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AGREEMENT REACHED IN PRELIMINARY CONFERENCES WITH U. S. RAILROAD BOARD

Rumor Persists In Disclosing Ultimate Result of Conference Which it is Stated Has Already Been Decided Upon— Unions Win Continuance Shop Rules.

(By United Press.)
Secret sessions between the railroad board and the railroad executives, and between the railroad board and the union heads, has resulted in a practical agreement as to the results of tomorrow's peace conference, according to a persistent rumor today. Union heads denied that such an agreement had been reached and said that the result could not be forecasted, but in spite of this denial the rumors persisted. The agreement is said to be as follows: The brotherhood will accept the wage cut of July 1 and will make certain proposals in this connection; the proposals will translate the July wage cut into immediate freight reductions; all working conditions and shop rules previously in effect will be retained. The union heads are known to be going ahead with their strike plans, while the railroads continue to consider combative measures. It is believed, however, that tomorrow's peace conference may effect a recall of the October 30th strike order.

General Chairman Expected.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Chairman Barton of the railroad labor board, today telegraphed the heads of the brotherhoods reiterating the previous announcement that all general chairmen are expected to attend the hearing tomorrow.

Can Sell Real Beer.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Only 11 states can sell real beer: Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Louisiana and Wisconsin.

Teachers Enjoy Banquet.

The teachers of the schools of this city were hostesses last evening at a delightful dinner at the Umpqua Hotel, to the visiting teachers, who are here attending institute, at 6 o'clock. They were seated at a large banquet table to enjoy a most delicious course dinner. The banquet room was decorated in yellow and white ribbons, chrysanthemums and green foliage also being used. Toasts were enjoyed from many of the visiting instructors.

Others Draw From Strike.

(By Associated Press.)
CINCINNATI, Oct. 25.—Headquarters of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks and Freight Handlers and Express and Station employees to day sent orders to over two hundred thousand members not to strike. The order declares that the organization is not in sympathy with the proposed strike.

Asks Expulsion of Blanton.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The expulsion from the house of representatives of Thomas L. Blanton, democrat of Texas, was asked in a resolution introduced by Mondell, republican leader. The grounds alleged was the publication in the congress-

Gladys Lenox Chas. Springer Wed

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized in Portland last Saturday, when Miss Gladys Lenox became the bride of Charles W. Springer. The wedding came as a complete surprise to their many friends in this city.

The bride is the daughter of Dave Lenox, and is a recent graduate of O. A. C., where she was most popular in campus activities. She was a member of the Chi Omega sorority. Mr. Springer is located near Yoncalla, where he is engineering highway work. The young couple will make their home in that vicinity at the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Springer are enjoying a short honeymoon trip to Pappalup, Washington, where they will visit at the home of the groom's parents. They have the best wishes for future happiness from their many friends in this city.

WELL KNOWN RESIDENT DIES AT HOSPITAL

Louis A. Aubin, for the past forty years a resident of this county died last night at Mercy Hospital following a lingering illness. Mr. Aubin was born in Santa Barbara, California, December 25, 1875. He came to this city with his parents about forty years ago and for a large part of that time was employed as a passenger brakeman with the Southern Pacific company. His health has been poor for several months and about three weeks ago he became very ill with a complication of diseases, which finally resulted in his death.

He is survived by two children, Bertha and Raymond Aubin. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. J. J. Russell of this city and two brothers, Alex and Paul Aubin, the former of Marshfield and the latter of Roseburg. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the undertaking parlors, Rev. Dollahide, officiating. Interment will take place in the I. O. F. cemetery.

MONSTER ELK TAKEN THROUGH

A Ford truck transporting a monster bull elk from the Eugene City park to the Lithia park, at Ashland, passed through Roseburg on Tuesday night. The truck driver stopped here for gas and oil and continued on to Ashland. The elk weighed a thousand pounds and is said to be one of the largest in the state. As the truck drove through the streets the antlers of the elk stood as high as the street lights. The Eugene park has several of the elk, and so sold one to Ashland. The antlers of the elk were so large that it could not lie down in the large grate made for it on the truck bed.

NEW ERA CONFERENCE

The Era Conference is planned to be held at the Presbyterian church on Thursday of this week. The afternoon session will open promptly at 2:30, and a large number are planning to attend. Dr. Weston T. Johnson Pacific coast representative of the Foreign Board of Missions will be present to deliver an address. Also Mrs. Charles W. Wilbur, of Portland, and Rev. W. H. Ames, assistant superintendent of Home Missions, of Portland. They will have full charge of the evening services. At 6 o'clock a pot luck supper will be enjoyed by all attending.

FATHER ON STAND

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Oct. 25.—W. J. Trueblood, father of Mrs. Lydia Southard, accused "bluebeard," testified at the trial today and told the court he did not know at the time of Meyer's funeral that his daughter had ever married Harlan C. Lewis, of Billings, Montana, her third husband, upon whose death she collected \$5000 insurance.

SENATE ADOPTS MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The senate today adopted the house provision allowing an exemption of \$2500 to heads of families with an income of \$5000 or less. The republican leaders determined to prevent a measure until the compromise tax measure passes the senate.

SALARIES INCREASED

SALEM, Oct. 25.—The state board of control today approved general increases for the officials at the Old Soldiers' Home in Roseburg, effective November 1, when Judge G. W. Riddle becomes the Home's commandant. Under the new salary arrangements, the commandant receives \$1500 instead of \$1000, the matron \$600, physician \$900 and adjutant \$1200.

Brumfield Almost Out of Danger

Brumfield was pronounced to be practically out of danger today. His temperature was said to be normal, and he appeared to be resting easily. The infection is now under control, his physicians state and no further danger is anticipated. Although it will still be several days before he has fully recovered from the effects of his wounds there is little chance now for any further complications. It is stated and the physicians are confident that he will completely recover from his injuries. From all present indications he will be able to go into the court room Sunday to receive his sentence and then will be taken at once to Salem where he will be turned over to the penitentiary officials.

INTEREST KEEN IN INSTITUTE

Large Attendance at Sessions Today and Good Attention Given Speakers.

CHANGE IN PROGRAM

President Clark of Pacific University unable to attend and Prof. Hopkins makes inspirational address.

Unusual interest is being shown in this year's teachers institute which is above the ordinary standard of such gatherings. An especially fine program was presented today and much good will doubtless result from the fine instruction being given.

The program opened with a solo by Miss Leta Bellows of this city and was followed by a short song program in which all of the teachers joined. The opening program is in charge of Miss Madge Calkins, supervisor of music and the visiting instructors have been given an opportunity to hear some of the best talent of Roseburg.

The assembly address was given by Prof. H. L. Hopkins of the Pacific University, who took the place of Dr. Fry Clark, who was unable to be present.

Prof. Hopkins spoke on "The Consolidation Prize" and developed the importance of the teaching profession and the responsibility which rests upon the teachers in molding and forming the characters and intellects of the future generation. His message was of an inspirational nature and one well calculated to bring more forcibly than ever to the mind of the teacher the power which lies in the schools of the country.

His address was followed by a departmental session, Mr. Hopkins taking the high school department in which he discussed the subject of democracy in the class room. Mrs. Brennan conducted the primary department and Prof. Gregory the grammar and rural departments.

The morning concluded with an address by Prof. Gregory on the subject, "The Measure of Intelligence and Its Educational Significance."

In the afternoon a very pleasing opening assembly was led by Miss Madge Calkins, followed by an address on "The Story Hour," by Mrs. Brennan. Then followed the departmental work and later another address by Prof. Gregory.

Tonight the high school teachers give a program for the benefit of the teachers rest room.

Pen Preparing For Brumfield

SALEM, Oct. 24.—Erection of a double gallows to replace the single scaffold now in the state penitentiary here is being considered by Louis Compton, warden of the prison. Warden Compton said the double gallows would be necessary because of the fact that John Rathie and Elvie Kirby, alias James Owens, would be sentenced to hang on the same date when taken to Pendleton Monday. Rathie and Kirby are doomed to die for the part they played in the murder of Sheriff Til Taylor of Umatilla county.

The warden also let it be known today that following the arrival of Dr. Richard M. Brumfield at the prison every effort would be made to spare his life in order that the gallows would not be cheated. He will be assigned to an isolated cell, and guards will watch over him night and day.

The warden said that no persons, other than members of his family, attorneys, ministers and newspapermen, would be allowed to converse with the prisoner.

Abe Evans, who is under death sentence for the murder of two men near The Dalles a few months ago, is believed by penitentiary officials to be feigning insanity. He has adopted the "can't remember" attitude, and has refused to converse with prison officials. His execution has been set for December 2.

Frisco to Hear Harding's Voice

On Armistice Day, November 11, the body of an unknown soldier, brought from France, will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C. The funeral oration will be delivered by President Harding. The ceremonies are to be in charge of the army and the assembly of troops and civilians will be so large that comparatively few could hear the unaided voice of the President.

Bell loud speakers will be installed so that all those who are assembled may hear the President's oration and other exercises. Loud speakers will also be installed in New York, Chicago and San Francisco and the President's oration will be simultaneously transmitted over the long lines of the Bell system, to be heard at all four points.

The loud speaking apparatus provided at all four points will be similar to that used during the Roosevelt Festival, Portland, in June of this year. By the use of this apparatus it will be possible for thousands of people to hear and in a measure participate in this interesting and solemn ceremony.

The gatherings in New York, Chicago and San Francisco will be under the auspices of the American Legion, which will arrange to conduct suitable exercises. The place of assembly in San Francisco will be the Civic Auditorium. Loud speakers will be installed in the hall and also on the outside as it is expected that there will be an overflow meeting in the Plaza. The work of installation is under way and will be completed for test about November 1st.

The project is one of the most important and difficult ever undertaken. Tentative applications have been received by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company from newspapers for an extension of this service to other cities under the mistaken impression that the making of such extensions would be as simple as the addition of a drop to a telephone circuit. The installation of the necessary apparatus at each of the four points involves an expenditure of thousands of dollars. The purpose is to make it possible for a large number of people assembled at the four designated points to participate in the voice of the President delivering a solemn historical oration at the grave of the unknown soldier. It will be a marvelous demonstration of great scientific accomplishment without precedent. It is, of course, apparent that no one on the Pacific Coast can participate in these exercises except those who are assembled at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. It is not possible to extend the arrangements to any other points due to the expense for furnishing and installing the necessary loud speaking apparatus.

REWARD IS OFFERED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Postmaster General Hays offered a \$5,000 reward to the person bringing in the New York mail robbers dead or alive. The post office department now says that last night's robbery of a mail truck netted only \$50,000 in registered mail loot.

BANDON HAS FIRE

BANDON, Oct. 25.—A loss of probably \$25,000 was caused by a fire which this morning swept the Grand theater and Odd Fellows' building, in which the theater was located. The business district was threatened, but was saved by the tug Kiyhlam, which pumped salt water from the river.

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 1 TO DECIDE MUNICIPAL PLANT QUESTION

Proposition of Increasing Rate of Interest on City Bonds and Giving Council Right to Purchase or Condemn Present Light and Water Plant to Be Decided.

In the general excitement of the Brumfield case and the intense interest in the railroad strike situation, the people of Roseburg are for the greater part overlooking the fact that a special election is due on November 1, for the purpose of voting on whether or not the city council shall be given the right to condemn the present light and water plant and acquire the distribution system now in use either by direct purchase or condemnation. The council has completed the arrangements for this election, which from present indications is to be very quiet.

The election is a part of the city's plan to obtain a municipal light and water plant. Several months ago, a charter amendment was passed giving the council the right to vote \$500,000 in bonds to construct a municipal power plant at Whistler's Bend. The amendment provided that the bonds should bear 5 per cent interest and that the money should be used only for original construction. It was the purpose of the council at that time to wait until materials and labor were such that the plant could be built within the sum specified. It was thought then that this time would be reached soon, but later events have proven this opinion mistaken.

The bond market became highly inflated and five per cent municipal bonds had no sale and still have no sale on the market. The Public Service Commission proceeded to boost water rates and to hand the city a new rate schedule on fire hydrants which almost doubled the city's monthly bill for water while the bill for street lights was also increased.

These conditions caused the council to look about for a new plan and in order to put this new plan into execution it became necessary to ask authority from the voters of the city. The council now plans to purchase the local plant if possible. In the event the price asked is too high the city will proceed to condemn the property and gain control of the plant and distributing system by this method. It is also proposed to increase the rate of interest from 5 per cent to 6 per cent, so that it may be possible to sell the bonds and obtain the money necessary for the purchase. The city officials believe that the local plant can be bought at a price which will enable the council to proceed with the construction of a new power station at Whistler's Bend. Power, it is planned can be transmitted from this plant to the Winchester plant and can also be distributed over the present system.

These plans, however, must be approved by the people or the council must stay with the old plan which provides for new construction only.

At the time of the Brumfield trial the grand jury was drawn and after returning its indictment was discharged. The regular jury panel was exhausted and the entire list was used up including the names of all those drawn for this service by the county court at the first of the year. As the grand jury must be selected from the list of jurors drawn by the court, there can be no grand jury until after the first of the year.

Judge Hamilton has called the attorneys together for reading the docket on Wednesday, October 26. At that time it will be determined what cases will be for trial and an attempt will be made to have a term of court without the necessity of calling a jury. If a jury is demanded, the sheriff will be instructed to call a special jury.

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and will prevent the building of the municipal plant for several years. The city officials believe that by increasing the rate of interest on the bonds and purchasing the plant immediately that money will be saved as the present bill paid by the city for lights and water is held to be excessive. The money the city is now paying out for these necessities, the council holds, could be used to much better advantage if placed to the city's credit in its own plant. It is thought that the plant could be bought and the electrical units used until a new plant was constructed and then some of the machinery transferred to the new station. The water pumping plant will be left at Winchester according to the city's plans.

The company probably will fight these plans and will have considerable support at the election. Naturally the company will fight the condemnation of its plant as it is very doubtful if the city and owners could come to a satisfactory agreement on the purchase price without going into the courts for a settlement.

MAY HOLD COURT WITHOUT A JURY

The man who wants a winter's room and board at the expense of the county can easily procure it by committing some crime which will cause him to be held for the grand jury. As a result of the exhausting of the regular jury panel the county is prevented from having a grand jury until February and an attempt will be made to hold the regular November term of court without a petty jury.

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County Must Turn Over Road Funds Before Street Can Be Paved Says Council

The contract for the paving of South Stephens street will be let at once providing the county turns over to the city the road money which the city is depending upon to pay for this improvement, it was decided at a special meeting of the council held last night. The bid of L. W. Metzger was received, read and accepted on the condition the money is turned over to the city, and as soon as the funds are received the mayor and recorder are instructed to sign the contract which calls for the completion of the paving in 20 working days.

The county has the sum of \$7500 which the city claims. This is money which the city has paid into the county road fund and which the law prescribes must be spent within the district. A new law provides that this money must be turned over to the city council and that the city council has the right to expend it wherever it sees fit, but the county court, it is understood, maintains that this money was paid in before this law became effective and consequently can be administered by the county court. The court has been holding it to insure the city's participation on a 50-50 basis in the bridge to Umpqua Park but as the project has been abandoned the city is demanding the money for the South Stephens street paving and is preparing to go into the court with a collection suit if the demand is not complied with.

In the meantime the paving is held up while the rainy season progresses. Mr. Metzger's bid was in the sum of \$5,854.60, which is higher than his first offer. Mr. Metzger explained that weather conditions are such at the present time that it is harder to get gravel and materials and that the loss of time makes the work more expensive. He was the only bid received and after checking over his figures the council found that it was a very fair proposal.

He agreed to leave his wooden forms in place to protect the edges of the pavement, which is to be of 8 inch reinforced concrete and will also put in gravel shoulders such as used on the highway pavement if the city desires although this is not figured in the contract.

The council accepted the bid, and authorized the mayor and recorder to sign the contract with Mr. Metzger as soon as the money is received from the county court. Mayor Hamilton stated that a registered letter will be sent to each of the members of the county court today and that unless immediate action is taken to comply with the city's demands that the attorney will bring suit at once to find out whether or not the funds can be collected.

It is desired that the pavement be laid at once, as any further delay will prevent construction until next spring and will make the street almost impassable this winter.

Resolution Adopted by City Council Approving Forest Boundary Road

Expressing its unanimous approval of the construction of the first link of the North Umpqua road, the city council last night adopted a resolution urging the county court to take immediate steps to build the Hoaglin-Forest Boundary road which is now one of the main road projects being considered under the new development plan.

"For forty years there has been a road to Rock Creek," Mayor Hamilton said, "and during that entire time the road has never advanced one foot. Other cities have been building outlets to the east and the counties have been developing their natural forest resources and tapping their wealth by roads, but Roseburg and Douglas county have stood idly by and remained in a pocket doing nothing to provide for traffic and to open up the wonderful scenic land which lies to the east of us. This matter should have been attended to long ago, and there should be no more delay. Roseburg, Douglas county, the state and federal government should all cooperate in building this road and it should be started at once."

The resolution adopted by the council follows:
WHEREAS, the Federal Government will appropriate \$5,000,000 by one and another \$10,000,000 by July 1, 1922 for the construction of National Forest Roads, and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon will receive her full proportion of said funds, and

WHEREAS, the National Forestry Department has signified a willingness to construct a roadway from the western boundary of the Umpqua National Forest at a point on the North Umpqua River, approximately nine miles from the terminus of the present county road leading to Rock Creek, and

WHEREAS, it is for the best interest of Douglas county that this highway shall be completed as soon as possible to Diamond Lake, to connect with the proposed highway from Eastern Oregon to Diamond Lake,

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Roseburg that the County Court of Douglas county be requested and urged to take immediate steps looking to a survey of the most feasible route for a permanent highway, with the least possible grades, from the terminus of the present county road at or near Hoaglin to the western boundary of the forest reserve, and that suitable appropriation be made for the early construction of this important highway which will ultimately connect Douglas county with Diamond and Crater Lakes and with Eastern Oregon points, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be handed to the County Court of Douglas county and to the press for publication.