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COMPROMISE BEFORE MINERS

COMPLETE SUSPENSION OF MINING FOR TWO WEEKS

COMPROMISE PROPOSITION MAY BE ACCEPTED IN VOTE

General Increase of Five Cents Over Present Price Per Ton Is Aim of Compromise Measure Adopted by the Committee Which Considered It—A Brief Compromise Will Suffice.

Cleveland, O., March 30.—Complete suspension of the coal mining industry in this country for at least two weeks, beginning next Monday, while both bituminous and anthracite miners take a referendum vote, will be the result of a compromise proposed. The proposal was made at a joint conference of the bituminous operators and the miners at Cleveland today.

The compromise follows quickly in order to prevent the whole United Mine Workers suspending operations in the anthracite coal mine of Pennsylvania, calling for a walkout at midnight Sunday of 170,000 miners. The compromise was drawn up by a sub-committee on the wage scale, and it calls for an increase to the bituminous coal miners of 5 cents on a ton of lump coal after it is put through the screens, or three cents a ton on a run of the mine basis, including the screening.

Approval of the compromise was assured today when a joint committee of the whole re-assembled for a final action in the bituminous controversy. The miners' policy committee will submit a compromise to the referendum vote of the bituminous miners pending which the work will be suspended. It is believed an early renewal of negotiations between George F. Baer of Philadelphia, chairman of the anthracite operators' committee, and President White of the miners, may result in adjustment of the hard coal differences. Both men are willing to resume negotiations.

Taking of the referendums means that 650,000 miners will cease work Monday.

NEW DIRECTORS IN OFFICE

Directors Hill and Day Take Office on School Board

The new members of the school board, A. T. Hill and L. P. Day, were initiated into the work of the board last evening at its regular meeting in the office of A. C. Williams, clerk of the board.

The salaries of the teachers and janitors were allowed last night, and bills contracted for the maintenance of the schools ordered paid.

Bids for the supplying of 400 cords of wood for the schools were received last night. Of the six bids presented that of W. S. Montgomery for \$4.10 per cord was the lowest and the contract for furnishing wood for the public schools was awarded to him.

The school board authorized Superintendent J. D. Stout to purchase a stereopticon for the use of the schools. With the lantern will be purchased 600 slides. The stereopticon will be used in the teaching of biological, historical subjects and may also be used for the purpose of illustrating lectures.

ILLINOIS ADOPTS PREFERENCE

Illinois Voters to Decide on Presidential Proposition.

Springfield, Ill., March 30.—By a unanimous vote the lower house of the state legislature passed the senate presidential primary law giving Illinois a vote in the presidential preferences at the state primary April 9. The bill permits a vote to be taken with congressional districts as units.

The Springfield bill provides that a place on the ballot shall require a petition with 1500 signatures. The ticket will also vote on the delegates at large and there will be a state wide vote on other delegates and a congressional district. The vote is to be advisory and not mandatory.

HAMILTON CITY MARK

Flies 57 Miles in 23 Minutes at Sacramento Today.

Sacramento, Cal., March 30.—Chas. K. Hamilton established a world's aviation speed record of 50 miles today. He traveled in an aeroplane from Stockton to Sacramento, 57.7 miles, in 23 minutes.

WAVES SPOIL CLASSIC RACE

CAMBRIDGE EIGHT INMERSSED IN RIVER THAMES.

Contest Officials Call Classic Boat Race a No Contest.

London, March 30.—Owing to a choppy sea with swamped the Cambridge shell, the classic Oxford-Cambridge annual boat race was declared a no contest. Oxford outclassed Cambridge but the rough sea overturned the light shell of the Cambridge crew and they were compelled to swim to shore. The Oxford men stopped in the middle of the course, emptied the shell of water and then paddled to the finish. The race officials upheld the protest of Cambridge and declared the race a no contest. The race was rowed on the river Thames as usual, and was a four and one quarter mile course. It was the 69th battle between the two institutions. Oxford has won 37 and Cambridge 30 with one dead heat.

Cambridge has had bad luck in having to do without several of her best oarsmen, who are sick. Oxford was able to take most of her best men of last year. In the preliminary practice Oxford showed better form. Thousands of spectators saw the race. The bridges and the river were crowded. A heavy gale was blowing when the boats lined up for the start. Oxford won the toss, and chose the Surrey side which affords a slight shelter from the wind. The two shells started at 11:41 the Cambridge crew rowing 38 strokes to the minute, and the Oxonians 28. The end of the first mile found the Oxford team in the lead by four lengths. Both shells were flying rapidly. As the two boats neared Chiswick a wave swept both boats, Cambridge going under. The Oxford captain concurred in the decision of the referee calling it a no contest. The race will be rowed again Monday.

ROOSEVELT GOES EAST.

Stops at Milwaukee and Chicago on His Way to Michigan.

Milwaukee, March 30.—En route to Chicago, Colonel Roosevelt spoke to a small crowd at the railroad station here today. He did not mention La Follette's speech here. Afterward the colonel and Governor McGovern held a brief conference.

Chicago, March 30.—Colonel Roosevelt arrived here at noon. He was at luncheon with the National Roosevelt committee at the Congress hotel, and left over the Michigan Central at 1:45.

VESSEY CHOOSES SITE.

South Dakota Delegation Makes Selection of Its Building Site.

San Francisco, March 30.—Governor R. S. Vessey of South Dakota is here today to select a site for the state building at the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915. The governor was accompanied by his state board of commissioners. He will remain until Sunday night when he will go to Los Angeles to join his family.

Queen City's New Ball Park.

Cincinnati, O., March 30.—Cincinnati baseball fans were given their first opportunity to view the new baseball grounds today, when the home team lined up for an exhibition game with the New York Americans. The new park takes rank among the finest baseball plants in the country. It cost in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars. The grandstands, pavilions and bleachers are of steel and re-enforced concrete and the entire seating capacity is about 25,000.

THOMAS CARMODY.

Attorney General of New York Interested in the Brandt Case.



MARCH PERMITS SIXTH STREET TOTAL \$57,922

TWENTY RESIDENCES TO BE BUILT IN THE NEAR FUTURE

PERMITS FOR REPAIRS ALSO EXTENSIVE FOR MONTH

Average Cost of Residences Is \$1820, Brought Down by Reason of a Couple Self-Built Homes—Highest \$6,000 and Next \$2,700. Repairs Include One \$3,000 Item—Foley Skyscraper Added.

Permits for building and repairs in the city of La Grande, issued during the month of March, total the startling sum of \$57,922 and when analyzed show an even greater industrial color of the brigade. City recorder Humphreys is today completing his first month of the new manner of things in regard to building permits. J. L. Foley added his live-story skyscraper to the total permits yesterday but over and above that substantial figure there are many other items that show the building activities in the residence district.

New Residences Many.

Twenty permits for new residences were issued at an average cost of \$1,820. This figure is lowered for the reason that there are several building projects which will cost scarcely more than the lumber and the estimate is so fixed. One man for instance will build his home himself and he already owns the lot so he fixes the price of the cottage at \$300. Another man calculating on the same basis, computes the cost at \$500. One or two of these items reduce the average materially. The highest estimate for a residence is that of Aug. J. Stange who estimates his bungalow to cost \$6,000. Mrs. Kalston is next high with an estimated cost of \$2,700. The other residences with the exceptions noted stand around \$1,500 and \$1,800. Forty permits have been issued during the month and those not required for new residences and for extensive improvements. One item, for instance, calls for the expenditure of \$3,000 on the Corps building where the Isis theatre will be located.

Entire City Benefits.

The enormous business of one month will be felt in all sections of the city. One man, Mr. Kohmer, will build just within the city limits at the Palmer bridge; one will build in close proximity to the Alliance mill and still another will build in South La Grande. Every section will see the new homes go up.

If the present rate continues and it is believed it will, last year's phenomenal showing in residence building will no doubt be doubled. This is the first month that an accurate record of the city's building have been maintained and computed and March has set a stiff pace for the other months to emulate.

HEARST IS SUED.

Big Damage Suit Papers Served by Battering Down Stateroom.

Omaha, Neb., March 30.—W. R. Hearst today faces a libel suit of \$400,000. It is alleged that in his papers in his presidential campaign four years ago he libeled former Governor Thomas N. Haskell of Oklahoma. A suit was filed in the United States district court here. The case has been under consideration for three years. Hearst was served as he was passing through Omaha. His stateroom door was battered down.

SALESMAN TRIED BRIBERY.

Such Is Allegation Preferred on Seattle Construction Salesman.

Portland, March 30.—C. D. Hessons a former agent of the J. D. Adams Bridge Construction company of Seattle, was arrested here on a charge of attempting to bribe commissioner of Lincoln county in Washington.

BANDIT VISITS PORTLAND.

Two Shot Down and a Third Wounded When Auto Party Is Held up.

Portland, March 30.—Sheriff's posse, police, and detectives are today scouring Portland and vicinity and looking for a bandit who held up an auto party last night. He shot and killed George Hastings, Donald (Sewart, and wounded Irving Lupton. No trace of him has been seen but they have found a mask.

SIXTH STREET ISSUE DECIDED

OWNERS HELD TO PAY COST OF PAVING OF THAT STREET

COUNCIL'S SECOND PROCEEDURES WERE REGULAR

Judge Knowles Hands Down Decision Dismissing Writ of Review in Sixth Street Litigation Lasting a Year or Thereabouts—Points Out Powers Vested in the City Council to Do This Work.

Property owners abutting and contiguous to Sixth street between the south line of Washington to the north line of K street must pay the assessments fixed and levied by the city council to pave that thoroughfare. This is the ultimatum of Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles who late this afternoon handed down a finding denying the writ of review prayed for by F. D. Halsten, et al. against City Recorder C. M. Humphreys et al. The decision is the sequel to a long period of litigation during which time the city has been paying close to \$5.00 per day interest money and unless the decision is carried to a higher court—a venue of procedure that is of course open to the plaintiffs in the case, the payments will commence on the paving shortly. The matter was first carried to the circuit court when the remonstrators to the paving obtained a decree from the court Judge Knowles presiding, that held the original proceedings to be irregular but pointed out that the council possessed the right to go over the preliminary steps and rectify any irregularities that might have crept into the proceedings. This the council did and the remonstrators again blocked the payment by asking for a writ of review. This was some time ago and the decision handed down this afternoon is the outcome of that action. In the decision Judge Knowles goes over many important features of the related phases of the case, devoting special time and attention to the powers and rights vested by the charter and ordinances in the council to proceed with street improvements. The decision will be published in toto Monday in the Observer to allow a careful perusal of the decision in all its several views of the situation.

OLIVER EIGHTY SOLD.

F. R. Bridges Has Purchased Tract Lying Near Alice District.

Eighty acres of fine land lying about a mile south of Alice, technically described as the S½ NE¼ section 29, township 2, south Range 39, formerly belonging to E. W. Oliver, has been purchased by F. R. Bridges of this city. The tract is well known. The price paid for the land is not made public, but the land has been held for about \$125 an acre and it is reported that a sum about equal to that figure was paid.

DEAN CASE CONTINUED.

Canadian Government Seeking Extradition of Suspected Robber.

Los Angeles, March 30.—The case of Charles Dean, charged with complicity in the robbery of the New Westminster bank a branch of the Bank of Montreal of more than \$250,000 will be continued Tuesday before United States Commissioner Van Dyke. The Canadian government is seeking the extradition of Dean. Affidavits and depositions regarding the robbery and citing the subsequent events, were read before the commissioner yesterday.

Commencement at Carlisle.

Carlisle Pa., March 30.—Many visitors are arriving here to attend the exercises of commencement week at the United States Indian school. The program will be ushered in tomorrow with the baccalaureate sermon and will conclude with the graduation exercises Friday.

Real Estate Show Postponed.

New York, March 30.—The opening of the Real Estate show, which was originally scheduled for the Grand Central palace today, has been deferred until the last week of April. The postponement was decided upon by the management to give the exhibitors more time to prepare their displays.

CAMPAIGN IS ON IN FACT

BOYS ARRIVE ON THE AFTERNOON TRAINS.

General Plan of Entertainment Carried Out on Delayed Schedule.

Men and Religion Forward movement campaign have their anchors lodged in earnest in La Grande. Crowds of boys are here from every corner of Union and Wallowa counties. A part of the team which comes from Walla Walla arrived last evening and this morning, and the others will come tonight.

John Gibson, chairman of the committee of one hundred of Walla Walla and leader of the team which leads in the campaign, arrived last night accompanied by Lowden Jones and Ben Cowan, two Walla Walla boys who will have a part on the program tomorrow as well as today. Rev. H. T. Cash arrived from Pendleton this morning.

The team has its headquarters at the Sommer hotel. Here the team will be constantly in conference with each other when not engaged in speaking at the meetings of the program, discussing the local campaign and local needs as they will see them from time to time during their stay in La Grande.

The boys' convention began at 3:30 this afternoon in the Baptist church. The principal speakers for this afternoon's session were Lowden Jones and Rev. H. T. Cash.

Tomorrow morning the pulpits of several of the local churches will be occupied by members of the team. Rev. E. M. Clingan of Walla Walla will speak in the Presbyterian church; John Gibson, of Walla Walla, will speak in the Methodist church; Rev. H. T. Cash will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church; Prof. Norman Coleman of Whitman college will speak in the Christian church and Fred Witham will speak in the M. E. church South.

The boys' conference will continue throughout tomorrow. The meetings especially for men will begin Sunday, Monday and Tuesday noons there will be a dinner served for business men at the Baptist church and noon hour meetings held for their benefit.

Tonight the boys will enjoy a big banquet at Honan hall. Besides the good things to eat there will be a jolly good time for everyone present. Speeches and toasts will be made and the whole evening will be full of snap and go as times usually are at a banquet where the tables are surrounded by lusty boys.

Owing to the lateness of No. 17 and the branch train the plans of the committee to take the visiting boys in automobiles for a tour of the city and a visit to the Palmer mill had to be abandoned.

Special Announcements.

Special stress is being laid on the following announcements:

Boys' banquet, 6 o'clock tonight; age limit, between 14 and 20.

Sunday morning—Special pulpit assignments.

Sunday afternoon—Mass meeting for boys and men, Baptist church.

Monday noon—Men's luncheon at Baptist church while discussion of the boys' work progresses.

Monday evening—Conferences from 7 to 8:15 as follows: Boys' work, Baptist gymnasium; evangelism, Baptist lecture room; social service, Presbyterian church; Bible study, Christian church. Platform meetings under the supervision of Walla Walla team at Baptist church commencing at 8:15.

Tuesday noon—Luncheon which, like Monday, is open to every merchant and clerk, during discussion of social service.

BARON SANDHURST.

New Lord Chamberlain of England, Social Arbitrator.



INTERVENTION SEEMS CERTAIN

SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO MEXICO FORESEES RE ACTION

JAPANESE GAINING FOOHOLD IN MAGDALENA BAY DISTRICT

Rebels Outwitted by Federal General Who Avoids Clash After Playing With the Rebel Armies for Several Days—It Is Believed Certain That Uncle Sam Will Intervene—Federalists to Oppose Rebels at Torreon.

Washington, March 30.—With an agreement of the administration to allow ammunition to be shipped from the United States to Mexico, and diplomatic relations established with President Madero, it is indicated that President Taft has decided to aid the Mexican government to stamp out the present rebellion. The Mexican and rurales under General Trevino in government has imported arms and ammunition for the use of its cavalry the north. It is evident the federalists intend to organize a strong force near the northern border and renew a vigorous fight.

Aubert Fools Rebels.

Mexico City, March 30.—General Aubert, federal, was successful in his attempt to evade a clash with the revolutionary force of General Pascual Orozco. Aubert retreated today in the direction of Torreon. There the federalists will concentrate and make their last stand to prevent the rebels' invasion of Mexico City.

Monroe Doctrine Infringed.

New York, March 30.—That Japan has succeeded in getting valuable concessions in Mexico about Magdalena bay, is the purport of a special cablegram from Tokio printed here in the Evening Telegram. It says the reported negotiations are between Japan and Mexico and are concluded, providing for the establishment of a large Japanese settlement at Magdalena bay, but a protest is expected from the United States, based on the Monroe doctrine.

TONSorial Parlor Shines.

Most Up to Date Furnishings on the Market Installed Locally.

Furniture and fixtures such as the very best barber shops of the large cities use have been installed by the La Grande Barber shop, Jolly & Ellis proprietors. The furniture is white enameled goods and the back glasses are mounted on marble. The entire equipment of the shop is new and it shines with a lustre and fashionable tone. Salespeople for barber supply houses say the local shop is one of the very finest in finish in the state.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENT RUMORED

Balkans and Russia May Be Closer Allied Hereafter.

Buda Pesth, March 30.—Rumors of the betrothal of Princess Elizabeth to Prince Boris of Bulgaria is persistently circulated. It is expected the betrothal will be followed by a closer alliance of the two countries, which in view with recent changes in the policy of Russia toward the Balkans. Official confirmation of the engagement is lacking.

Alaska Republican Convention

Washington, D. C., March 30.—The farthest north republican convention meets today at Cordova, Alaska, where the territorial convention assembles to select delegates to the national convention at Chicago. In order to attend the Cordova gathering some of the delegates are obliged to travel distances of a thousand miles or more by dog sleds over deep snow. The Taft campaign managers have received word from Governor Clark indicating that the president may count upon the vote of the Alaskan delegates in his contest for re-nomination.

Miners Still Objection.

London, March 3.—Officers of the miners federation headquarters here, are counselling the coal miners to vote to accept the government minimum wage bill and thus end the strike. In Lancashire more miners voted against accepting the measure unless the minimum wage amendment by the miners, is incorporated.