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MONUMENTS TO THE MEN WHO ARE DEVELOPING OREGON

Men have inscribed their names on the history of Oregon in imperishable monuments.

On the banks of the Rical (La Creole) stands a noble shaft in honor of Colonel Nesmith, first United States Senator from Oregon and friend of Lincoln.

There is a monument erected to the memory of Col. Victor Trevett on Memaloose Island, friend of pioneers and Indians.

This publication would honor the men who did things for the glory of Oregon in the past.

It would also erect with loving hands the tributes of appreciation due the men who are doing things for the glory of the commonwealth today.

Promoting better transportation facilities by land and by water are the problems of the hour.

To this cause the best efforts of the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress are dedicated.

We generally wait until men are dead and then begin to engrave the tributes of praise on their tombstones.

Postmortem eulogies will never reach the ears of the departed.

How many a citizen battles loyally for the common good and is buried as soon as he dies in the ruck of oblivion!

How many contribute all their lives in some great cause only to be forgotten because it did not reach full fruition!

How few are remembered who fought the battles of water transportation on the Willamette and Columbia fifty years ago.

How few can recall the names of the men who pioneered railroad construction in the sixties and seventies in Oregon.

One would think their names would be lisped on the lips of school children of the present day out of mere gratitude for the blessings we now enjoy!

But they are forgotten, or nearly so, in the onrush of a hurrying generation.

So I propose to bring to notice the labors of some of the private citizens who are doing the present-day development work.

Lest they be forgotten amid the clamors of noisy politicians, overlooked in the throng of greedy grabbers of gain, from time to time let us print these slight mention of their labors.

Let it be remembered, the great work of developing the western commonwealth is not performed by public officials, nor even by the high-salaried professional boosters.

Behold what a monument of progress the development fighters of the present day are erecting:

Harriman is building into Klamath Falls and Tillamook. He promises to build up the Des Chutes and is surveying anew from Ontario to Burns.

J. H. Somers and Jacob Haas of Marshfield ask a franchise from Roseburg to Coos Bay.

F. M. Swift is promoting a line from Oregon City to Silverton.

A railroad is being surveyed from Central Point to Chetco, Curry county.

Wm. Grimes, Henry Sengstacken, J. T. McCormack, I. S. Kaufman, H. C. Diers, J. R. Smith, F. A. Haines, Patrick Hennesy (much power to Pat), L. F. Falkenstein, J. C. Gray, C. C. Carter (the latter of Myrtle Creek) are surveying, right-of-way and pre-paying a railroad from Coos Bay to Roseburg.

Two hundred thousand dollars is being raised to put through a railroad from Eugene to Siuslaw harbor, a project promoted by H. W. Thompson, L. E. Bean, Sten Lund, A. F. Campbell, J. M. Shelly, Chas. H. Fisher, Free Thomas, Thos. M. Svarverud, Dr. Wm. Kuykendall and F. M. Wilkins.

John R. Allen, 49 Wall street, New York, Robt. S. Towne and Col. J. F. Mundy are the new owners of the Pacific and Eastern, a coal and lumber railroad from Medford.

The Salem, Eugene and Eastern is building at Albany and Eugene.

The Salem, Falls City and Western is building from Salem west.

Are not all these movements monuments to the men who are making the present-day fight for development in Oregon?

If this fight for development is kept up, Oregon will have 2000 miles of railroad under construction by the end of 1910.

The people of Oregon should uphold the hands of these present-day heroes of development.

Let us not wait until they are dead and then speedily pass them into the oblivion of forgetfulness.

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STATE PRESS RESENTS PAYING INSPECTION TAX UNDER FACTORY ACT

Records of Secretary of State Do Not Show That the Labor Commissioner Collects This Tax From the State Printer, But Little Country Offices Have Been Made to Pay.

The Capital Journal presents correspondence and press clippings in regard to the attempt of State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff to make one-press printing offices pay the factory inspection fee of five dollars a year. Inquiry at the state printing office reveals the fact that he has never demanded this inspection fee of the state printer, who runs one of the largest power printing plants in the state and has fast presses, but he has collected the fee from some of the smallest printing offices in the state like the Freewater Times, which probably has an old army press not big enough to pinch your finger. We print a letter from Mr. Hoff, transmitting an opinion of the attorney general. The newspapers of the state have no quarrel with the attorney general or the secretary of state for attempting to comply with Mr. Hoff's request that the one-press printing offices pay this tax. He is the labor commissioner and he has made the matter an issue by placing the collection of the tax in the hands of the district attorney and ordering him to collect the same. He cannot hide behind the attorney general or the secretary of state. If those officers have done anything in this matter it has been in pursuance of their duties and at the instance of the labor commissioner. We do not believe the labor commissioner should be so severely condemned, as some of the papers have condemned him, as he has probably done what he did under a mistaken sense of duty:

Commissioner Hoff Defends.
State Labor Commissioner Hoff has issued a letter to the press of the state defending his attempt to collect from every little one-press printing office five dollars a year inspection fee. As these offices have but one piece of machinery that runs but a few hours a week, the collection of this tax does no one any good. His letter makes several misstatements, as follows:
"The Capital Journal is the only institution in Salem and the only printing office in Marion county that has failed to pay its inspection fees under the state factory inspection law."
"This is not true because inspection of the records of the office of the secretary of state shows the inspection fee has not been paid by the state printing office, which is a private plant and operates dangerous high-speed machinery. Many other offices in this state report that they have not paid."

Another Misstatement.
"The Capital Journal counsels united opposition by the press of the state to the factory law and the bureau of labor."
"This is false because The Capital Journal only urges that a test case be made to determine whether a one-press printing office comes under the factory inspection act. We do not believe a fair construction of the law intends that each year every little one-press printing office shall pay this five-dollar tax. The Capital Journal believes in a fair construction and a fair enforcement of the factory inspection act to protect labor against dangerous machinery, and is prepared to leave the matter to any jury whether a one-press printing office is a factory or workshop in the meaning of the law."

Opinion of Attorney General.
State of Oregon, Bureau of Labor, Salem, May 21, 1909.
Mr. E. Hofer, Editor Daily Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon.
Dear Sir: In your issue of the 19th inst. I notice editorial comment on the action of this office in placing your newspaper printing plant under the inspection law.
As an officer of the state I have only done my duty as provided in the statutes and in accordance with the opinion rendered by the attorney general, which opinion may be found on page 181 of our report for 1906-08 which reads as follows:
"State of Oregon, Legal Department, Salem, September 13, 1907.
"Hon. O. P. Hoff, Labor Commissioner, Salem, Oregon.
"Dear Sir: In answer to your inquiry of even date herewith, as to whether the mechanical department of newspapers and other printing establishments having motive power for the operation of the presses and other machinery other than hand power, are included in the provision of chapter 155, laws of 1907, known as the factory inspection law, I beg to say that, in my opinion, they are."
"Sections 1 and 2, in enumerating the establishments to which the provisions of the act are applicable, mentions factory, mill or workshop where machinery is used, and 'factory, mill or workshop where machinery is used and manual labor is exercised by way of trade for the purpose of gain.' In a printing establishment, where there are presses and other machines driven by motive power and there are persons employed in using such machines, there is no question, in my mind, that such establishments come within the term 'workshop where machinery is used.'"

There is no denying the fact that it is a place where manual labor is performed and the physical or tangible products of the press are turned out, and this fulfills the definition of a workshop, which is 'a shop where any manufacture is carried on.'
"Also other parts of the act make it applicable to warehouses and stores and in fact it seems to be the intention of the legislature that its provisions shall apply to almost any place where there is machinery to be guarded and human life protected. And, therefore, in my opinion, it applies to those parts of the printing establishments employing machinery which would be liable to endanger human life and limbs if not properly safe-guarded. Very respectfully yours,
"A. M. Crawford,
"Attorney General."
"By J. H. Van Winkle."

Trusting you will give this letter as much publicity as you have given your editorial, I am, respectfully yours,
O. P. HOFF,
State Commissioner of Labor.

Small Paper Paid the Tax.
Freewater, Or., May 25.—Your article re printing office and factory received. I have paid by \$5 for inspection and will gladly put up my share to test legality of inspection. Thank you for championing the country press.
D. C. SANDERSON,
Ed. The Times.

From a Job Printer.
Pendleton, Or., May 21.—Editor Journal: Copy of your paper of 19th inst. at hand and editorial on the Hoff tax for 1908-09 read with interest. I congratulate you. I have not paid the tax and will help fight through all the tribunals this side of hades before I will pay.
Fraternally,
JACK HUSTON.

Does Not Blame Mr. Hoff.
(From the Albany Democrat.)
The Salem Journal failed to pay its factory inspection fee of \$5 a year the past two years since the law was passed and kicks loud over it, is a double column article, with several large types. The Democrat paid its two years fees at once promptly, and has the receipts. The law is unjust, and is a direct steal when it includes small printing offices, but Commissioner Hoff is not to blame. The legislature passed the law. It is an infamous graft when it applies to making a factory out of a print shop, but it is the law and Brother Hofer ought to pay his \$5 a year just as much as the Democrat man.

Hofer's Irish Up Again.
(Grants Pass Pacific Outlook.)
Editor Hofer, of the Salem Capital Journal touches a sympathetic chord in the breast of every publisher and printer in Oregon when he uncorks his blue vitriol and turns loose upon the factory inspection graft. The Colonel was recently touched for ten dollars in back taxes under this holdup enactment, and while he does not mind a small pull like a ten dollar bill, his soul revolts at the injustice of having every one-press print shop classed as a factory and taxed as such. He calls upon the whole newspaper fraternity to unite and fight this scheme and all similar schemes to a finish, for there is no degree of extortion to which

favorable to the press of Oregon, we might accomplish something. I will donate my share to test the law.
WM. J. CLARK,
Editor The Star.
From Douglas County.
Myrtle Creek, May 20.—I have just received a copy of The Journal containing your expose of the One-press factory tax graft, the Labor Commissioner is trying to work. I do not propose to pay it. Am with you in the fight to knock the thing in the head. Would rather pay the price of the tax fighting this graft than to submit to such extortion.
Fraternally yours,
CHAS. W. RICE,
Publisher Myrtle Creek Mail.

From Jackson County.
Jacksonville, May 22.—I have just read your article in regard to "Inspection and tax on factories." I think the scheme to collect the tax from newspaper publishers is a graft, pure and simple, and we believe that every publisher in the state (outside of Portland) will join you in resisting it.
As yet no demand has been made on us for payment of the so-called tax but if made we shall certainly object, as we consider it both unjust and illegal.
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this inspection tax may not go. The law was drawn with a view to applying it to factories and mills where there was such an amount of machinery that there was always an element of danger. The application of the act to on-press printing establishments is nothing more or less than a graft. It might with just as much justice be applied to a windmill, a feed-cutter or his wife's rotary churn. To all of Brother Hofer's remarks we answer "amen."

(A copy of this paper is sent to all the papers in the state and we ask them to be prepared if necessary to help defray the expense of making a test case in the courts if this tax is to be enforced.)

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