

HEARINGS ON STRIKE SUSPENDED

WILL BE RESUMED AT PITTSBURGH WHEN SENATORS CAN BE PRESENT.

TACTICS OF STRIKERS ARE SHARPLY ATTACKED

One Mill Worker Says That the Strikers Are Chiefly Foreigners and Many Participants Believe the Object Is to Secure Ownership in the Mills.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Investigation of the nation-wide steel strike was temporarily ordered closed today by the senate labor committee after it listened to the testimony of the U. S. Steel corporation, who attacked sharply the tactics of the strike and the strike leaders. The inquiry will be resumed in the Pittsburgh district as soon as the treaty situation in the senate makes it possible for the committee members to be absent from Washington for three days or more.

More mill workers were heard today. T. J. Davies, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, said the strike chiefly involved the foreigners in the mills; that many of the participants believed the object was to give the workmen ownership of the mill and was being carried on with intimidation and with violence.

Judge Gary, chairman of the board, said that the mill executives were always ready to hear reasonable grievances and redress them and said that organized labor would not do the men any good.

MEETING IS INTERESTING

PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY GIVES UNIQUE PROGRAM AT UNION

Mrs. Ray Murphy of La Grande Wins Story Telling Contest—All Contestants Goods

The Grande Ronde Presbyterian meeting was held in Union, Friday, October 3rd. Everything seemed ordered for the occasion, the day was perfect, the roads good, and the hospitality of the Union ladies exceeded even the famous tradition of that city.

Never did Union seem more inviting in her autumn colors, her beautiful lawns, and her stately old apple trees with their tempting rosy apples, her spacious homes, and her charming women. Union was decked in her best and every guest knew that while the ladies dispensed their gracious hospitality in a manner fit for a king, that they were in reality honoring their invisible guest, the King of Kings, in whose name the meeting was held. Fully seventy-five ladies were present, both Baker and La Grande sending large delegations.

Clever Program Arranged

Almost never in the history of women's meetings, either of orders, clubs, or church, has there been a more ideal program carried out, in ingenuity, than the one given in Union Friday by this Presbyterian Society. The morning session was held in the church and opened with an inspiring, devotional meeting by J. H. Donald of Baker. The forenoon was given over entirely to business. Mrs. George Seibert of Union, the president, presided in her usual masterful manner. The reports were of a very encouraging type, which is an earnest of a most progressive and encouraging winter campaign.

Several new organizations are being effected, as well as numerous classes, and prayer groups, both Baker and La Grande reporting their success. "100 percent club," that is, every member pledged to give power for missions.

A bonfire dinner was served at the home of Mrs. J. H. Donald and a profitable hour in renewing old acquaintances was spent. The guests, with their husbands, gathered their way to the (Continued on Page 3.)

J. C. MURPHY REASONS WELL

PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL SPEAKS

People Always Tell of Good Things at Home—Union County Is Our Home

J. C. Murphy, president of the Central Labor Council, offers the following article relative to the good road program. Mr. Murphy is a resident of La Grande and does not believe in hiding his light beneath a basket. He wants good roads and knows why.

Appeals to Community Pride
"When a stranger comes to town, the first thing that attracts his attention is the civic pride shown by the people of that place.

"Paved streets, cement walks, a fine library, a city park and beautiful and expensive churches, are a means of leaving a deep and lasting impression on a stranger (not to mention the good to the home folks that erected them) and makes him want to return again and probably become one of that community that caused him to decide to cast his lot with them.

"Now a county is a little larger community than a city and should reflect the same civic pride that is shown by the people in the city.

"That is one reason no good citizen of La Grande can afford to miss the chance to continue the good work started in La Grande and that chance will present itself October 11th, when we will continue to improve our county by voting YES for the bonds to pave our roads.

Means Much to Working Men

"No working man can afford to miss this opportunity because the cost of hauling provisions to market on poor roads is a little more than it will be on the paved road, and we pay so much now for slow transportation on bad roads that fast roads will cut the cost still more.

"More people coming to our community will have a tendency to cut up some of the large holdings and therefore increase our population and assessed valuation also, and I am sure no one objects to receiving more for his property when it comes as the result of a healthy growth in population, and not stimulated by wild-cat schemes.

"No community can hide its identity. It must be going ahead building for the future and of a permanent nature if it is progressive, or else keep its money in an old shoe, get buried in the mud, and have the cobwebs of inactivity seal up the whole community as a 'has been.'

"To which class does La Grande belong? Your vote Oct. 11th will decide.

Voting is a Privilege

"If you are not registered you can be sworn in at the polls, come and bring your wife and exercise the franchise that you have and what thousands in Europe gave their life for and have not yet secured.

If you are a citizen why not be a real one by getting out and helping to make your community one to be proud of.

"You never heard any one boasting of being raised in the slum district of New York or Chicago, at least I never did, but on the contrary I have heard people tell of what good things they had at home. Now Union county is our home so let us have this to say in ten years from now, 'I was one of the citizens that helped put Union county, Oregon, on the map by voting for PAVED ROADS.'

Respectfully Yours,

J. C. MURPHY,
Pres. Central Labor Council.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TREATY

NO AMENDMENTS BUT RESER- VATIONS WANTED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

BOSTON, Oct. 4.—Prompt ratification of the treaty without amendments but with "unambiguous and effective reservations" was adopted as the platform of the Republican state convention here today. The Democratic state convention has been unable to agree on its attitude towards the league of nations, and the disagreement is delaying the proceedings of the convention.

FAIR HAD MANY NEW FEATURES

DISPLAY FROM THE TELOCASET DISTRICT ATTRACTED SPECIAL ATTENTION.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT WELL REPRESENTED

Blue Mountain Grange, as Usual, Provides a Fine Display of Products and Indulges in the Old-Fashioned Dinner—Interesting Program Was Presented.

The members of Blue Mountain Grange all knew that they could assemble an attractive display of Union county products at the drop of the hat, but to make it more interesting they invited the other granges of the county to join in a fair which was held at the grange hall, three miles east of town, yesterday.

To those who are acquainted with home products it is not necessary to say what they were like and how they show up when attractively displayed. It was mostly a community display, but the Cove section specialized in fruits that occupied a fair portion of the pavilion space. The Telocaset neighborhood, which is generally regarded as the dry farming section of Union county, sprung a good surprise if that notion is coupled with the idea that the soil products must necessarily be dried up and shriveled. That is not the case—neither in the quality nor variety do they suffer in comparison with any other part of the county, in grains, grasses, potatoes, and the Telocaset specialty—sorghum, of which two standard varieties were exhibited. The women's and children's display was also much more extensive than usual.

Opened With Dinner.

The fair was properly and effectively inaugurated at noon with a basket dinner, which included about 57 varieties of everything. The women seemed to be mostly engaged in distribution and the men—they did the rest.

A Fine Program.

In the afternoon a program was presented in the hall which was filled to capacity by the grange membership and visitors. The numbers included music by the Thompson family band; address of welcome by C. D. Huffman; address by Professor Fitts, of O. A. C.; talk by Mrs. Mary Jones, of the state grange women's work committee; song by Mrs. Chadwick, of Cove; address on "Dairy Feeding" by Paul Spillman, county industrial agent; original recitation by M. L. Carter; discussion of "Hot Lunches in School," led by Miss Zoe Golden.

W. R. Jasper offered a word in objection to the road bonding proposition at this time by reason of the heavy burden the country is carrying on account of the war and the demand for continued heavy taxation. Robert Withycombe, of the Eastern Oregon experiment station, complimented the grange on the fine display and gave a word of encouragement to the farming industry in general. Attorney John S. Hodgins and School Superintendent Ivanhoe were also called on and responded briefly.

Grange Fair Notes.

Among the exhibits was the Grande Ronde Valley wheat from the Ledbetter ranch which took the sweepstakes at the state fair.

J. E. Reynolds, director of the state fair board, expresses the belief that Union county can have a fair and he has some plans to submit on that subject which he will spring in a short time and he believes the details will work out successfully.

Among the guests present yesterday was Mrs. L. F. Proebstel, who was a member of the Blue Mountain grange forty years ago, and filled all the offices except that of overseer.

There is always something new in the poultry department was a trio of chickens of the Buttercup breed.

Paul Spillman had an exhibit of buck grass, Canada thistles and other choice selections of things which he advises not to raise.

Professor Felstead, of the animal husbandry department of O. A. C., just happened in this section while on other business, and was an interested visitor at the fair.

Nobody seems to know exactly how (Continued on Page 2)

CINCINNATI TAKES FOURTH

PITCHERS ALMOST PERFECT IN THE EARLY CANTOS

But Two Runs Made in the Game and They Were Grabbed by the Reds in the Fourth Inning

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

Chicago, Oct. 4.—The Cincinnati Reds grabbed the fourth game in the world series in a steady, even battle. The batteries were Ring and Wingo; Cloutier and Schalk. Both pitchers were almost perfect in the first four innings. In the fourth the Reds made two runs, which closed the circuit for the day. The weather was cloudy but there was no rain. There was a capacity crowd. The attendance thus far is 89,000 and the gross receipts \$286,000.

Summary:

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Sunday Pitchers Announced.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—Walter Reuther, who pitched Cincinnati to a 9 to 1 victory in the first game of the series, and Lefty Williams, sou'paw, will probably be the opposing pitchers in the fifth game of the series tomorrow, it was indicated tonight in statements by Managers Gleason and Moran. Williams faced the Reds in the second game at Cincinnati, losing 4 to 2.

OCTOBER TERM ON TOMORROW

DOCKET CLEARED OF A NUMBER OF CASES

Grand Jury, Which Convened on Wednesday, Will Continue Further Work This Week

The October term of Circuit court, Hon. J. W. Knowles, circuit judge presiding, will begin tomorrow. The grand jury was in session Wednesday and Thursday and adjourned until the opening of the regular term. The following cases were assigned yesterday for trial at the coming term:

Mabel McAllister vs. Ray Logan, et al, Monday 10 a. m. J. Feik, vs. O. E. Rayburn, Monday, 1:30 p. m. A. C. Spain vs. Stanley Shaw, Tuesday at 9 a. m. City of La Grande vs. Joseph South, Wednesday 9 a. m. States vs. C. W. Friewold, Thursday morning. States vs. Russell Morgan, Monday, 12th. State vs. Frank Gabbart et al, Tuesday, 14th. States vs. J. D. Muir, Monday, Oct. 20.

The following cases have been removed from the docket:

Application of Grace Brannon for writ of habeas corpus, dismissed. W. H. Cruikshank vs. Rudolph Bach, dismissed. Rose Harris vs. Barney Harris, dismissed. E. G. Kirby vs. Herman Breathers, dismissed for settlement. Masterton vs. Breathers, dismissed for settlement. Nesely Ditch Co. vs. H. J. and E. L. Eckley, settled and dismissed. Fisher vs. Saydam, dismissed without prejudice. James Larsen vs. W. W. Sawyer, dismissed without prejudice. J. H. Peare vs. City of La Grande, dismissed. Fred Spain vs. Albert Linden, dismissed for settlement. M. A. Stephenson vs. Camp Carson Mining and Power Co., dismissed without prejudice. S. C. Zaher vs. city of La Grande, dismissed.

PRESIDENT HAS A BETTER DAY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—The president has had a more encouraging day. The improvement is slight, but not decisive. The day was hot and the fact that the president more than held his own, despite his respiratory affliction resulting from the flu, is taken as a hopeful sign.

WEATHER FORECAST

Sunday—Fair, gentle wind mostly northerly.

NO DELAY IN MEETING ON MONDAY

ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND LABOR CONFERENCE ON MONDAY.

QUESTION OF RAILROAD ATTENDANCE UNSETTLED

President Shea, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen, said the Railroad Organizations Are Acting Together But Have Not as Yet Reached a Decision.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Arrangements for the opening Monday of the industrial labor conference called by President Wilson, were virtually completed tonight with only the question of whether the railroad unions would send delegates unsettled.

With the transportation workers unrepresented, many officials think the value of the conference will be reduced because of the tremendous part played by the rail men in the economic life of the country. There is not a question, however, but that the conference will begin Monday afternoon as planned.

President Shea, of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen, was the only executive in Washington. He said the railroads were acting together and that no decision as to whether they would send delegates has been reached. He was in communication with the other unions. It was intimated that the railroad unions would appear in conference because of their interest in organized labor.

Gifts to President Were of Little Value Says Secretary Tumulty

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Secretary Tumulty said today that the gifts received by the president in Europe were of "very insignificant value." He is prepared to answer to the regulation of Representative Roderberg, of Illinois, Republican, asking as to the reports that gifts to the value of millions of dollars had been received by the president. Tumulty said the president received no gifts which would have required an act of congress for him to accept. In each case he consulted Secretary Lansing and the attorney general as to whether he could legally accept. The most valuable present was a gold casket containing a certificate of citizenship from the city of London. The King of Italy gave him but two old guns and the king of England gave him a book.

CARLOAD OF OVERLANDS

MOTOR CO. RECEIVES NEW MODEL FOR DEMONSTRATION.

Local Overland Mechanics to Be Shown Special Features of Car by Factory Mechanic.

H. C. Hays, Portland sales agent for the Overland automobile, accompanied by Frank Day, superintendent of the Portland firm, and Pat Plake, wholesale man from the Overland factory, were in the city yesterday unloading a carload of new model Overland cars which are to be distributed to the agents in this vicinity for demonstrating purposes only. The companies relieving them are the Union Motor Co. of La Grande, Johnson & Gettings, at Elgin; J. P. Morelock, of Wallawa; Baker Overland, at Baker, and the other cars will be sent to the Overland firm in the Dalles.

The new model Overland has been in Portland for a week and while it was shown, created quite a sensation. The cars which were unloaded here are one of the most condensed and complete on the market. In designing the new car, some 650 parts which were necessary in the old cars, have been (Continued on Page 4.)

ARMY MAN TELLS OF FRENCH ROADS

FROM A MILITARY STANDPOINT GOOD HIGHWAY NECESSARY.

Believes All Ex-Service Men Will Support Bond Issue, Knowing Its War Value.

Captain Everett May, who was in France during a great part of the war, and has had practical experience with the roads of Belgium and France, sees the military necessity for a road system in this country and gives his views in a readable way in support of the proposed road improvement program.

Good Roads From Military Standpoint.
"There is no person who was fortunate enough to spend a part of his army career in Europe who will not support the 'good roads' movement. We frequently hear argument concerning 'Who won the war.' There are some who say the British did, some say France, and still others say America turned the trick. We hear that the British navy was responsible, still others say that the air forces played the deciding role.

"Ask any man who has been at the front, who has seen the great volume of traffic which is necessary to carry on a war, who has been hauled from one front to another by means of French trucks in truck trains where hundreds of trucks were employed, who has hiked over half of Belgium and a good portion of France with a sixty-pound pack on his back during the winter season, and he will tell you that, had it not been for the good roads of Europe the war certainly would not have ended when it did.

Roads Help Win War.

"Had France had such roads as we have in the U. S., the American army could never have functioned as it did. It would have been impossible to get the necessary artillery into position, ammunition and ration trucks would have been useless, ambulances loaded with wounded never would have reached the hospitals. Naturally, we hope never to have to use the good roads of this country for military purposes but, who knows that it will not be necessary. Why did the government, only recently, send out military inspectors and engineers to list all hospitals, and hotels, to ascertain the condition of roads, carrying capacity of all road bridges, etc., throughout the country? Those men were right here in La Grande. Suppose, for instance that an emergency arose between our country and Japan. It is certain that no attempt of invasion of our country would be made without first making proper plans affecting the proper organization. The Japanese comprise probably 90 per cent of the section hands on the railroads on the Pacific slope. Suppose a certain day was set and an 'H' hour given for all railroads to be blown to pieces. The coast country could easily be cut off from the outside world, and with our present roads and highways, what would be the result? Japan, with a few thousand troops, could easily take possession of Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and all Pacific Coast ports. With a network of good roads throughout the country it would take only a short time to gather together a sufficient force to repel any such invasion, even during the worst season of the year. Without such roads it would be practically impossible.

Need Shown By Practical Example

"Let us come a little closer home and take for another example; Our country has suffered an invasion from the North. The enemy has pushed his way South and is about to enter the Grande Ronde Valley via Summerville and Elgin. A defensive line has been established at the northern edge of the valley by thousands of our troops. La Grande is the base of supplies. Thousands of men must be fed from La Grande, ammunition, clothing and all for a long period of time. 'Certainly, no one will say that we could depend on our present roads to take care of the necessary heavy traffic. Men in the front line would likely become good and hungry waiting for rations to reach them. I have said before that we hope such conditions will never exist, but who knows? Why not be prepared?"

Italian Government Orders Blockade of Fiume to Be Raised

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ROME, Oct. 4.—(O.A.C.) that the blockade of Fiume be lifted have been issued by the government. It is reported that a military blockade against soldiers and civilians entering the city is all that is now being enforced. The decision was taken by the government had discussed the protest from the Fiume national council.

PREMIER OF FRANCE TO VISIT U. S.

CLEMENCEAU WILL COME TO WASHINGTON TO ATTEND LEAGUE MEETING

SAYS HE WILL INVITE OTHER PROMINENT MEN

Purpose Is to "Put Into Action the Society of Nations Which Still Exists only on Paper."—But Little Business Is to Be Transacted

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, Oct. 4.—Premier Clemenceau has written to Colonel House stating that he will attend the meeting of the league of nations to be held in Washington early in November under the chairmanship of President Wilson. Clemenceau says that he intends inviting the greatest possible number of the statesmen whose names were associated with the creation of the society which still exists only on paper. There is only a small amount of business to be transacted at the meeting to be held in Washington.

SCHOOL FAIR WAS A SUCCESS

ISLAND CITY PEOPLE PLEASED WITH PUPILS' WORK.

Exhibits Were Better and More Varied Than Ever Before—Club Work a Specialty.

Principal Thompson and the teachers in the Island City school are highly gratified over the pronounced success of the school fair which was held Friday afternoon and evening. The exhibits were larger in extent and more varied than at any previous fair held by the school and the pupils were highly complimented on their interest and work. The display of products was somewhat curtailed but the general show list was expanded. In addition to the showing of school exhibits, the list was extended to include poultry, swine, sheep, rabbits, dogs and other household pets.

Special attention was paid to the boys' and girls' club work in which department the Island City school holds a high record, having just sent two—Garnet Bowery and Violet Kolb—to the state fair as a reward for their activities.

In the line of products the exhibit of corn attracted special attention and the display in this class was considered as something really beyond expectation.

ON AUTO TRIP UP IN CANADA

LA GRANDE PEOPLE SEE SIGHTS ACROSS THE BORDER

Robert Masterton and Family and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sherrywood Return from a Long Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Masterton and son and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sherrywood have returned from a trip through Canada, going by way of Spokane. They had two Ford cars and made the long journey without trouble. Mr. Masterton's idea is that it is a great country. "There are more miles in one district north of the Okanogan country than this whole state of Oregon produces," he says. "There is one single orchard which contains almost innumerable thousands of acres." Mr. Masterton further declares. This orchard was put out a number of years ago by an association of English lords and it kept their lordships about broke up all (Continued on Page 10.)