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OREGON LABOR WORLD PROSPEROUS DESPITE PANIC AND HARD TIMES

Hoff, just rendered, shows unparing men of Oregon. The great strides in advertising the state and its resources is the main reason given for the remarkable condition of labor notwithstanding the panic and the cry of "hard times" in many parts

Many important matters are taken up and discussed at length by Hoff. probably the most startling is his unmistakably clear warning that the Chinese and other Asiatics must be excluded from the country for the benefit of the white race in general

Review and Recommendations.

In presenting this, my third bi-ential report, I am pleased to state n thrown out of employment especially in the lumber industry. That Oregon could not for a long time suffer much from this must be we'll sinderstood when it is considered; that crops were good and prices higher than ever before. Never before was there to much wealth among all classes of people as dur-Very little trouble ing the last year. has been manifested between em-Strikes and ployer and employes. lockouts were few and without lawlemmest. Oregon's great resources and the awakening of commercia! hodies all over the state to the need of advertising to the world our adventages, are sending our state to the front with great strides, Accidents.

The accidents in lumber camps re main the same as before, but in the mills and factories, owing to the in-Reports of accidents are more fully made and but few fall to competition with free workmen. to the fact that manufacturers are beginning to recognize the laws governing this bureau to the true light as required under the new condition tion for all.

Child Labor.

it is being enforced as far as possihim, to work at sultable employment, ber of people. the factory with its dark, musty and It can be seen from the reports dusty cellars and attles is not the that there are those of the employfor him. Oregon's No child should be allowed to absent himself from the school under any write. Child labor is mostly responsible for this condition.

Child Labor Law—Violations.

The enforcement of the child ishor

law, as far as Portland is concerned, has been left to the child labor com mission who has during the last two years, filed in the office of the dis-trict attorney complaints and in the uvenile court, four complaints, the to bring the offence also within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. Only the juvenile court cases came to trial. Before the last election, the prosecuting attorney could sit as given a place in the family carbinate and being called before the was sufficient to stop further was sufficient to stop further violation of the law by these same family of high standing and in that, would protect the people who are

The report of Labor Commissioner parties. It is believed that in these off, just rendered, shows unpar-instances the fact that the district alleisd prosperity among the work-ing sien of Oregon. The great strides rendered as good service to the state as could have been given under the more vigorous method of carrying the proceeutions to a trial,

Fifty notices were also sent out to employers who needed no further acion to compel them to obey the law, The truant officer, who is now a part of the compulsory school system, has been a great assistance in carrying out the intents of the law. The compulsory education law and

the child labor law are so harmoniously framed, that except in the case and the laboring men in particular. of night work, there has been but The report is as follows: little trouble during the school

Chinese and Japanese. Every honest means should be that the industrial condition is rap-idly recovering from the shock it received by the bank panic last fall. Our institution. No per on, living Owing to this panic and also to the as an American citizen should live. advance in the railroad rates, indus-try in Oregon was checked, and many ers, who live on a fraction of what work men and women of the best and men thrown out of employment especial costs a white person, and dwell brightest minds and to keep those of and dwelf in places that are not only unsanitary so. There people but criminally mu't be excluded not only for the reason of the present, but more especially for the future safety and welfare of our citizens. The race question as placed before the people in the south, and some in the north, should leave no uncertainty as to the neces ity of guarding our children's heritage on this coast against similar conditions, where the Oriental, unless stopped, will, by reason of his large number, undertake to control the poltical, as well as the economical, affairs of this country.

Convict Labor. The convicts should, and must of necessity from a humanitarian standpoint, be employed at some occupation, which should be so directed as to work the smallest amount of hardspection law, have been greatly re- ships on the free laborer. It should be utilized where it comes least in

Perhaps no line of work receives that thought and the solving of which gives more worry to the employer than the "domestic help" question. of devolping the great resources of in the earlier history of the state, our state, of keeping pace with other when a more democratic idea constates, and of bettering the situa-trolled the minds of the housewife, it was easter to get this kind of help. The bired girl then was nearer to Oregon is to be complimented on the family and often on an equal her calld labor law. Though it no footing socially with her mistress. As doubt can be improved, it is still society grows older and the democra- he good also for the state governone of the best in the country and tic ideas evolve into aristocracy, or through the child labor commission, what is aimed to be so, the social gaps between the mistress and maid ble. As the state grows in indus-trial importance, this law is already would be puzzled to discern any difhere to meet coming conditions and ferent clay in the make up of the right in applying to part of the state is already, in many instances, sorely one from the other. Position, moneeded. While it may be good for ey, or the opportunity to command cluding contract work child, when achool does not claim gives such an idea to a large num-

factories ers who recognize that the differare so far generally well lighted and ence between them is due merely to ventilated; still they are not the circum tances, and who, therefore, proper places in which to spend the treat their help with the kindness intermission between school terms. No child should be allowed to absent expected from an age that has not himself from the school under any yet discovered any reserved seats in circumstances except sickness. There heaven. The widening process of the are in the United States today 1,276, 185 children over the age of 12 years that know neither how to read or sting to it) leaves smaller and smaller the per cent of g'rls to do this kind of work and none but those who are willing to accept of the social ostracism, and a few mentally large women, who rise above such feet-ing, will do this work. The result is that in no work does the employ-er receive, on an average, poorer service for the pay, which is good. than in this line, and the employer latter being of such a character as has a right to expect the best, but fully understanding the responsibility bring the offence also within the on the contrary in many instances ity, should be allowed to operate

ation so far has an automatic ad- line o business, com to bove a free As the employers rise hand. above their help in their own mind andin the minds of their "set," rethey place a hired girl being smaller better help than the American born This, no doubt, comes from the fact that they are more used to class distinction and have not imbibed the American idea of equality and, therefore, have, among the number willing to accept of the conditions for a home, board and lodging, a larger per cent of higher intellects

Look upon the domestic as far beneath you and you will find those you are able to h're and retain in your service will fully justify your idea of their intellectual standard. Educational-Manual Training.

The teachers of this state have in the past been paid the lowe t wages is the most important, as it fixes one work men and women of the best and ond complaint he been made. high ability, who may be doing this kind of work simply as a makeshift to something more, remunerative. There 's, outside of the parent's respon bility, no work of such imnortance to the family, state or nation as the work of a school teacher and the state in its treatment, soclety in its attitude toward this class of workers, should fully recognize this fact.

Manual training is being more and more advocated and put into practice and in this there cannot be too metch done. It should be in every school. An able article on this subject by a leading educator will be found in another part of this report under the head of "Education." The highest to the lowest education inst'tution should be equipped with the best teachers and paraphernalis and he within the reach of the poorest child. Free school compulsory education (in fact) and free text books, education in 'its broadest sense, disseminated among all the people of every station in life, will do more than any other force to adjust labor differences, equalize con-ditions and reach the ideal state,

Eight-Hour Law. An eight-hour law was passed last session of the legislature covering state and county work. Such a law is now in force on United States government works and if good for the national government, it ought to ment. This state law, while it is a move in the right d'rection, has too many omissions and limitations to be what is reasonably demanded by the labor element. If the law is all and county work, why not to all, in-Electricity.

Electricity is becoming more and more the motive power of this state. The water power throughout the state is unlimited and if made use of for the purpo e o' generating electricity may, as the transmission of currents become cheaper, be tans-ferred into such power and used in every industry in Oegon. This increased use of electricity demand? stricter rules and laws governing and controlling all appliances necessary in the manufacture and transmission of the current, especially so in regards, to the wiring and the safety of linemen 'n their work.

Many accidents have been caused where young boys had charge of ald, the water supply which is neceselevators, and as this is endanger-ing thousands of people, who in our ance, no one under an age when the mind becomes settled and clear, not

Elevator Operators.

family not the least trouble was ex- seeking work and who of all others, perienced in getting the best of help, perhaps most need the protection. Idly decrease proficient and intelligent. The situ-

Freter Inspection, Law,

girl and widening the social gap, in to be of great benefit, and, although. Industries as must be expected from any new. The lat portunity to get a good domestic help movement, some troub'e, and aness, the number in the class in which novances have been experienced. it har, on the whole, worked our satis-Prom the majority of reports the de- factorily and from the best informaduction is that foreign born girls are tion obtainable, has reduced acci-better help than the American born dents in all plants, coming under the aw, from a smeller per cent in fatal ment, o a greater per cett in alighter acc dents, fully averaging in all a de-crease of 37 per cent in loss of life and limb.

To make the law, as regarding fees more equitable, it should be amended so that work hops employing one to two men should pay a fee of only over 40 per cas,

Female Ten Hear ! - Violations. Then ten-hour in-

for females, during the last two turs, has been violated many timebut in all but of any workers although their work three instances, will be found panic of last fall and more so by the reported under had of "Prosecuof the principal corner stones to ev- tion"," the complete were for the shut down a large number of mills sy man and woman's character and first offence and if her been my fixed uture business success. In the few rule not to pro eer's for the first is now advancing in price, and mills in t years a change has taken place time, as it is possible that parties and better salaries have been paid, were unaways of the aw. I have, but the a is plenty of room for im-provement. Teachers should be regist and terror and with the above Mining. hald such alaring as to draw to the mentioned three exceptions, no sec-Irrivation.

The field for carpal and labor in sources is very great. Then nation of available record . other states. The reason for this and protection by the state for this place at all times. class of property rights.

record to ascertain how much water from any of our streams, has been appropriated to beneficial use, thus fore, impossible to ascertain how much unappropriated water, if any, remains in our streams subject to further appropriation to beneficial

Even if unappropriated water is believed to exist in any stream, there is no method of acquiring definite title to such water pending the completion of water power or irrigation works. Without this protection large irrigation projects cannot be developed by private capital because good title to water cannot be transferred by such company to the individual settlers. Upon completion of a project it is thus impossible for uch companies to compete with Canada, Idaho or other states having good water laws in the colonization of their lands.

The conservation of water by storage of winter floods in reservoirs, tions proves that the working neowhere the natural stream channel must be used in conveying the same existing. "Organization of wage to the place of intended use, is impo sible because there is no state of the American standard of life." protection for this class of development. It is impossible to dising it h stored water when discharged into tions of having a personal record of flow. The entire flow, including the stored water, will therefore, prob- right; and so it would be were it ably be diverted by ditchers tapping used in an ab-olutely honorable way the stream above the place of use.

There is no criminal law in Oreson concerning the stealing of water: in fact, it is impossible to enforce such law if enacted without estab lishing a system of titles to water with the necessary state administrative machinery. This fact is be couraging settlement on irrigated land. The irrigator can at small expense, if necessary, prevent the stealing of the crops within his enclosure, but it is impossible on long streams to protect, without sary for the production of the crop. Given a good code of water law and the necessary administrative machinery for the protection of all class-

benefits would result:

Water right litigation would rap

Information necessary for investors would be easily obtainable; he protection and aid afforded would bonest labor, at least two-thirds lead to irrigation investments; these the work would have to be The section I spection law, passed would increase taxable wealth and formed by such labor and union moving themselves from the hired by the last legislature, has proven homes and indirectly promote other

The laborer would have two new opportunities, one for work in the child, every person old and m construction of canals, the other to depending on such workman, she obtain a home and the independence of farm life.

Capital would have opened for it a safe and profitable field for invest-

The cost to the state in administering a modern water law can be more than made up through a system of fees paid by those benefited. or a tax placed upon the use of unappropriated water for power or irrigation purposes.

The enactment of a comprehensive \$2 (and the amount made up adding code of water law appears to be one another \$10 fee to plants employing of the important duties of the leg-

Lumber Industry.

The lumber industry, one of the largest in the state, has been in measure crippled by the bankers' Come increase in railroad rates, which especially in the intrior. Lumber I have, number are still idle and some may

Mining.

The mines were excented from the provisions of the law creating this bureau. This industry has naturally not received in a statistical the development of Common re- way the attention that it is entitled mi- to from the great interest it is to the and state. However, the commissioner development in this field pract cally felt it his duty to gather as much at a standstill as compared with information as poss'ble, though less guarantee of its correctne's must stagnation we believe to lie in the follow, as much of the information lack of a system of titles to water is old and many changes are taking sion, a law came within one vote of It is impossible from any public being passed attaching a mine inspector to this bureau. If the law had been enacted, much could have been accomplished along the differbecoming a ve ted right. It is, there- ent lines concerning the mining intere ts of our state.

Organized Labor. Labor organizations are growing

perhaps as fast as any association living under the influences of modern thoughts of concentration. Our great country demands centralized capital in order to handle the industries which can do little if not worked on a large scale. This, perhaps more than any other cause, has brought out the strength evidenced by organization, andto think of and expect to accomplish the disorganization of the laboring man is to libel his mental ability, accrediting him with a mind below what is possessed by the American workman Organization at the top of the economic fabric demands the same condition at the bottom, and the increase in the member hip of labor organizaale are not blind to the conditions earners is recognized as a principal Record System.

The system used by many corpora stream from that of the regular each and every man in their employ. may at first glance appear to be all and for their own individual use But it is certain to my mind that this personal record has been to blacklist employes, not only in the industrial plant where the was taken, but over the whole territory. That honest and good men often get the ill-will of employers cannot be disputed, and by system that gives an employer the means to do harm to an honest workman through personal spicen should be abolished by the strictest kind of 'aw. .The detective system should be sufficient to guard against a workman disappearing with an employ-er's money or part or whole of his plant, without subjecting the hon-"at toller to this handlean of the dishonest and suttaful smalover. es of water rights, the following Strikes, Lockouts and l'uion Label

As long as there are ambittons, as long as men think and wish to advapre, and as long as the mind of men continue to be exercised freely, and human nature remains as it now is, strikes and lockouts will come. Arbitration laws may be parsed but so far the best have proven fallible and at last the only

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ablets known as Sarsatabs. 1884 Nasal and other local forms of or are relieved by Catarrieta, which so flammation and deodorizadis

effective arbitration has been strike or lockout. That strikes lockouts are to be avoided man patent to all, but this can only done by the exercising of good is ment on the part of the enga-and the employe alike recogn each others rights, and fully standing that either one is held without the other. Any law to this question will be looked up operating unjustly by one side the other and they, therefore, me to abide by the decision. No. can be enforced that will deay to manufacturer the right to shu shop when he pleases nor forbid workingman quitting his work w he feels like doing so. That the laboring men and wor have a better weapon than the m

is certain. Two-thirds of the ple are wage earners, and as im ed goods are used more by wealthier people, it is safe to that at best two-thirds of the America can manufactured articles are by the laboring men and women everyone of these should der that a trade mark, showing that article was made by well paid edly control the output, this wa settle all strikes. man, every working woman see that he uses only such artias bear the right mark, the m 'abel. Those who are konest as men or profess to believe in a principles should buy naught th does not carry the anion label.

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