

IDAHO NOTES: 10/04/06

Idaho Legal History Project. April 2005. Assassination of Governor Frank Steunenberg on December 30, 1905 and trial 1907. A subcommittee is working on a play being written by Mike Silva. Hoping to produce an Idaho Public Television program.

FLSA -- Victory by a Florida Local to have paramedics paid for 40 hours and also overtime pay for over 40 hours.

CANADA – September 2006 international convention was in Toronto. Also discussion of a global alliance.

IDAHO WORKERS – AFL-CIO Press Release - LABOR DAY 2006

Health Care: Since 2000, 6000 more without health care (insurance).
Means 15,000 total in Idaho.

Job Loss: three million manufacturing jobs since 2000, 6,000 in Idaho.

Repeal Estate tax: Will cost \$70 billion/year in lost revenue.

CEO – Average CEO made \$11.75 million. 431x the average worker.

Union worker: \$809/week. Non-union worker: \$568/week.

GRACE CARROL ROCKY MOUNTAIN LABOR SCHOOL (\$550/Student)

VICTORY OVER CONTROL OF FUNDS. PFFI law suit to overturn provision in 2003's HR 316 which was passed due to victories by firefighters in Pocatello and teachers in Caldwell. (Alliance??)

CONTRACTING OUT/ARBITRATION VICTORY. Boise local fought to keep city from contracting out its airport work to a national guard unit. Judge ruled city had to arbitrate the grievance and stayed the implementation. (What happened?). Decision, May 2001.

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COLLECTIVE LABOR AGREEMENT – These came into existence for fire fighters after passage in 1970/1071 (?) of the Idaho Firefighters Collective Bargaining Act (IC 44-1801).

SMELTER AND MINE CLOSED IN KELLOGG (1982). SMELTER AND ZINC PLANT DESIGNED TO SERVE BUNKER HILL MINE. Hills bare due to smelter fumes, tailings, empty buildings, a superfund site. The mine was the second largest employer in Idaho at time of closing in 1982 and meant the loss of 2000 high wage jobs. Unemployment grew to 30% in 1990s. (Gulf Resources took over Mine)

RIGHT TO WORK LAW IN 1985 (?). – There is a forthcoming history written by Richard Shaw entitled: Idaho's Right to Work for Less Law: a History. Boise State University.

LABOR HISTORY; (Jeff Johnson paper)

1880s – 6 to 8,000 miners rushed to North Idaho mines.

1889 Report by Gov. Steunenberg – the issue is antagonism between labor and capital.

Eugene Debs is speaking at Wallace and Missoula –1890s

Gompers speaks against Chinese labor in railroads. Butte had boycott Of Chinese labor.

Pullman strike in 1894. Coxey's Army marches. 1899 Striking miners Took over a train and with 3500 pound of dynamite to destroy Bunker Hill Mine. Federal troops called in.

**Knights of labor held meetings here
Butte Miners Union
Western Federation of Miners (1893 in Butte)**

Cooperative Commonwealth (1897) to promote socialist communities in the Northwest. Idaho part of it, but no colonies.

IDAHO STATE HISTORY

Idaho becomes a Territory with Lewiston as capitol (1863). In 1865 Moved it to Boise. In 1889, Moscow got the University of Idaho to Alleviate fall-out from capitol being in the south.

Largest slaughter of Indians (Bear River Massacre (near Preston) (1863)

First Union (1867) – Miners League of Owyhee County.

Silver discovered 1884 Coeur D'Alene would become nation's richest mining district. 1934 Idaho is nation's leading silver producer.

Idaho was the argest exporter of Lead by the 1890s

State: 1890. Irrigation of Magic Valley created Agriculture.

Largest sawmill in US opens at Potlatch (1906).

First elected Jewish governor in the United States. Moses Alexander (1914)

Father of Television, Philo Farnsworth, 15 year old from Rigby invented concepts That led to his title.

Nuclear Fission and1 Electricity. (NRTS) – site for this. (1951)

Sunshine Mine fire in 1972 in Kellogg. Took 91 lives. (Heavy metal Contamination to Spokane??)