Saturday from Portland to visit their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Farnsworth, while their parents are on a trip into Canada.**

**Linda Jorgenson returned home Friday from a two weeks vacation with cousins in Logan, Utah.**

**Jim Googing of Seattle spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jed Googing, the Year Haile family and other relatives.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moran and Susan spent the week end in McCall where they visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hillberg.**

**Ray Stowers of Ogden, Utah was a week end guest at the Snoden Roberts home.**

**Mrs. Alberta Morrow and Bob Carouthers came from Cottonwood, Idaho Sunday for a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Butcher and family.**

**Tells of Granddaughter**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston announced the birth of a granddaughter born July 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Harris of Nyssa who are also parents of two boys.

**Kenneth Saunders and family enjoyed a picnic dinner Sunday with the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Cantrell in Boise and former Kansas friends, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Studebaker of Pratt, Kansas.**

Guests at the Dwight Seward

**Owyhee Community Church Notes**

"He that believeth on Him is not condemned but he that believeth not is condemned already."—John 3:18.

Wednesday night prayer meeting group gathered at the Shirley Bosely home.

Thursday evening is the usual youth night at the church. Volley ball will be the game of the evening.

Sunday, July 27, will be the last day of the Sunday school contest. The primary, beginners and senior young people are tied for first place. There will be a picnic Aug. 3 in connection with the contest.

All who are going to Bible camp at McCall, don't forget to register. Those who care to help with food donations, please contact Mrs. Ed Corfield.

**Christian Church News**

Rev. Earl Hastings, Pastor  
Sunday, July 27—  
9:45 a.m.—Church school for all ages.  
11 a.m.—Sermon.  
8 p.m.—Evening services.

**Episcopal Camp Group Returns; Senior Camp Set**

Attending Cove summer church camp from the Episcopal church were Claudia Woodman, Elizabeth Cole, Triena Rinehart, Dick Tracy, Jim Tracy, Paul Wilson, Steve Kerby, Alan Cottle and Chandler Baer. They returned home July 12.

The Rev. W. S. Woodman is remaining at the camp as chaplain. Bill Woodman, Jr., is attending with the eighth and ninth grade groups.

Senior camp is scheduled for August 12 to 22. Grant Rinehart will be acting dean of camp, during that time.

**Mr. and Mrs. Bud Osborn and family of Quincy, Wash., visited in Nyssa last week with friends and relatives.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Poorman of Seattle returned to their home last Tuesday morning after visiting for two weeks at the home of Mrs. Angie Cook and mother, Bill Lyells of Seattle accompanied them.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Jackson, Bruce and Jill were among fishermen at Island Park, Ida., last week. Enroute home, they visited Virginia City, Mont.**

**home for luncheon Sunday evening were Ronald Kratzer and Thelma Alexander of Nampa, the Rev. and Mrs. Josue Munos of San Antonio, Tex., Phillis Smith and Mrs. Robert Jackson and sons, Bobby and Lyle of Nyssa.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rookstool and family of Klamath Falls arrived Monday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jed Googing, the Year Haile family and other relatives near Nyssa.**

**Harvest is in full swing in this community—potatoes, hay, wheat and grain. Trucks, tractors, balers and combines are buzzing from early morning until late at night to take care of a bountiful harvest.**

**Sunset Valley—Larry Dimmicks Take Extended Utah Vacation**

By Lois Council  
Phone 2439

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dimmicks and children returned from their visit in Utah a week ago Friday to visit relatives here. Mrs. Dimmicks visited her brother, Conley Ward and family at Notus early in the week. Lynn Dimmick, one of the younger girls had her tonsils removed Wednesday. Mrs. Dimmicks and the children visited her father and family, the Earl Ward family, Thursday and Friday. They have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dimmicks and left for their home in Seattle Tuesday morning.

**Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Johnson of Forest Grove, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Chapin, left for their home Sunday morning.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olsen spent Sunday with the Wilbur Chapins at their cabin at Lake Owyhee.**

**A family picnic honoring the families of Joe Council of Yakima, Wash., and Harry Council of Denver was held at the Kiwanis park in Payette Sunday. About 40 members of the family and their friends attended.**

**Virgil Johnson, who had been working for Fred Arai, moved back to Pendleton Saturday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Shipley of Pilot Rock visited Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Orm over the week end.**

**Austin Johnson, Mrs. Orm's brother, is helping Fred Arai in the potato digging.**

**The Elvin Orms have heard that their brother-in-law, Jamie Ware of Parma, entered the hospital Monday for observation of a stomach ailment.**

**Mrs. William Sweeney and children of Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Price, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snyder and family and Dennis Bayard who is visiting here from Las Vegas, went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cates in Caldwell for dinner Saturday night.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cates and family of Caldwell have gone to Little Valley, Utah, to make their home.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Ira Price and Joel went to the Nampa rodeo Friday evening.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Albert Notheis visited and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Art Neely near Vale Sunday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snyder visited his mother, Mrs. Ada Snyder at Caldwell Friday night.**

**Mrs. Lester Cleaver and Mrs. Fred Mitchell went to Boise Saturday to visit Mrs. Morgan Hansen and family.**

**The Pleasant Hour club will meet Tuesday evening, Aug. 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleaver for their annual picnic supper.**

**Erza Woolley has bought the Norman Garner place. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garner helped move the Norman Garners to their new home near Othello, Wash.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Fogelman of Nampa are the parents of a girl born July 16. Her name is Sandra Kay. The mother is the former Jeanive Grottviet. Mrs. John Grottviet of Nyssa is with her for a few days.**

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