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CORPORATIONS GETTING WISER

Evidently the big corporations have awakened to the fact that labor is entitled to some of the profits from high war prices. One after another of them has voluntarily advanced wages without waiting for a strike. Yesterday United States Steel announced an increase of about 10 per cent to its employes, the raise to take effect May first. This is surely better than the old way of fighting every move of the working men for better pay, and only conceding it after the employers had lost much more than the increase amounted to, and making the laborer also lose as much or more than the sum that was grudgingly allowed him. In this case the necessity for better wages though they were not demanded, was evident to everyone.

The conditions that caused high prices for the products of the company also caused a great increase in the cost of living, and an increase of wages was really but a maintaining of the old standard, for it took all the increase to pay the additional cost of food and necessities for the working man and his family.

While the wage is higher, the amount received over and above the cost of living is no greater than before.

As a matter of fact it takes about all the working man can earn to pay his living expenses and this he must have. That the corporations have at last discovered this shows that a little thought has been given to this side of the situation as well as to the financial side of it. The country as well as the corporations are to be congratulated on this fact for it will have a tendency to prevent strikes in the future.

GROWING COMMERCE OF THE PACIFIC

It looks as though the Pacific was at last to come into its own and become in a small way a rival of the Atlantic in the matter of shipping. The danger by the Suez route has driven trade away from it, and it has perforce turned to the West as the nearest and safest way east. When the Panama canal is permanently open for vessels this trade will grow steadily larger, and in time even after the war is over and all danger from that source removed, the volume of trade from the Orient to Europe by this route will become still greater.

At present the cost of shipping clear across the continent by rail is a handicap to the trade, yet in spite of this it is growing far faster than most folks have any idea of.

Yesterday a dispatch from Tacoma stated that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha line, from Japan would take cargoes from that port between May 1 and November 1, amounting to 215,000 tons, and the inbound cargo of these ships would amount to 1,000,000 tons, which would require 43 vessels running steadily to handle.

The estimated value of the export cargoes is \$15,000,000. That of the imports is not given. Tacoma is a small port comparatively, and this vast amount of business done through it shows how great must be the volume of business done on the coast in the way of trade with the Orient.

Anna Wilson, of St. Louis, is certainly a high priced washerwoman. Recently the lady for whom Anna exercised the washboard owed her three weeks salary, and Anna, getting suspicious that she was going to lose her money, grabbed jewelry worth \$3,000 and insisted the lady call it square. Naturally the latter considered \$1,000 a washing as a pretty stiff price and refused to compromise. The result was that Anna refusing to give up the jewelry was landed in jail.

The New York stock market is a pretty sure barometer of business and also of political affairs. For several days now it has been dull with small fluctuations in prices. It has adopted a watchful waiting attitude, pending the outcome of the Mexican affair and the dispute with Germany. This indicates that some fear is felt of changed conditions with Germany, as the Mexican affair cuts little ice anyway.

The detective force at San Francisco have a method of their own of deciding on a prisoner's guilt or innocence. James Geffene held on a charge of murder and said by the detectives to be Pietro Torturici, who is known to be the murdered, protests that he is not Torturici, that he is only 26 years old and could not possibly be that gentleman who was married when the murder was committed eleven years ago. The detectives have concluded, very wisely, that if it can be shown Geffene is 30 years old, he is Torturici, but if he is only 26 he is not that person. These detectives could no doubt tell whether a horse was vicious or would kick, by looking at its teeth and guessing its age.

Peter Aguilar held in jail at San Bernardino, California, on a charge that he was insane, raised such ructions yesterday that the fire department was called and for an hour tried to subdue him by turning a stream of water on him. When he finally rushed the firemen when they attempted to capture him, he had a big butcher knife and in self defense the hoseman struck him on the head with the nozzle. When he regained consciousness he was perfectly sane. Few men can be knocked perfectly sensible at one blow, hence this especial man can be considered unusually lucky.

Women are sure queer about money matters. One will use an old crock or can as a bank, while another will hide her coin in the flour bin or among the chicken feed or any old place that happens to suggest itself with apparently no more reason for selecting that especial spot than a wood rat has for places he selects for his plunder. Recently a woman residing in the suburbs of Chicago died and in an unguarded bureau drawer was found cash and bonds amounting to \$74,000.

The Germans are surely giving a great boost to the ship building industry. They are creating daily a greater demand, the effect of which will be felt long after the war is over. The "made in Oregon" wooden ship is liable to become a visitor in all the harbors of the world before many years pass. Oregon owners should see that they fly the state flag in every port.

There is a touch of irony in the chartering of the steamer Republic to the Robert Dollar company. A short time ago this steamer was the German ship Walkure, terror of the Pacific waters, which attacked Tahiti and was later sunk by the French. According to the charter the Republic now goes to Vladivostok, to take munitions to the allies.

Mayor Curley, of Boston, has fixed the limit of disrobing to which actresses may go on the stage, at "rubbers, cloak and hat." It is a safe bet he does not expect to be re-elected.

A Cleveland man a few days ago was pulled from the icy waters of Lake Erie. "Much obliged," he said to his rescuers, "the water was too cold for comfortable suiciding, anyway."



HIRED HANDS

Upon the farmers' rolling acres, the hired men, husky harvest makers, now push the gleaming plows; all day above their tasks they're bending, and when the twilight is descending they milk three thousand cows. They rise before the dawn is breaking, and give their sweat-stained mules a raking, with brush and currycomb; with pails of swill they go a-reeling, to feed the porkers, loudly squealing as they blow off the foam. They feed the calves and groom the chickens, and milk more cows to beat the dickens, before the rise of sun; and while the rest of us are snoozing, the glory of the morning losing, their day's work is begun. The eight hour day? Don't josh or mock them; such levity would pain and shock them; some eighteen hours they toil, between the hour of their upgetting, and their retiring, tired and sweating, and caked with fertile soil. We boost and praise the festive farmer, and say he is the honest charmer who keeps the nations fed; but, by the boosters, bards and sages, of him who tills the land for wages, there's mighty little said.

Davis the Dynamiter Is On Witness Stand
Los Angeles, Cal., April 18.—George E. Davis, convicted "arch dynamiter," was summoned to the witness stand today in the trial of David Caplan for complicity in the destruction of the Times newspaper plant here October 1, 1910.
Davis' graphic description of his escapades as a dynamiter caused a mild sensation in the recent trial of Matthew A. Schmidt, alleged accomplice of Caplan. Judge Willis' court chamber was crowded when the session opened this morning, with spectators anxious to hear all details of Davis' "harrowing experiences" as a destruction agent.

New Herbal Balm for Skin Disease

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"TEMPUS FUGIT" WHICH MEANS "IT IS FLY TIME"

U. of O. Issues Leaflet Advising Campaign of Extermination On Flies

The fly season's here again; What! Each buzzer must surely be caught. Dad, son, Ma and daughter Should each get a swatter And become the real "Akhoond of Swat."

The "swat the fly" campaign is to be started early this year and everybody is advised not only to swat the first fly, but to also swat the breeding places, according to a leaflet issued by the University of Oregon, dated April 1.

The leaflet proposes plans by which the public in general may become deeply interested in the swatting campaign. Plans are also offered as to how to manage a fly campaign. A few of them are as follows:

Get an effective organization that will include the chairman of the board of health, superintendent of schools and principals of all junior high schools. Call a meeting and discuss the importance of an organized fly campaign.

Overcome the feeling that some have, that flies are not so bad after all. A flyless town is possible. Convince people that the fly is a deadly nuisance and also that it can be exterminated.

Every home should be provided with a good outdoor fly trap placed in the back yard or in the barn yard.

Do your fly swatting early. One fly swatted early in the season is better than killing thousands in the middle of the summer. Do not offer bounties to children to kill flies, as netting and trapping is more effective and also more sanitary.

Find out if the city dump is a fly breeding place for the entire town.

Published by the Extension department of the University of Oregon the leaflet takes the broad stand that if the people could only realize the importance of exterminating the fly, every household would start a campaign not only against the fly, but also against its breeding places.

Co-operative Creamery Plant at Mount Angel Will Grade Its Cream

The first of April will have a new significance in the Mt. Angel country this year, for from that day on, declares the dairymen who supply the Mt. Angel creamery with their product they will no longer be made fools of.

For something like half a year 75 per cent of the patrons of the co-operative creamery, who number about 250, have been supplying first quality cream. The product of the other 25 per cent has been by comparison poor.

Yet they all have been paid the same price. But no longer.

From April 1 quality is to count and the dairymen will be paid upon the basis of the quality of their cream. First quality will consist of anything that grades better than 95. But it must be sweet or nearly so, must have not over 4 per cent acidity and must be clean in smell and flavor. All the other cream will be placed in second grade. Between the two grades will be a difference of two cents in price.

"That is arbitrary and just for the present," said Manager S. O. Rice. "There will be really more than that difference in price in the quality of the butter made from the two grades and as we learn just what the difference is we will make our price upon that difference. But we are going slow at first. We are the first cooperative creamery in Oregon to adopt the plan."

The Mt. Angel creamery is operated on the co-operative basis, there being about 80 stockholders and 250 patrons. The production in the winter is about 15,000 pounds of butter monthly, and in summer about double that. Manager Rice has been in charge about two years and in that time has developed the quality of the cream by constantly insisting on that feature of dairy production. In the last buttermaker's educational contest at Corvallis his creamery took six firsts and two seconds with 12 entries. Although about 25 per cent of the cream received at present would be placed as second class, he believes that within a few weeks not more than one or two per cent will be other than first quality cream.

TO RAISE WOMEN'S WAGES

Portland, Ore., April 18.—The wages of women workers will be raised by law if recommendations of a sub-committee to the State Industrial Welfare Commission today are followed. The sub-committee proposes a graduated scale of advancement according to the ability and length of service of the employes.

PROPOSALS FOR WOOD

The Oregon State Board of Control will receive sealed bids for furnishing 400 cords of wood, to be delivered at the Oregon State Penitentiary Brick Yard, namely: 200 cords round four-foot slab wood and 200 cords four-foot second growth fir wood. Delivery to begin May 15, and to be all delivered on or before June 15. Bids will be opened at the office of the Oregon State Board of Control on April 27th at 2 o'clock p. m. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part of a bid.

H. B. GOODWIN, Secretary, Oregon State Board of Control, Apr. 15-19-22-25

England, Germany and France Agree

on one thing, if on no other. They all prohibit the sale of alum baking powders.

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Many Industrial Concerns Have Advanced Wages

New York, April 19.—The United States Steel Corporation has announced another advance in wages of employes amounting to 10 per cent, effective May 1. This follows a 10 per cent advance made in February. Both together represent a total increase in wage payments of between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000.

"In view of the continuance of prosperous conditions," read a statement issued by Judge Elbert H. Garp, chairman of the corporation, after a meeting of the finance committee today, "it has been decided to make advances in wage rates of our iron and steel companies about 10 per cent, to take effect May 1."

Adams, Mass., April 19.—The Strong-Hewitt Company, the Blackington Mills and the North Adams Manufacturing Company, of North Adams, and the Adams Woolen Company, of this town, have posted notices of a 10 per cent advance in wages for an aggregate of 1,300 textile operatives.

Providence, R. I., April 19.—The Atlantic Mills, makers of fine goods, and worsted yarns, has announced to their 3,000 employes an increase in wages approximating 10 per cent.

Pittsfield, Mass., April 19.—Wage increases of 10 per cent for 2,100 hands have been announced in the Tiltons, Wilson, Russell and Poutonose woolen mills in this city, the Sawyer-Regan Mills in Dalton and the Hinsdale Woolen Mills.

Hayesville News

(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Hayesville, Ore., April 19.—The W. J. Lomette quartette gave a very excellent concert at the church here Saturday evening, which was much appreciated by those present. They are to be complimented on the way in which they rendered their different parts.

The captain of the Salvation Army with a corps of workers will be present at the prayer meeting at the church here on Thursday evening. Everybody is invited to be present. The Ladies' Aid will meet Wednesday p. m. at 2 o'clock. Easter exercises will be held next Sunday immediately after Sunday school.

SILVERTON NEWS

(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Silverton, Ore., April 19.—The Pethall sisters held one of their delightful meetings at the home of Mrs. June Drake last Wednesday afternoon. There was a good attendance and fancy work and guessing games made the time pass quickly.

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