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LABOR COST DOES NOT CONTROL

Wages Is Not Controlling Factor in Cost of Production, Says Redfield

EFFICIENCY OF METHODS

Products Receiving Highest Protection Pay Lowest Wages, as a Rule

NEW YORK, May 25.—The rate of wages is not the controlling factor in the cost of production and there are many manufacturers who should employ more efficient methods before attempting to reduce wages on account of the proposed reductions in the tariff, William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, said last night at a dinner given in honor of Secretary of War Garrison by the Hudson County Bar association.

"The cost of labor is in many industries but a minor part of the total cost and rarely the controlling element therein," Mr. Redfield said. "The difference in wages between America and Europe often, therefore, effects but a small part of the total cost of manufacture and is itself so modified by many other conditions affecting cost as to have small value as a basis for argument. The chief controlling factor in production is the rate and quality of output. Differences in cost may have no relation to labor.

Poorest Wages in Textile Industry
"The industries in our country which meet foreign competition best are those which pay the highest rate of wages, such as machinery, steel and shoe industries. The industries in America which profess the least ability to meet foreign competition are those which pay the lowest wages among us, such as the textile manufacturers.

"It is frequently true that the industries with the highest protection from the tariff pay the lowest wages [wool and cotton], while those with the smallest tariff protection (shoes) pay higher and sometimes the highest wages. The products of American factories are often as cheap or cheaper in the labor cost per unit than are foreign ones.

"While it is true that some of our industries and many individual manufacturers in our industries are highly

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LOCAL ELKS TO GIVE BIG SHOW

Production of "The Amsterdam Band," Will be the Hit of the Season

Promise of an unusually fine presentation of a musical comedy of undoubted merit is contained in the news that the Elks of this city will present their annual amateur offering June 2 and 3 at the West theater and June 4 at the Arcade-Grand theater, Hoquiam. The name of the musical comedy is "The Amsterdam Band," and it is to be produced under the direction of H. L. Brown adept at staging amateur shows, who has so successfully produced in this city for the Elks before.

"The Amsterdam Band" is more than a girl and song show, as a privileged peep at rehearsals shows. Quite aside from the fact that a chorus of 30 will present one of the prettiest stage pictures imaginable, there is a rich element of common sense combined with the plot of humor. The production would be quite presentable with the speaking parts alone, and with music eliminated.

The story of the "Amsterdam Band" deals with the efforts of the mayor of a certain city to get a public market, which he believes will solve the high cost of living. It is his daughter's eighteenth birthday, and a party in her honor is being given. The orchestra is missing. One must be had. A cub reporter, a friend of the family volunteers to find one, but the best he can do is to find the little Amsterdam band, which prefers to play in some beer hall and on the streets. This band, which contains such monumental musicians as C. C. Pinnick, the Hoquiam trombone manipulator, and others of equal fame, will be under the personal direction of Fred Isensee, whose comedy has made patrons of Elks' shows laugh before this time. The band managers to mix thoroughly into politics and other matters before the curtain falls.

MRS. WOODROW WILSON.

President's Wife as She Appears in So Called Official Picture.



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BOY SETS RECORD ON MOTORCYCLE

Ed. French Lowers Time for 50-Mile Course on Cohasset Beach to 48:34 2-5

BEATS TAFT OF SEATTLE

Winner Is Only 18 Years Old and Has Ridden But One Year

Ed French lowered the Cohasset Beach 50-mile record Sunday, and won the championship of the Southwest, defeating Archie Taft of Seattle. The time was 48:34 2-5. Fourteen machines started and only seven finished. Archer, former champion, dropped out of the race in the ninth lap. The fastest time was made in the third lap, 8:30. The winners were Ed French, first time 48:34 2-5; Taft, second, time 48:54; W. S. McKean, third.

The second race of 30 miles for single cylinder machines was won by George French; Oscar Gould, second; Ed Sherk, third. Time 11:23 for the first lap; 30 miles, 37:43. French, the winner, is only 16 years old. It was the first race he ever ran and he has only had experience gained by riding borrowed machines for one month.

The third race, 10 mile free-for-all had 12 starters. The winners were Ed French, first; Archie Taft, second; Aubrey Archer, third. Time 10:03.

Banned as Outlaw.

The races were run on the ocean beach on a five-mile lap track. Edward Godfrey, the Canadian champion, was barred from the races on account of having ridden in races under auspices of the Western Federation of Motorcyclists. Referee Ritchie ruled he was an outlaw to the F. A. M.

Edward French, the champion, is 18 years old, weighs 122 pounds and has ridden a motorcycle just one year. One thousand spectators went to Cohasset to see the races.

The races were run under the rules of the Federation of American Motorcyclists. The officials were: Referee, C. J. Ritchie; judges, A. W. Featherly, Clem Felzer and Tom Hastings; timers, F. R. Ritchie, R. E. Barnes and Laren Cooledge. In defeating Archie Taft and Aubrey Archer, Ed French becomes champion 50-mile racer of the Northwest. C. H. Hassenfling and Bill Allen rode all the way from Seattle on their machines but arrived 30 minutes too late to enter the races. C. R. White, William Noven, John Venen, J. Smith and E. McKelly started from Seattle but did not arrive.

SHERIFF NOTIFIES DELINQUENTS

MONTESSANO, May 26.—Delinquent personal taxes to the amount of \$14,181.96 were turned over to Sheriff Mathews by Treasurer McGillicuddy Friday for collection. The sheriff will now send written notice to all delinquent and those who attend to the matter at once may save the fees of traveling and other expenses. Those who do not pay at once will be levied on by the sheriff and will pay several dollars in fees besides the personal taxes.

QUINIAULT ROAD CONTRACT LET

County Commissioners Award Contracts for Quinault and N. River Roads

MANY YEARS OF WAITING

Quinault Road Will Open Large Section of Country Rich in Resources

MONTESSANO, May 26.—The award for building about eight miles of the QUINIAULT ROAD

was made today by the commissioners to the Spokane Paving & Construction company on a bid that will approximate \$36,927. This does not include the grading and is for clearing and grubbing and grading a 40-foot roadway, and clearing, with the exception of the merchantable timber, of the other 29 feet of road.

There were four bids in all and there was a great range in price, but this bid is \$12,000 lower than the next lowest.

The work, according to the contract, is to be completed on Oct. 1. Bids were received on two plans—one for the finishing of the road—clearing and grubbing full 60 feet, and one for 40 feet. The successful company's bid on the 60-foot wide road was lower than any other bid on the 40-foot roadway. It was only after considerable figuring and discussing that the commissioners finally decided on the 40-foot road, the decision being practically left to Mr. Fishel.

The inclination of the commissioners was to make the road 60 feet wide and a motion of that kind was suggested, but Mr. Fishel argued that as a matter of right to the owners of the timber through which the road runs, no more of the timber than actually necessary should be cut.

North River Road
The contract for grading and planking a section of the North river road in Commissioner Locke's district, was awarded today in two sections; Carter & Graham were awarded the contract for planking at \$746, and Leo Rolland for the clearing and grading gets \$1,850.

To Commissioner Wilson was delegated the task of settling the side-track muddle in South Montesano. The other commissioners agreed that as it was in his district they would abide by his decision.

No Expert Wanted
A number of ranchers from the east end of the county appeared before the board of commissioners today to object to the county employing an expert on ranching to assist and advise. The east end seems to be much divided over the question.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF CHEHALIS CO. PIONEERS
The annual picnic of the Chehalis County Pioneers' association will be held in Elma, June 27, 1913, at the city park, which is located at the corner of Main street and Division avenue. It will be open to pioneers and their families only. Persons who were residents of this county prior to December 31, 1886, and their children that are over the age of 21 years, are eligible to membership. The admittance fee is \$1, which also pays the current year's annual dues. The membership roll will be on the grounds in the hands of the secretary and any person wishing to join can do so at that time.

Every family attending is expected to bring a full basket of good things to eat. The local pioneers will furnish everyone with a dish of strawberries and there will be plenty of coffee for all. Everyone attending is requested to bring coffee cups and dishes for their berries.

MRS. CLARA BELLE FRENCH, Secretary.
PIONEER LADY DROPS DEAD
HOQUIAM, May 27.—Mrs. Elizabeth Bemiss, aged 47 years, wife of E. J. Bemiss, dropped dead early yesterday afternoon at her home, 308 M street, as she sat reading a newspaper after helping her daughter, Mrs. Brunson, with the noon housework. Discovery of her mother's death was made by Mrs. Brunson but a few minutes after life had flown.

WILEY AFTER TAX DODGERS

Railroad Contractors Object to Valuation Made by the Assessor

REFUSE TO MAKE LIST

And Then Complain When Wiley Adopts Only Plan Left According to Law

MONTESSANO, May 26.—Towhy Bros., the railroad contractors secured the release of their equipment from the custody of the sheriff, who was holding them for the payment of taxes, by filing a bond in the superior court, after bringing an action for the amount they believed to be right.

The complaint alleges that Assessor Wiley has adopted a rule of assessing all property at 40 per cent of its actual valuation "and on information and belief the plaintiff alleges that all property in said county has been or is about to be so taxed" except the property of the plaintiff.

It goes on to allege that Wiley has "wrongfully, arbitrarily and extortionately" taxed the plaintiff's property grossly in excess of its value and costs and about "eight times" its 40 per cent valuation. It also alleges he has assessed to it about \$3,000 worth of property that it does not own. It gives its own valuation of its property as about \$67,000, as against a valuation of about \$175,000 as fixed by the assessor.

Record Tells Different Story
The records and correspondence on file in the office of Assessor Wiley shows the gross error of the statements made in the complaint. Instead of "wrongfully, arbitrarily, capriciously and fraudulently and extortionately" assessing this property it is shown every possible effort was made, personally and by correspondence with this firm, to secure their listing of the property for assessment without avail.

It shows that after numerous delays, and the neglect or refusal of Towhy Bros. to list their property according to law, and after a locomotive and some cars had left the county that should have been assessed here, Assessor Wiley secured the services of a railroad man to appraise the outfit for him and this is the assessment they are now protesting. The assessor says that the estimate may be high, for all he knows but if it is, the firm itself is to blame, as his office exhausted all means at their command before proceeding as the law directs, to make an arbitrary assessment.

Imagine Themselves Above Law
Towhy Bros. had evidently got the notion, from the records of the state equalization board that, Chehalis county assessors were easy game, but they jockeyed too long with Assessor Wiley, so long in fact that it may cost them more than this year's taxes to become clear of Chehalis county. Since this plant was tied up, the assessor's office has been quietly investigating the firm, and finds that this equipment was operated all last year in this county without paying taxes. If this be true, the taxes for 1912 will be levied against the property, and it may require another bond to release it.

HOQUIAM ASKS ROAD MONEY

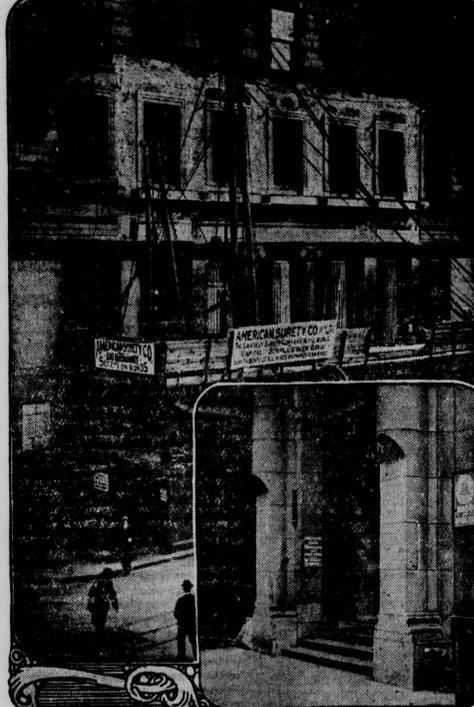
HOQUIAM, May 26.—Road money to the amount of about \$2100 due from the county is expected to be available this week for improvement of roads within the municipal limits of Hoquiam. City Attorney J. P. H. Callahan made formal application for this money last month and the county commissioners will probably take action on the subject at a special meeting to be held tomorrow. The money can be expended only on the New London and East Hoquiam roads.

ELKS' SMOKER WAS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

HOQUIAM, May 26.—A smoker given by the Elks Friday night at their home on K street was a most successful affair. There were several sparring exhibitions in which considerable science was shown.

The event of the evening was a contest between two Japanese which much resembled the old English sport of quarter staff. The skill and agility of the two men were most remarkable and highly delighted the large crowd. Refreshments were served and all present hope another smoker will be pulled off in the near future.

Slicing Off Broadway as Costly As Painting New York Red



THEY'RE slicing off Broadway, the famous Broadway of New York city. It's costing a mint of money, and it's making the owners of the tall buildings angry. These pictures show how the slicing is being done.

The large view is of the American Surety company building while the magnificent Ionic portico was being cut off as far as it was claimed by the city building department to be an encroachment beyond a certain limit set forth by new regulations and being restored inside the restrictive line. The work has progressed since October and represents a cost to the company of \$40,000. According to the decision, steps, columns, ornamental, etc., no matter how elaborate, have had to be sliced off if projecting over four, ten, eighteen or twenty-four inches, according to the character. The other illustration shows a sample of the work which has sliced the columns at the Church street entrance of the City Investing building. Some removals have cost the owners \$125,000.

WILL OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

George Crook Post, G. A. R. Invites General Observance of Historic Day

Veterans of the Civil war, 1861-65, are becoming few and feeble as the years roll by, but those that are able rarely omit the opportunity to testify their regard for those comrades who have gone before on May 26, Decoration Day. Next Friday in Aberdeen will be no exception to this rule, and, weather permitting, to that end Commander James M. Birmingham of the General George Crook Post No. 63, G. A. R., has issued an invitation to the Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., Spanish War Veterans, Co. G. N. G. W., the public schools, lodges and societies within the city of Aberdeen to take part with the Post in memorial services May 30th. The following will be the program for the day:

MEMORIAL DAY
March of the day, Capt. O. R. Austin Aides—E. A. McKerna and Dr. J. B. Kinne.
Procession will join in front of Army, K. P. hall, at 9:30 a. m. March to cemetery.
Order of Procession.
Co. "G," N. G. W.
Spanish War Veterans.
W. R. C. and Women of the G. A. R.
Citizens and school children.
Exercises at Cemetery.
Invocation... Rev. Chas. McDermoth
Song... Male Quartette
Harry Phipps, Dr. O. R. Austin, Allan Austin, Dr. G. Tonnig.
Address... Judge Louis Duet
Rev. and Mrs. E. Burton Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.
Song... Male Quartette
Harry Phipps, Dr. O. R. Austin, Allan Austin, Dr. G. Tonnig.
Recitation... Rev. McQueen
Address... Mrs. Wm. Baumert
Address... A. M. Wade
Song... Male Quartette
Harry Phipps, Dr. O. R. Austin, Allan Austin, Dr. G. Tonnig.
Saluting the Dead... Taps... Co. G. Casting Flowers on the Water.
National Anthem.

GETS NEW AUTO

MONTESSANO, May 26.—C. H. Clemmons has received a new Pierce-Arrow touring car, that is one of the finest machines in the county. It is a massive, six-cylinder machine that is equipped with every convenience and luxury that goes to make automobile perfect.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

MONTESSANO, May 26.—The following marriage licenses were issued last week:
Harry Wang, Sallie Ostrom, Tacoma; Charles Hill, Hilda Rajola, Hoquiam; Crist Olsen, Maye Rosier, Montesano; Oscar Tingwell, Hilda Rydman, Aberdeen; Harry H. Tutmark, Aberdeen, Clara J. Bergren, Cosmopolis.

CARRIERS WILL REPORT FIRES

Rural Mail Carriers Have Been Instructed to Report All Forest Fires

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The official Postal Guide for May calls the attention of postmasters and rural carriers to an order of the Post Office Department that the carriers report to the proper authorities all forest fires detected along their routes. This order was issued at the request of the Secretary of Agriculture.

For several years in some locations of the country a sort of informal understanding has existed between National Forest rangers and mail carriers with the idea of securing increased fire protection. The marked effectiveness of this cooperation was a strong argument in favor of its extension and official sanction, and was in part responsible for the request of the Secretary of Agriculture which resulted in the order by the Post Office Department.

The plan is for the carrier to report a fire to the nearest forest officer on his route, or if no officer lives on the route, to have him notified by some responsible citizen. State and national foresters are supplied with post road maps and with postal guides containing the addresses of the different postmasters. The postmasters in turn are supplied by the foresters with the names, addresses and telephone call numbers of forest officers residing on or near the carriers' routes.

TRUST HONOR MAY PREVAIL

It is to be hoped that the millmen of Grays Harbor will have the good sense to see the futility of the attempt to continue the partial immunity from taxation they have so long enjoyed, and join hands with assessor Wiley in his effort to place ALL PROPERTY on the rolls at an EQUITABLE RATIO. That they will recognize the tax dodger is rapidly becoming extinct in Chehalis county, his disappearance being coincident with that of the Boss system of nominating county officers, pay their just proportion of the burdens of government and keep a watch on reckless expenditures.

We have on the sworn testimony of a former assessor of this county that the mills were assessed at a valuation of ten per cent, or less. When it is remembered that in 1910 a former county assessor testified under oath, before the State Board of Tax Commissioners, that he had not tried to assess the mills at more than ten per cent of their value, it is not surprising that those whose property is valued at 40 per cent for taxation purposes should unite in an effort to throw off this extra public burden placed upon them.

It was this union of average taxpayers that resulted in the election of R. A. Wiley. His campaign slogan was "A Square Deal," and he is simply carrying out his ante-election pledges in making the present assessment, to which no fair minded person, can take exception to.

BROWN WANTS PARDON
MONTESSANO, May 26.—The three commissioners today signed a petition to the governor for the pardon of George Brown, who is serving almost a year's sentence in the county jail for wife beating. It was a family row, in which the wife also did time in jail. The Aberdeen justice of the peace gave Brown the limit, six months and \$500 fine. His wife is now out and needs his support. It is felt the man has been punished sufficiently.

MILLMEN MAY RESIST WILEY

Some Mills Accept Situation Gracefully, Others in Doubt as to Course

WANTS A SQUARE DEAL

In Some Quarters Former Immunity Is Considered Now as Vested Right

Assessor Robert A. Wiley and Chief Deputy A. C. Girard came from Montesano last week to assess the machinery and equipment in the mills of Grays Harbor. They began Friday at Hoquiam, and were led to believe that the mill operators were about to cooperate with them in the effort to secure an absolutely equitable assessment of all property in the county, by the cordial manner in which they were received at the first three mills visited.

Two of those mill managers expressed a perfect willingness to stand for a square deal, and produced their appraisal sheets, made by expert appraisers for the insurance companies, and upon the basis of which they are paid in cases of loss. These appraisals are upon a 100 per cent. base, and Assessor Wiley, after allowing for depreciation, made the assessments on the basis of 40 per cent., at which rate all other classes of property in the county are valued for taxation purposes.

The other mills in Hoquiam declined to permit the assessor to see their appraisal sheets, and have sought a combination with the Aberdeen mills for some sort of concerted action in resisting the kind of assessment proposed by Wiley. A meeting of the recalcitrants from Hoquiam and the millmen of Aberdeen was held in this city yesterday afternoon, the result of which is not known as this is written.

In an interview with Assessor Wiley yesterday, he announced his intention of completing the assessment of the mills this week. If the managers assisted him in arriving at a correct valuation he would gratefully appreciate it, but if they decided not to, he would proceed under the law to estimate the property himself. Should this not prove satisfactory, the courts could settle it, he would have done his sworn duty to the best of his ability, and tried to do it with the co-operation of the proprietors. That if he failed it would not be his fault.

Trust Honor May Prevail
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