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## WAGE ISSUE DISCUSSED

### BROTHERHOODS MAKE POSITION CLEAR

Four Institutions, Acting As One, Contend Demands Are Just

Cleveland, Ohio, March 21.—The Transportation Brotherhoods, with headquarters in this city, today issued the following statement:

A great deal has been said about the inability of the railroads to grant the eight hour day to railway train crews and switchmen, and a few facts bearing upon the necessity of a shorter work day are here presented.

The unit of wage payment is now based on the moving of rolling stock 100 miles per 10 hours, or 10 miles per hour. The men are now asking for eight hours or 12 1/2 miles per hour, 100 miles in eight hours, and time and one-half for overtime after eight hours.

The railroad companies as well as the public at large would be benefited by the change. All trunk lines centering in large terminals have so-called manifest freight, leaving these terminals each night, hauling from 1000 to 1200 tons of freight, which is called fast freight service. These trains travel over divisions up to 140 to 240 miles on an average of an eleven hour basis. In many cases the so-called drag or dead freight train leaving the same terminal probably three hours ahead of these manifest or fast freight trains are passed on the road, and the fast freight goes to destination in eight or nine hours, while the dead freight is often caught by the Federal 16-hour law and has to tie up for eight hours' rest before getting into division or terminal points.

If one train can be sent over a division of say 140 or 150 miles in eight hours, there is not just reason why the same class engine, with another train, should put in 14 to 16 hours over the same course. Take, for instance, crews on dead freight service, or what is commonly called "slop freight." Out of 24 hours they are often 14 hours on the road. They spend one hour after they get in, washing up and looking after the engine, and then are ready to go home to wife and family, tired and sleepy. After eight hours they are given a two hour call at the end of the rest period to go another 14 or 15 hour trip. These men spend 11-12 hours with their families, which is not enough time to even get acquainted with them, as they have practically no time at home.

These men know no day or night, have no Sundays—simply a steady grind, until they are worn out and have to layoff; and in many cases this boon is refused. If these men were worked eight hours they would be more competent workers on account of having more rest, would be better citizens on account of having more time to brighten their minds, more time to study the economic questions that are of vital importance to their own and the communities' welfare, and would, therefore, be more intelligent voters. On the same basis the company would be the gainer by always having a fresh man going on duty at working periods, and would be less troubled by men asking for lay-offs for the purpose of getting some rest. The public would also be the gainer by getting quicker service on dead or "slop freight."

For example, take a car of bananas, shipped say from New Orleans to St. Louis, which goes through in 36 or 39 hours, while a car of dead freight would occupy almost three weeks getting the same distance; in other words, dead freight is moving in the United States on an average of about one mile per hour when it should move practically as expeditiously as any other commodity.

The statement has been repeatedly made that the men do not want an eight hour day, but are simply after an increase in wages. This absurd statement has no basis in fact, as the men do not want the overtime, and the only way to stop the working of the men overtime is to put a penalty on the use of overtime, so that the railroads would move trains more expeditiously and be more saving in their use of the men's overtime work. Pay for overtime to the worker is blood money, as this money is made after the man is worn out, needs sleep and rest, and digs at his very vitals, and makes him old before his time.

Give railway train service men eight hours' work, eight hours' sleep and eight hours to pass with their families and they ask for no overtime and no so-called exorbitant pay. The manufacturers and shippers are constantly brought face to face with car shortages throughout the United States, which condition is largely brought about by slow transportation of so-called dead freight. If cars loaded with this dead or slow moving freight were handled more rapidly to destination, unloaded and returned to service, the company would earn a greater revenue on each car, which increase alone would offset any additional expense the company would sustain in making the change. Keep the trains moving by giving them the amount of tonnage they can handle over the division and it will be seldom that the trip cannot be made in eight hours.

There is no good, logical reason why railway and train service men should not be on an eight hour basis. Before the Federal 16-hour law was enforced the companies worked the men 20 or 30 hours, but after this law became effective they found they could get the trains through in 14 or 15 hours, and they will find this can be just as easily cut to eight hours as it was from 30 to 16 hours. It needs only the cooperation of the company officials with the men to make an eight hour day on railroads a blessing, and at the same time knock the shackles off of 309,174 railroad men in the United States now calling for relief.

FOR SALE—Wagon, Harness and Incubator. Phone Red 1931. 3-21-6p

WANTED—Clean cotton rags—2c a pound—Observer office. 3-10-1f

Talking about reciprocity, George Vierick says he is ashamed of the United States.—St. Louis Globe.

## Want Ads.

YEARS AGO the crier announced the auction sale, then came the hand bills and their "hit or miss" results—today the effective way is the Want Ads—they hit the mark. That's what counts.

WANTED—Rubber tired buggy—Telephone Farmers 64. 3-17-4t

FOR RENT—Seven room furnished house—call Mrs. Swaney. 3-7-1f

FOR SALE—W. Leghorn roosters, \$1. \$1.50 each. Eggs for hatching 75c per 15. M. A. Wells, Phone Farmers 18 x 6 3-11-1mo

FOR SALE—Cerd wood \$6.25, 16 in. wood \$6.75—Phone Black 1642. 10-11-1mo.

FOR SALE—No. 1 alfalfa seed (tested) in small or large lots.—H. E. Young, Vale, Ore.—Adv. 1-28-1f

FOR SALE—16-inch dry wood. Black pine and tamarack and chain wood. Phone Main 92.—Adv. 1-14-1f.

FOR SALE—Business. Good stock new and second hand goods cheap, including horse, wagon and harness 1114 Jefferson Ave. 2-11-10p

FOR SALE—Sand and gravel, Phone Farmers 20x. 3-13-1m

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished rooms for light house keeping with bath—1512 Adams ave, 2 blocks from center of town. Phone Black 3901. After March 20th a large front bed sitting room for rent. 3-13-1f

FOR SALE—Registered Clyde stallions and mares that won blue ribbon prizes at all northwest fairs. Finest strain in northwest, also famous shire, Goris Fashion. For full particulars and terms see Leadbetter & McKennon, Alico. 3-1-26-w4t

FOR RENT—Furnished two room house—1306 O St., Phone Black 562 3-13-1f

FOR RENT—Tract of ground containing about four acres with orchard and small fruits, good house. Large garden patch, reasonable rent. Inquire La Grande Investment Company. Phone Main 752. 3-15-1f

FOR SALE—40 fold straw \$2.50 per load. Call farmers 256. 3-15-6p

WANTED—Woman for general housework—write Box N, or phone the operator, Summerville, Oregon. 3-16-3t

WANTED—Work by day or washing—Phone Red 3802. 3-16-6p

FOR SALE—Small work horse—Phone Black 1642. 3-21-3t

FOR SALE—Full blooded Percheron stallion, color black, 5 years old—a sound horse and a sure breeder—can show his sire—pedigree, furnished—a fine horse. Phone Farmers 194.—Herman Vehrs, La Grande, Ore. D 3 17 12t Ww 3 24 2t

FOR SALE—Hatching eggs from my best trap nested winter layers, White Leghorns also Black Monarchs, send for circular. Write Mrs. G. H. Chapman or phone Red 192. 3-18-1m

FOR SALE—Duroc Jersey Pigs any size, inquire Wiley Nebeker, route No. 1 La Grande. 3-18-6p

FOR SALE—Two horses, work single or double. Will sell cheap. Call Black 1932. 3-20-1f

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished house-keeping rooms, clean and light. Phone, water and light free. Call Black 3102. Inquire 1206 Seventh. 3-20-3t

WANTED—3 or 4-room furnished cottage. Must be close in and modern. Responsible party desires comfort. Will take lease. No children. Write T care Observer. 3-30-3t

FOR SALE—Pure-bred short horn bulls—yearlings and twos. Also one aged bull. G. G. Tall, La Grande. 3-20-12t

FOR SALE—Cheap 11 white leg-horn hens and one rooster, call at 602 N. Ave. 3-20-2p

## MEAT PRICES SOME HIGHER

### OFFERINGS AT WEEK'S OPENING BRISK.

Cattle Reach New High Level and Prices Are Generally Good.

Portland, March 20.—The cattle market reached a new high level in the North Portland yards during the first day's trading of the week, as forecast in these reports.

There was a sale of a bunch of extra good light stuff early in the day at \$8.50 for yearlings, while the general market for tops was around \$8.15 or a nickle above last week's extreme figures.

There was a small run of cattle in the yards, as expected, and this gave the trade a stronger undertone. Market for hogs is steady to strong. There was a fair increase over last Monday's offerings.

Early sales of top stuff were made around \$9.10 at North Portland, this being practically the same as last week's top figures.

**FRUIT**  
Bananas—35c and 40c dozen.  
Coconuts—15c each.  
Apples—4c lb.  
Oranges—30c to 60c.  
Lemons—30c and 35c.

**VEGETABLES AND MISCELLANEOUS**

Green beans—25c per lb.  
Green peppers—35c per lb.  
Egg plant—25c per lb.  
Fresh tomatoes—25c per lb.  
Radishes—5c per bunch.  
Hot house lettuce—30c per lb.  
Green Onions—5c per bunch, 3 for 10c.  
Spinach—10c lb. 3 @ 25c.  
Rhubarb—15c lb., 2 lb. @ 25c.  
Potatoes—\$1.75 to \$2.25.  
Head Lettuce—10c.  
Cauliflower—20c and 25c each.  
Honey—20c; 3 for 50c.  
Blue Ribbon celery—15c, 2 for 25c.  
New Cabbage—4c lb.  
Parsley—5c a bunch.  
Onions—3 @ 4 cts.  
Beans—White. 10c; Lima. 10c; Beans—White 10; Lima, 12-1-2c; Sugar—Can or fruit, \$8.10 sack, cash, \$8.50, 30 days' time.

**BUTTER AND EGGS**

Butter—Fancy creamery 40c lb. roll and 80c 2 lb. roll.  
Ranch butter—2lb. roll 60c @ 65c  
Eggs—Strictly fresh 25c.

**CHICKENS AND FOWL**

Hens—16c retail, dressed.  
Spring Friers (large ones) 18c  
Turkeys—20c @ 25c

**FLOUR, HAY, FEED, ETC.**

Bluestem Flour—\$1.50.  
Best of the Best (straight grade) \$1.35.

Invincible—\$1.50.  
Best of the Best (patent)—\$1.45.  
Royal Patent—\$1.45

Snowdrift Flour—\$1.60.  
Upper Crust—\$1.60.  
None-to-Equal—\$1.45.

Sea Foam—\$1.35.  
Gold Medal—\$2.50.  
Cattle.

**(La Grande Prices.)**

Choice grain fed steers . . . 6.75 @ 6.90  
Ordinary grain fed steers . . . 6.25 @ 6.50  
Choice hay fed steers . . . 6.00 @ 6.15  
Ordinary to common steers . . . 5.00 @ 5.50  
Choice cows . . . 5.75 @ 6.00  
Ordinary to common cows . . . 5.50 @ 5.60  
Choice heifers . . . 6.50 @ 6.75  
Choice bulls . . . 3.50 @ 4.00  
Best light calves . . . 8.00

**Sheep.**  
Choice weight lambs . . . \$8.75 @ 9.00  
Best wethers . . . 8.00  
Old wethers . . . 7.00 @ 7.25  
Choice light ewes . . . 6.75 @ 7.00  
Good to common ewes . . . 6.00 @ 7.50

**Hogs.**  
Choice light weights . . . \$8.10 @ 8.35  
Good light weights . . . 8.00 @ 8.05  
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Rough and heavy . . . 7.00 @ 7.50

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## As The Years Pass

Every individual faces declining years and diminished earning capacity.

Statistics show that only five men out of each one hundred are able to live on their incomes at the age of sixty. The other ninety and five are dependent upon their daily earnings, then relatives, friends or public charity for support.

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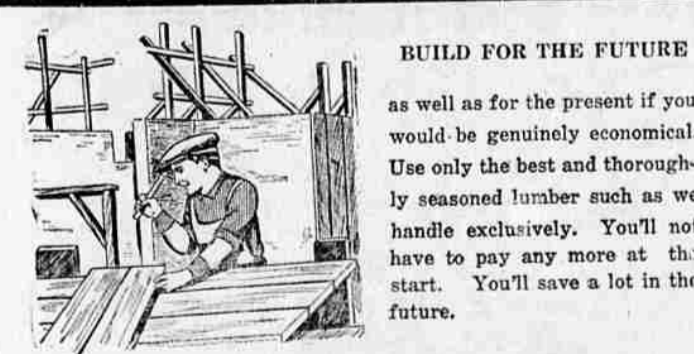
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