

RAILWAY STRIKE CALLED BY THREE UNIONS

The Weather
Intermittent rain tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

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Long-Bell Buys Gardiner, Reedsport Mills

Huge Timber Areas, Mostly Fir, Included

Deal Involves More Than \$5 Million; Sustained Yield Plan Permitted

Acquisition of the two sawmills and extensive timber holdings of the Gardiner Lumber Co., at Gardiner, by the Long-Bell Lumber Co., was announced from Longview, Wash., today by J. M. White, president of Long-Bell.

The purchase, which represents an investment by Long-Bell of more than \$5 million in new timber and productive capacity, is a major step in the company's postwar expansion program which has been under consideration for many months.

The new mills produce approximately 92 million board feet a year.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Queen Elizabeth celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. As the day begins, the city plunges into the biggest display of pageantry since Princess Elizabeth and Philip were married last November.

The big event is a procession. The royal family drives in state from Buckingham palace to St. Paul's cathedral for a NATIONAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING. Two 41-gun salutes signal the procession's start, and along the route people perch in trees and jam every window and balcony for a glimpse of the royal couple.

The dispatches tell us the crowd arrived early to get good observation points but "few camped out all night as they did for the Princess' wedding last fall." After all, an anniversary is only an anniversary, whereas a wedding is a WEDDING.

Radiating with happiness, Queen Elizabeth acknowledges the cheers of the crowd with waves of a white-gloved hand.

NOTE the little touch about the "national service of thanksgiving." As we compare the standard of living of the British, who are enduring a period of austerity while they recover from the effects of a devastating war, with our much higher standard, we are apt to wonder vaguely what they have to be thankful for.

Pause here a moment. Recall the dark day when Winston Churchill appeared before parliament and put into immortal words the grim determination of the British people to fight in the streets and in the highways and along the hedges but NEVER TO GIVE UP. In blood and tears and sweat, he said, they would preserve their liberties.

Well, they did. They are still FREE. No foreign conqueror tells them what they can do and what they can't. If their lives are austere, it

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Cutthroat Trout Eggs Slated For Hatchery at Rock Creek; Steelhead Run Shows Decline

A shipment of eyed cutthroat trout eggs were scheduled to arrive today at the Game Commission's Rock Creek trout hatchery on the North Umpqua River. James Vaughn, superintendent, told officers of the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club at a meeting of the board of directors Tuesday night at Winchester club house. This will be the first time in several years that cutthroat trout eggs have been furnished for the Umpqua River.

Game Department Biologist Ross Newcomb reported on the winter steelhead run, which was not as large as that of last year, as measured at the Winchester counting station. Spawning is from two to three weeks later than normal, he said, due to high water, and heavy losses are expected because spawned-out fish will not have left tributaries prior to the opening of the trout



MILL OFFICIALS—J. H. Kennesson, upper left, has been named general manager of lumber plants at Gardiner and Reedsport, bought this week by the Long-Bell Co. J. M. Adams, upper right, will be the superintendent of both mills. R. R. Van Orden, lower right, will superintend logging operations. He will make his headquarters at Scottsburg. Adams has been in Long-Bell service for 30 years and Van Orden has been with the firm for 20 years.



Rodeo Queen Will Be Chosen Sunday

All single girls between the ages of 16 and 22 years in Douglas county will be eligible to compete for the title of Rodeo Queen, to be chosen, rain or shine, Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Fair Grounds, reports Deputy Sheriff Dick Baker, rodeo superintendent.

The queen will be chosen by a secret committee from the Douglas County Sheriff's posse. Selection will be made upon her ability to ride, horsemanship and appearance. Each girl must provide her own mount, but the rodeo committee will furnish the winner a complete costume.

The public is invited to witness the performance. Sunday, when the posse drill master will lead the girls and their mounts into an arena in front of the grandstand. The girls and their horses will be required to go through a number of tests before the selection is made.

Four princesses to make up the court will also be chosen. The coronation ceremony will take place at a dress-up party, June 5. Last year 11 girls competed.

This will be Roseburg's fourth rodeo. Priscilla Wade of Roseburg served as the first queen in 1945. Norma Jean Shrum of Glendale was the queen in 1946, and Donna Summer of Days Creek was the winner in 1947.

Gov. Hall Will Present Citation to Mrs. Kidder

Governor John Hall of Oregon will present the citation to Mrs. S. L. Kidder, who was recently chosen Oregon Mother for 1948, at a reception to be held Monday night, May 3, from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock in the Elks Temple hall.

The reception is being sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club with the president, Mrs. Alvin Helgeson, acting as general chairman. A musical program will be given during the reception hours. The public is invited to attend.

The Counters were sitting in their car, parked on S. E. Powell Boulevard between 39th and 40th Avenues on April 15, 1944, when a mail truck crashed into it. A defect in the steering gear of the truck was blamed. The Post-office Department previously settled for the damage to the car.

Paul Bunyans to Race
Covenmen Bunioneers

An invasion of the Covenmen realm at Grants Pass by the Roseburg Paul Bunyans is imminent. Bull of the Woods Paul Keith announced that the Bunyans have accepted a challenge issued by Chief Bighorn D. D. Dahl to race the stone-tablet runners May 5.

The occasion will be the crowning of the new Covenmen queen. The struggle of the giants will be in the form of supremacy in the realm of speed rather than power. Keith said. The Bunyans will announce later the fleet foots they will choose to run the race.

Pedestrian Killed By Motorcyclecyclist

PORTLAND, April 28.—(AP)—A pedestrian was killed and a novice motorcyclecyclist seriously injured when the cycle went out of control and ran wild down a sidewalk last night.

Henry Haaranen, 63, died five hours after being struck and dragged along the sidewalk. Archie Beck, 30, learning to ride the motorcycle, was in fair condition with a skull fracture and other injuries.

Patrolman G. W. Morgan said the cycle careened off the side of a bus, leaped over a curb and ran down the sidewalk, striking Haaranen.

Clouse I. Olsen, 33, Ridgefield, Wash., owner of the cycle, was charged with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate it.

AFL Wins Bargain Vote At Myrtle Creek Plant

The Union and Sawmill Workers of America, AFL, will be certified as the bargaining agent for employees at the Fir Manufacturing Co. at Myrtle Creek, as the result of an NLRB election Tuesday.

The AFL union was favored by 221 votes, as against 71 who cast votes for the International Woodworkers of America, CIO. Result of the election, said Clark Van Fleet, general manager, will mean continuation of the present contract existing between the company and the union. The election covered both sawmill and plywood plant workers.

Senate Passes Bill To Reimburse Injured Pair

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—Legislation to pay Mr. and Mrs. Russell Coulter of Portland \$1,000 each for injuries received when their car was struck by a mail truck has been passed by the senate and sent to the White House.

The Coulters were sitting in their car, parked on S. E. Powell Boulevard between 39th and 40th Avenues on April 15, 1944, when a mail truck crashed into it. A defect in the steering gear of the truck was blamed. The Post-office Department previously settled for the damage to the car.

Jail Term, Fine Meted To Drunken Driver

Arrested by Canyonville police for driving while intoxicated, Charles E. Wilson, a transient, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and fined \$100 Tuesday by Justice of the Peace Hartfield, Canyonville. Ed Dahl of Canyonville, said Wilson is being investigated for suspected larceny of checks from the Wolf Creek Tavern there. State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported that Wilson is wanted for the theft of an automobile at Arcadia, Calif.

Stassen Wins Pennsylvania Vote

Rural School Budget Wins In Douglas Vote

Adoption of the county's rural school budget of \$1,630,880.76 for the 1948-49 fiscal year followed a canvass Monday night of votes cast in the recent county school budget election. It was announced by Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, county school superintendent.

Taxpayers approved by a vote of 685 yes, 315 no, the proposed excess tax levy of \$583,208.24 for the coming fiscal year. The election was conducted in all school districts except Roseburg, which as a first class district is not under the County Rural School Board.

Only operational needs are provided in the new county-wide school budget. Several districts will find it necessary to hold additional elections in order to levy further amounts to cover expenses such as capital outlay and school hot lunches.

The regular school district annual elections will be held June 21. At these elections, new directors will be chosen. Mrs. Gorrell said it is recommended that school districts hold their individual budget elections on this date as well.

Uniform Levy Sought
Prepared by the County Rural School Board, this year's combined school budget was the first to be presented under the Rural School Law of 1946. Its intent is to provide uniform tax levy in all second and third class and union high school districts.

All district budgets were approved in their respective districts before being submitted to the rural board early this year. The county board then determined that only operational expenses should be met by the uniform county school tax levy.

The total county school budget for the coming year will be \$1,630,880.76, with income to be derived from taxation within the 6 per cent limitation, \$329,223.68; above the 6 per cent tax limitation, \$583,208.24, and receipts from other sources, \$765,000.

LA GRANDE, April 28.—(AP)—A \$146,517 consolidated school budget in 25 Union county rural school districts was approved by a vote of 401 to 201, an official ballot count showed today.

Bill to Kill Poll Tax Again Offered

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—An anti-poll tax bill was sent to the Senate today by its Rules Committee.

Chairman Brooks (R-Ill.) said the group approved without change a measure passed by the house on July 21, 1947.

That bill would make it unlawful for a state or municipality to require a poll tax for voting in any national election. This includes election of the president, vice president and member of congress.

Brooks said action was by "voice vote" but Senators Stennis (D-Miss.) and Hayden (D-Ariz.) said they opposed the move.

Stennis said the measure "is unconstitutional." Hayden said he does not oppose the bill but "opposed the method."

"I think this should be done by an amendment to the constitution with the states passing upon it," he said.

The committee said seven southern states make payment of a poll tax a requirement for voting in a national election. It listed them as Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

CIO Asks National Boycott Of Meat of 6 Packing Firms

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—The CIO called today for a nationwide buyers' strike against meat produced by six packing firms whose union workers walked out 44 days ago in a pay fight.

CIO President Philip Murray appealed to his organization's 6,000,000 members and to the public at large to boycott products of the six firms.

Murray listed them as the Swift, Armour, Cudahy, Wilson, Morrell and Rath companies. They have been operating on a partial basis since the March 16 walkout of 100,000 members of the CIO Packinghouse Workers Union.

"It is important," Murray said in a statement, "that the packing companies feel the whiplash of public opinion to move them from their arrogant position of refusing to pay any attention to the living needs of their workers."

The CIO chief urged his unions to enlist housewives in "a nationwide insistence that we will eat no scab meat."

The strikers have demanded a 29-cent an hour wage boost. They rejected a 9-cent increase offered by the companies.

Negotiations seeking a settlement went ahead here, meanwhile.

Sullivan Quits As Democrats' Aide

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—Garland Sullivan resigned today as executive director of the Democratic National Committee.

He said he will become associated with the Theater Owners of America.

Friends said they understood Sullivan will receive about \$50,000 a year in his new job.

The 43-year-old Chicagoan joined the Democratic Committee in February, 1947, after resigning as second assistant postmaster general.

Sullivan has been reported not too happy in his party job and critical of some campaign methods.

In a recent speech before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, he criticized the Democrats for complacency and credited the 1946 Republican victory in the congressional elections to their organizing down to the precinct level.

Navy Gyped on Oil Buy, Senate Group Charges

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—A Senate Committee declared today that the Navy was overcharged at least \$30,000,000 on its wartime purchases of Arabian oil.

The committee put the blame on what it called the Arabian American Oil Company's "avaricious desire for enormous profits" and a government "lack of responsibility."

The company, known as Aramco, reported that its price policies have saved the Navy more than \$26,500,000. It said "the benefits to the nation's economy" "have only just begun."

Anniversary Fete Set By Odd Fellows, Rebekahs

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will observe the 129th anniversary of their order with a potluck supper at 6:30 Thursday at the lodge hall, Lynn Chrumm of Medford will be guest speaker. All members are urged to attend.

Increased Funds for Forest Research, Highways, Timber Sales Sought by Sen. Morse

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—Senator Wayne Morse asked the Senate Appropriations Committee today to increase funds in the Agriculture Department bill for the forest products laboratory, forest highways and for timber sales.

Morse asked that the house approved figure of \$1,000,000 for the laboratory, at Madison, Wis., be increased to \$1,550,000. He said the laboratory had been of great help to industry in the Pacific Northwest with its research into use and manufacture of plywood.

The Forest Utilization Service will have to be reduced, he said, unless the house cut of \$250,000 from budget estimates is restored. He also asked an additional \$300,000, the amount eliminated last year, for the work.

The senator, in a second request, asked more money for forest highways. The house cut budget figures from \$5,300,000 to \$5,000,000.

"The amount apportioned to Oregon from the annual authorization of \$25,000,000 is about \$3,421,000," he said. "Oregon's share

Elliott Predicts Truman Would Give Nod to Ike

NEW YORK, April 28.—(AP)—Elliott Roosevelt predicted last night that President Truman would proffer the Democratic presidential nomination to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower "if enough people demand it."

"The late president's son, speaking at a rally held by the 'Draft Eisenhower movement,' said that if Eisenhower does get the nomination 'he will be the first president in my opinion since George Washington to receive the unanimous vote of the electoral college.'"

Roosevelt also predicted that if Mr. Truman chooses to run for a full term in the White House he would be outpolled by Henry A. Wallace, third party candidate.

Snow Falls in Southern Oregon; Rain in North

PORTLAND, April 28.—(AP)—A bad April turned still worse today: snow fell in Medford.

A pocket of cold air in the Rogue River valley sent the mercury down to 33 degrees in Medford, and brought snow at Medford, Seaside and Siskiyou summits. Points farther north got the usual rain, and Portland, which is making an April record of sorts, drew another chilly, damp day.

The current cold spell—as of yesterday—was the coldest for April on record since 1894.

Further more, the last two months have had three inches more rain than normal. Rain has fallen two days of every two, instead of one out of every two.

Committee Named To Greet GOP Candidates

Arrangements for Roseburg's welcome to presidential candidates Dewey and Stassen are being made by an "impartial committee" of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee.

The welcoming committee includes Harrison Winston, Ben O. Wilson, Roy O. Young, and Allen Cordell. Both candidates will be accorded equal arrangements, it was announced.

War in Holy Land Is Give-and-Take

JERUSALEM, April 28.—(AP)—King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan said today scout troops of his Arab Legion have occupied Jericho, less than 20 miles northeast of Jerusalem.

Jewish sources in Haifa said Arab Legion gunners shelled a Jewish settlement near Nahariya, on the Trans-Jordan frontier. Ten Jews were reported killed.

Other reports to Haifa said the Jewish militia Haganah captured two police fortresses near the Trans-Jordan frontier in the night. The Jews fought with Arabs, they said, after British forces abandoned the fortresses as part of the general British withdrawal incident to ending of the mandate May 15.

The Jewish underground, Irgun Zvai Leumi, said it had captured the entire Manshieh quarter of the all-Arab port of Jaffa adjoining Tel Aviv. The battle for Jaffa rose to new intensity. Irgun and Nabahan fighters, newly allied, fought side by side in four key suburbs of the city. The Jews won control of Haifa last week.

It was officially announced in Jerusalem that British Army units had gone into action this morning "to break up the attack by Jews on Jaffa."

Conference On Pay Issue Ends In no Accord

Mediation Board Plans Final Effort to Avert Paralysis of Service

CHICAGO, April 28.—(AP)—A strike that would shut down the nation's railroad service was called today for 6 a.m. May 11.

In Washington the National (Railway) Mediation Board was considering last-minute intervention to avert the crippling walk-out. All previous efforts to resolve the wage dispute through the elaborate machinery of the railway labor law failed.

The strike date for 150,000 railroad locomotive engineers, firemen, engineers and switchmen was made public in Cleveland by a spokesman for Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

The information was given out in advance of a scheduled statement being prepared in Chicago by representatives of the three unions.

The strike would paralyze the country's transportation system by pulling locomotive engineers, firemen and engineers and switchmen off the jobs. Two years ago a strike cut off rail service for two days until President Truman intervened.

Next Step Is Question
What legal steps will be undertaken to head off the crippling walkout remained a question. The wage dispute between the unions and the nation's class one railroads has passed through all steps of machinery set up under the National Railway Labor Act.

Railroad workers are excluded from coverage by the Taft-Hartley law. Hence the government cannot ask for an anti-strike injunction as it did recently against John L. Lewis' coal miners.

There was no immediate word from the White House whether Mr. Truman might step into the dispute as he did in May, 1946. Hope of averting the strike, which would paralyze the country's railroad system, faded last night. Union and rail officials, who have been meeting for the last two weeks in efforts to settle their six months old wage dispute, broke up their meeting shortly before midnight.

Last midnight was the deadline set by the unions for setting a strike date if an agreement had not been reached.

Unions Reject Proposals
A spokesman for the carriers said that throughout the conferences the unions had rejected all proposals made by the railroads with respect to the recommendations made by the presidential fact finding board. The unions had rejected the board's recommendation of a wage increase of 15 cents an hour. The carriers, which estimated the pay boosts would add \$80,000,000 a year to their added costs, accepted the report.

The unions last Oct. 7 had asked a 30 per cent pay hike with a minimum raise of \$3 a day and changes in working hours. Two other operating brotherhoods, the Railway Trainmen and Railway Conductors, had accepted the 15 cents an hour boost offered by the carriers. Earlier, about 1,000,000 non-operating rail workers in 16 unions also accepted the 15 cents hourly wage increase.

Truman Past Half-Way Mark; Dewey Still in C. O. P. Lead

(By the Associated Press)
President Truman passed the halfway mark today in the give him the Democratic presidential nomination.

With the hefty Pennsylvania and Massachusetts vote behind him, the president apparently is in a position to shrug off—if he chooses—internal party moves to cast him aside.

There is no such clear sailing ahead for any Republican presidential aspirant at this point. But

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Portland Traction Co. Union Dates Strike Vote

PORTLAND, April 28.—(AP)—Portland Traction Company employees will take a strike vote Friday.

Alex Bain, business agent for the AFL Drivers and Mechanics, said if the strike is approved, it will be called May 17 unless a wage agreement is reached with the company earlier.

The union has asked a 25-cent hourly increase. The company's offers have been contingent on getting a fare increase—denied by the city council—and Bain said "we cannot take any such offers back to our members."

Present scales range from \$1.40 for drivers to \$1.55 for mechanics. Negotiations have been under way since January.

Bandit Robs Attendants Of 3 Service Stations

SALEM, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—A lone bandit held up three automobile service station attendants within an hour here last night, he obtained loot estimated at \$120.

Police said one of the victims Stearns Cushing, had just purchased his station and was open for the first day. He lost \$40.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

That new porch on the White House calls for a reclining chair to comfortably accommodate a Minnesota gent 6 feet 3 inches tall.