

TRAIN SENDERS TALK RAISE

LA GRANDE DISPATCHERS NUMBERED AMONG THEM.

Total of Sixty-Five Dispatchers of Northwest Talk Strike.

About 65 train dispatchers employed by the Northwestern roads at headquarters and division points in this jurisdiction today made a demand on the managers and executive heads of the roads for an increase of \$35 a month in wages, effective from January 1, 1911, says a Portland paper. The increase, if granted, would mean an extra fixed operating expense of about \$2,000 a month, or close to \$25,000 for the various lines. The roads affected by this move are the Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific Terminal Company, the O. W. R. & N. Co., the North Bank, the A. & C. R., the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Oregon Electric, Spokane-International, and Spokane & Inland. The dispatchers in question are located at Portland, Tacoma, Spokane, Ellensburg, Walla Walla, Pasco, Watsburg, La Grande, the Dalles, Vancouver and Roseburg.

It first was intimated that a demand for \$25 a month would be made, but after considerable discussion it was decided to make it \$35 a month and compromise with a lower increase if necessary. The additional \$35 would mean a total monthly wage of \$175, the present scale for an eight hour trip being \$140 a month on Western roads.

The manager to a man are opposed to granting the increase, but will take no action until they can get together on some joint means of handling the situation. Some of the roads are disposed to grant a partial increase varying from \$15 to \$25 a month, but if the dispatchers should insist on the \$35, the demands will be resisted, and in case of strike the managers would simply recruit emergency dispatchers from the ranks of assistant superintendents and other operating officials who have served their time at the dispatcher's desk. They could also recruit novices from the ranks of their regular telegraph operators for the time being.

For these reasons there is little likelihood of a walkout. The dispatchers have decided to make no attempt to tie up the roads until next June when the annual conventions will be held.

LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATS ELUQUENT.

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In fact, it may be necessary in order to get rid of some of the monstrosities

and credulities of the Payne-Aldrich-Smoot bill, to pass separate bills for particular items. Our first duty is to remove the cruel features of the present bill. The proper function of the tariff is to raise revenue, and we should so arrange the rates as to raise the maximum amount of revenue, at the same time taking from the pockets of the people the minimum amount of money. In arranging the rates, the highest should be on the luxuries and the lowest, or none at all, on the necessities or life. By so doing, we will promote every legitimate business in the country. "The democrats of the senate are taking steps to enact into law the democratic promise of electing United States senators by popular vote. "When, on the fourth day of March 1801, Thomas Jefferson delivered his inaugural address, he enunciated the democratic creed, among other things for which he declared, was economy in public expense, that labor might be lightly burdened.

"Nothing could cloud his clear vision to the fact that labor foots the bills and pays all the taxes. Therefore, the burden of taxation should be made as light as possible. Economy in the public expense is another promise that we will redeem. The curtailment of appropriations will prove perhaps as difficult as the reduction of the tariff, but that both will be accomplished, there can be little doubt, for this year democrats are united by the determination to work harmoniously together and by the hope of approaching victory—a victory which will restore democratic supremacy in every department of the government.

"When we analyze the figures of the last election it will be seen that the result was not such a victory for the democrats as defeat for the republicans. Our success was the result, largely, of the stay-at-home vote. Therefore, we are really in a state of probation.

"The country has concluded to give us another chance to demonstrate our fitness to conduct the government, after sixteen years of exclusion from power. If we are equal to the opportunity, if we meet the responsibilities with wisdom, courage and patriotism, we will have a long lease of power. We should not forget that so far as the democratic party is concerned—and, therefore, so far as the fortunes of the country are concerned,—more depends upon the action of the sixty-second congress than upon any that has met since the forty-fourth congress. Therefore, it is only natural to assume that every democrat will realize the importance of carrying out our promises to the end, that we may receive the approbation of the public, whose servants we are."

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CHINESE YEAR IS ABOUT OVER

FESTIVITIES COMMENCE JANUARY TWENTY-NINTH.

Local Celestials Preparing for Big Celebration on That Date.

What is commonly known as China New Year is now near at hand, the exact date being two weeks from Sunday, or January 29. Local celestials are already making special preparations for properly observing the most important date in their calendar.

Their festivities last ten days, commencing at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, when the arrival of the new year will be heralded in with all the firecrackers that can be collected together in one bunch. After these opening ceremonies, the entire time is spent in rest, visiting, worship and a general festival season carried on, with every Chinaman keeping open house to his friends and enemies alike.

About 6 or 7 o'clock each night, one or more of the several Chinese stores, same having been previously agreed upon, conduct the fireworks for all, and the last night is celebrated by all.

It is a quaint and curious custom of the Chinese to keep open house during the most of the time, and have ready at all times on their tables, a plentiful supply of food, consisting of all their delicacies and sweetmeats so sweet to the taste of the oriental races. Everyone is invited to attend and join in their festivities and every Chinese house has a regular contingent of American friends who take advantage of taking new friends to witness their curious ceremonies each year.

Investigation Expected.

Washington, Jan. 17. (Special)—Investigation of the manner of storing coal on United States battleships is expected in the near future by officers of the navy.

The immediate cause for such an inquiry is found in the fact that within two weeks, explosions occurred in the coal bunkers of two battleships, causing the death of a man in each instance. They were on the North Dakota and on the Michigan. Coal passers Evans, of the North Dakota died after lingering nearly two weeks from the time of his being burned. Benjamin McCleary, coal passer on the Michigan, died within two days after the accident. Both men were injured while the fleet was in the English channel. Though such explosions are not unknown to the navy, officers are freshly alarmed at what seems to be an increase in their frequency.

According to the report of the Board of Inquiry on the North Dakota, coal dust was responsible for the explosion on that battleship. Evans declared that he had crawled into the bunker to take a nap. Needing a light, he scratched a match, and the explosion followed, severely burning him. The board reported that there was no trace of gas in the bunker. No detailed report on the Michigan explosion has been received, but the circumstances, so far as known, were similar.

Lack of ventilation, naval officers say, is the dangerous factor in battleship coal bunkers. On most of the ships, if the traps were opened and kept open to admit air, water also gets in. It is well known that water in small quantities, with large amounts of soft coal will induce spontaneous combustion. The difficulty of the problem is increased by the fact that there is little choice in placing the bunkers, all must open into the fire room.

Many officers are convinced that these recent explosions offer a strong warning. The danger from coal, they say, is too great to be longer tolerated.

Widow Is Cared For.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 17. (Special)—The \$10,000 fund for the widow and children of John T. Sullivan, captain of the Spokane police force, who was killed by an unknown person, was raised by the Spokane chamber of commerce in less than 36 hours. Subscriptions, ranging from \$1100 to \$1, were received without personal solicitation but as the result of a letter canvas. Many business men of the

city sent in expressions in favor of raising the fund in addition to enclosing their checks for various amounts. A widow, probably 70 years of age, called at the chamber of commerce rooms and gave a dollar. She said it was only a mite but she wanted to give what she could. Another subscription which aroused considerable interest was one of \$10 from the Japanese Commercial club. The money is to be invested in trust by the chamber of commerce trustees for the widow and children of Captain Sullivan. They will thus have a permanent and regular income during their entire lifetime.

JOY RIDES MANY.

Mrs. Schenk and Her Auto Driver Were Free With Affections.

Wheeling, Jan. 17.—Lundy Wilson, a chauffeur, and Mrs. Schenk, testified today in her trial that she and Dan Phillips took many automobile joy rides and that he caught them in improper positions. He said the woman told him she loved Phillips.

Wilson said the couple would drive far out into the country and then he would go for a walk and return when the tooting of the auto horn told him to. He told how the woman bought smoking jackets and clothes for Phillips. Some of his testimony was amusing in the extreme. During his testimony the woman regarded Wilson fixedly and took copious notes.

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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union County.

Geraldine Watt, Plaintiff.

vs.

William Watt, Defendant.

To William Watt, the above named defendant:

In the name of the state of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 6th day of February, A. D. 1911, and if you fail to so appear and answer the plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in the complaint herein, to wit: for a decree of absolute divorce from you the defendant above named, annulling the marriage contract now existing between you and the plaintiff and for such other relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable. This summons is published in the La Grande

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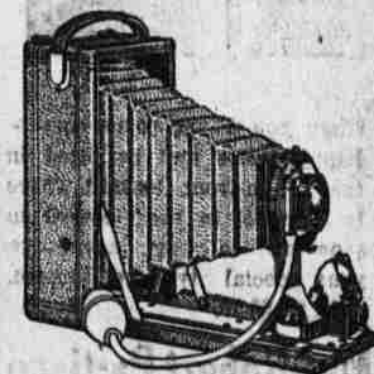
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