

BANQUET MARKS THE OCCASION

LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK
CELEBRATES THE TWO MIL-
LION DOLLAR MARK.

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES PRESENT

President Fred J. Holmes Reviews
Bank's History and Congratulates
All Who Have Been Instrumental
in Making the Institution Reach
the Point in Progress That Its
Last Statement Showed

For a bank to reach a two mil-
lion mark in business without a cel-
ebration of some kind, would be a
lack of appreciation for those who
make up the working personnel
of such an institution. At least
that is the view taken by Fred J.
Holmes and other stockholders of
the La Grande National bank, for
when the statement showed its foot-
ing to be over two million dollars,
Mr. Holmes immediately announced
that the bank would celebrate.

That event took the form of an
exclusive banquet given last even-
ing at the Foley hotel, when offi-
cers and directors of the institu-
tion and all employees and their
wives gathered to enjoy the even-
ing's program.

At 8 o'clock the dining room was
thrown open by Manager Vogel
to the Foley hotel and to orchestra
music the guests took their places
around the banquet tables, each
place being marked with a clever-
ly arranged placard card in the form
of a pocket check book, inside of
which was folded the menu.

"We have gathered this evening,"
said President Holmes, "to celebrate
the two million mark of bank in
which we all work and are all in-
terested, and I am going to ask you
to be seated and enjoy an evening
that to me is quite an event."

Mr. Holmes in a short talk review-
ed the bank's history telling of its
organization in 1887 by W. H. Mc-
Donald, Henry Anson, Dr. Honan
H. Baker, R. M. Steel, Henry Fall-
gar, W. H. Corbett and D. P.
Thompson, the last three being re-
sidents of Portland. Two years after
the organization F. L. Meyers, pres-
ent cashier, came to the bank in ca-
pacity of book-keeper, for at that
time one book-keeper was sufficient
and there was no adding machines
either.

In 1893 J. M. Church joined the
bank and through those troublesome
days Mr. Meyers and Mr. Church
directed the institution. Fred J.
Holmes, now president of
the bank, became actively associ-
ated with it in 1894. He has been
its president since George Palmer
of the George Palmer Lumber Co.,
sold his interests in the bank and
retired as its president.

The excellent record made by for-
mer presidents has been well kept
and augmented by Mr. Holmes who
said in speaking of the record of
the bank: "We learned to appreciate
the wisdom of J. M. Church
along with his sterling manhood.
When he was president of the La
Grande National it was then a great
bank and all of us who have fol-
lowed in his footsteps have felt our
work was well done if we could
make as good a proportionate show-
ing as did Mr. Church."

"It must be remembered that for
thirty-two years we have had a man
who has never failed us a day nor
an hour—a man whose honest deal-
ing, whose business judgment,
whose intense loyalty has been of
untold worth in building a good
bank. That man is F. L. Meyers,
cashier, and with Mr. Meyers was
called for to respond to the intro-
duction."

"Yes, it was over thirty years ago
that I entered the La Grande Na-
tional bank as general consultant.
Then Mr. McDonald and Mr. Nisler
were directing the course of the
bank. Later Mr. Pennington, a very
able man from Michigan came
here and for several years served
the institution in a very good way.
For he was a man liked by all and
he made friends for the bank or-
ganization. Mr. Steel became
president and the chief force and
working force was for a long time
Church & Meyers. We did it all
but we worked longer hours than
is now customary. Then came the
other day by which interests pur-
chasing Mr. Church's holdings and
Mr. Palmer became president. He

SHOPMEN RATE NOW EFFECTIVE

AGREEMENT BECAME OPERA-
TIVE ON MONDAY.

Plans as Approved by Director
General Provide for the Set-
tlement of All Disputes

Bulletins have been posted for
the information of all mechanical
departments of railway system in
the Pacific Northwest and else-
where quoting a telegram received
by federal managers from Director
General Hines and Regional Direc-
tor Alston that the agreement cov-
ering wage scales and working
conditions made between the direc-
tor general and the chief executives
of shop crafts organizations, in-
cluding the railway employees' de-
partment of the American Federa-
tion of Labor, became operative
October 20.

Copies of the agreement have
been received for guidance of em-
ployees and railway officials. It
eliminates the causes of the recent
strike of railway shopmen.

Aims at Fairness
"This agreement is designed to
cover all questions affecting such
employees and is designed to pro-
mote justice, harmony and effi-
ciency," says the message received by
Federal Manager J. P. O'Brien, of
Oregon-Washington railroad & Na-
vigation and Southern Pacific lines,
and Federal Manager A. J. David-
son, of the Spokane, Portland &
Seattle system.

"It provides machinery for the
settlement of all disputes. The suc-
cess of this agreement depends in
large measure upon its application
and it is earnestly urged that both
officers and employees use their ut-
most efforts to join in putting it in-
to effect in a fair and impartial
manner calculated to promote just-
ice to the government and to the
employees."

Local Settlement Urged.
"It is highly important that mis-
understandings be avoided, but
where such misunderstandings do
arise attention is directed to the
existence under the agreement of
adequate means of investigation and
settlement."

"Because the fall months have
been marked year after year by a
shortage of transportation and be-
cause such shortage exists now it is
particularly important that repair
and inspection forces, both officers
and employees, join in giving the
best that is in them to their work
and that attention to such work
shall not be impaired by disputes."

The message concludes with the
expressed hope that both sides will
use every possible endeavor to set-
tle locally any differences by ad-
justment between local representa-
tives.

Striking Steel Workers Charged With Attempt to Burn Workers' Houses

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Oct. 23.—
Joachim Magapano was fatally
wounded Sunday night in a criti-
cal condition as a result of the po-
lice breaking up alleged attempts
at arson by striking steel workers.
A group of striking Serbians and
Italians held a secret meeting and
it is alleged, decided to burn the
houses of several men who contin-
ued to work. The police learned of
the plot in advance and caught
several of the conspirators red-
handed.

Soldiers Spade Up Antique Treasures in the Old World

SALONICA, Oct. 23.—Military
excavations, trench making, etc., car-
ried on by the Greek army of Ma-
cedonia during the war by the Allied
armies have brought to light a large
number of antiquities, such as an-
cient instruments, vases of geo-
metrical design, and jewelry of iron,
silver and gold of great archaologi-
cal value.

Further discoveries were made
during investigations carried on
during the war by the Greek archa-
eological service and remains of the
15th and 16th centuries before
Christ had also been discovered.
These antique articles, which have
been taken possession of by M.
Polignac, Director of Antiquities,
prove that the civilization which ex-
isted at that ancient time in Ma-
cedonia was identical with that in
Greece.

WEATHER REPORT
Tonight, mainly the west, unsett-
led and rain in the eastern portion
of the state; gentle northerly winds.

AN ADVANCE IN FREIGHT RATES NEXT

IMMEDIATE STEPS TO BE TAK-
EN BY RAILROAD COMPAN-
IES FOR MORE INCOME.

THIS IS ANNOUNCED AFTER TALK WITH HINES

Director-General Reiterates His
Former Decision to the Effect
That There Will Be No General
Readjustment of Rates During
The Remainder of the Period of
Federal Railway Control.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Imme-
diate steps will be taken by the rail-
road companies to obtain an in-
crease in freight rates. It was an-
nounced after a lengthy conference
between Director-General Hines and
representatives of the association of
railway executives.

Hines reiterated his decision not
to make a general readjustment of
rates during the term of federal
control.

Mexican Government Is Prodded on the Jenkins Kidnap and Ransom Case

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Urgent
representations have been made to the
Mexican government as the result of
the kidnaping of William G. Jenkins,
American consular agent at Puebla.
Jenkins was kidnaped last Sunday and
\$25,000 was paid for his ransom.

Prompt Measures Taken.
Washington, Oct. 23.—The state de-
partment is advised that the Mexican
government, under the personal in-
structions of President Carranza, is
taking prompt measures for Jenkins
release.

INFECTED BY SHAVING BRUSH

DEATH OF RESTAURANT MAN
TRACED TO BARBER SHOP.

According to the Belief of the City
Health Bureau Physicians in
Portland.

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—City Health
Bureau physicians believe that an in-
fected shaving brush wielded by a
Hood River barber caused the death
of Edward Moore, a restaurant man, who
died from anthrax Monday.

WILL DELIVER TWO LECTURES

LEWIS R. HORTON, OF SPOKANE
TO BE THE SPEAKER.

Reformer of Wide Reputation Will
Present the Subject of World
Wide Prohibition.

Lewis R. Horton, reformer of
national reputation, will deliver two
lectures in La Grande on Sunday.
He will speak at the Methodist
church Sunday morning at 11
o'clock on the subject "World Wide
Prohibition." In the evening he will
deliver an address at the union
services which will be held in the
Presbyterian church, on the topic
"The Torch of Civilization."

Mr. Horton has been connected
with the Anti-Saloon League for the
past fourteen years, spending three
years in Illinois, eight years in
Washington, and three years with
the National League. He has gone
through 168 different local option,
legislative and prohibition cam-
paigns. The author of the widely dis-
tributed little booklet, "222 shots at
the Liquor Traffic," Mr. Horton,
who is a Spokane man, delivers his
lecture in an eloquent, fascinating
manner, well interspersed with
humor and pathos. It has been said
of him that he never takes a subject
and talks from it, but an object and
talks toward it.

Mr. Horton will speak in Imbler
on Wednesday evening.

LAND OFFICE HOLDS SALE

The United States land office yester-
day conducted the second isolated tract
sale for the month of October. Ap-
proximately 600 acres were sold, total-
ing \$1680. The following parties pur-
chased the various tracts: Ernest L.
Dill, Sparta; Charles A. Minor, Hepp-
ner; Arran A. Cole, Pendleton; Wil-
liam A. Widman, Baker; Louis L. Si-
monis, Richland; Morris McElligott,
Hamilton.

The officials of the office report that
the business for October has been
unusually heavy, due, in all proba-
bility, to the liberal provisions of the
homestead laws in connection with sol-
diers' and sailors' rights, there being
a tendency on the part of returning
soldiers to engage in agricultural pur-
suits.

Longshoreman Strike Is Not Finished as Was the Expectation

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Contrary to
expectations and the belief of every-
one yesterday that the longshoremen
would go back to work today, there
was none of them showed up on the
job as had been expected. No state-
ment was given out at a late hour this
afternoon relative to the immediate fu-
ture move of the men who have been
out on a strike.

RAILROAD BILL ON THE SCHEDULE

SENATE INTERSTATE COMMERCE
COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT
ON THE MEASURE.

NO CHANGES IN BILL AS FINALLY REVISED

The Anti-Strike Clause and All Other
Important Provisions Are Retained
in the Bill—Chairman Cummins
Plans to Have It Debated After the
Treaty Is Out of the Way.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The bill
providing for the return of the rail-
roads to private ownership and oper-
ation under federal supervision, was
reported out of the senate interstate
commerce committee today. No changes
were made in the measure as finally
revised last week. The anti-strike and
all other important provisions are left
in the bill without change of any kind.
Chairman Cummins plans to have
the bill debated immediately after the
peace treaty is disposed of.

Typhus Gives Way Before Scrub Brushes and Soap in Serbia

Correspondence of the Associated Press.
BELGRADE, Serbia, Sept. 17.—
(By Mail)—American physicians and
Red Cross workers conquered the
typhus epidemic in Serbia by using
soap, scrubbing brushes, koro-
sone, disinfectants and delousing
machines says Lieutenant Col. Ed-
gar Erskine Hume, of Frankfort,
Kentucky, director of the American
Red Cross here.

"We went into the homes of peo-
ple and carried the patients out,"
said Hume. "At times they were
reluctant to leave and we had a
hard task overcoming their fatal-
ism. Often we had to use force.
We cleaned them, scrubbed them
and literally turned the hose on
them."

"Until an effective serum is
found, the most potent agent in
combating the disease is soap and
water. Mix this with American
energy and enthusiasm and you
have a combination that will check,
if not overcome, any disease that
has its origin in dirt."

Will Receive Bids for 157 Miles of Highway Improvement on Nov. 4

SALEM, Oct. 23.—The state high-
way commission at Portland on No-
vember 4 will receive bids for 157
miles of highway improvement in Ba-
ker, Deschutes, Klamath and Umatilla
counties. No paving is included in the
projects on which bids are to be re-
ceived.

MUIR CASE IS INTERESTING

J. D. MUIR CLAIMS HE WORKED
27 DAYS IN JULY 1918.

State Claims He Worked 13 Days,
Thereby Getting County War-
rant Under False Pretenses

The case of the state vs. J. D.
Muir, which was started yesterday
morning in circuit court, is creating
no little interest this week. Most of
yesterday morning was taken up
with the selecting of a jury.

Muir, who was employed as fore-
man of a county road gang in op-
ening new roads near Hot Lake at
\$5 a day, claimed that he worked
27 days time in July 1918.

The state claims that he worked
no more than thirteen days, and
that he therefore got a county war-
rant under false pretenses. The
evidence of the state, which was
taken yesterday afternoon and even-
ing, was from neighbors of Muir who
testified that on a number of days
in the latter part of July, 1918,
Muir stacked hay all day on his
own ranch. All of these neighbors,
who were witnesses, testified to
having had trouble with Muir, the
defense claiming they had feeling
against the defendant.

This morning was taken up in
the introduction of certain county
records and an argument on mo-
tion of the defendant for a directed
verdict for him on many claimed
insufficiencies of the evidence.

Just before the noon hour, the
defendant introduced the Savoy Hot-
el register showing a witness for
the state had gone to work from
that hotel under Muir on July 14.
The witness yesterday testified that
he worked under Muir on the road
after leaving the hotel, ten days or
two weeks.

Two other witnesses who worked
with Commissioner Townley on his
farm in July, 1918, testified to hav-
ing worked four of five days of the
last days of July on the road
under Muir, their testimony cover-
ing some of the period the witness
for the state claimed he was stack-
ing hay.

At the time of the noon adjourn-
ment, the defense still had a large
number of witnesses to put on, pre-
sumably, persons who had worked
on the road under Muir.

John S. Hodgins is attorney for the
prosecution, and Eberhard and
Cochran for the defense. It is not
probable that the case will go to
the jury before Friday afternoon.

LA GRANDE TO PLAY WALLOWA

TEAM TO MAKE TRIP IN CAUS
FOR GAME SATURDAY

Diz McClure, left tackle, and Hunt-
er, end, probably out of game
—Teamwork is improving.

The La Grande high school foot-
ball team will play the high school
at Wallowa next Saturday after-
noon. The trip will be made in
autumn, leaving here Friday after-
noon and returning after the game
Saturday. Nothing is known con-
cerning the strength of the Wallowa
team, but they also have defeated
the Enterprise school, which played
here last Saturday. However, it is
known that they have some good
men on their team and that they
can be expected to put up a hard
game against the La Grande ath-
letes. No game has been played be-
tween these two schools since 1915
when a 7 to 7 contest was played on
the local field, and naturally the La
Grande players are anxious to win
next Saturday.

The local team will be handicap-
ped somewhat on account of injur-
ies. Diz McClure, left tackle, and
Hunter, end, will probably both be
out of the game, the former with
some bad ribs and the latter with
an injured shoulder. Otherwise the
team is in its top shape and since
their game with Enterprise have
shown decided improvement, in team
work. The backfield, which is com-
posed of some very good men, but
has not been working as smoothly
as desired, seems to have at last hit
their stride and are now displaying
some good team work. If these men
continue to improve, says Coach
Byrns, "there is not a back field in
Eastern Oregon that can equal
them."

The men trying for the end po-
sitions are improving also, and if
hard work counts, then they can be

CONFERENCE IS URGED TO CONTINUE

PRESIDENT DICTATES ANOTHER
LETTER FROM SICK BED TO
MAKE FURTHER EFFORT

GOMPERS SEES NO HOPE OF FURTHER PARTICIPATING

Illinois Federation of Labor, Ad-
vises the Calling of a Special Con-
vention of the American Federa-
tion of Labor in Washington—
Message to This Effect Sent to
President Gompers.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—From
his sick bed in the White House
President Wilson today dictated
another letter to the national in-
dustrial conference. It is reported
that he urged the conference to
proceed without the attendance of
the representatives of labor, in a final
effort to frame some program
looking to the re-establishment of
industrial peace.

The department of the labor offi-
cials reported that they favor fur-
ther action by the public representa-
tives group in the hope that a pro-
gram originating with that group
would be acceptable to labor.

Samuel Gompers, president of the
American Federation of Labor, re-
iterated his statement of last night
that it would be useless for the la-
bor representatives to continue
while the principle of collective
bargaining is not recognized.

Special Convention Favored
Peoria, Ill., Oct. 23.—Following
the withdrawal of the labor group
from the industrial conference, the
Illinois federation of labor author-
ized the sending of a message to
Gompers urging the importance of
calling a special convention of the
American Federation of Labor in
Washington.

Adjourned and Recalled.
Washington, Oct. 23.—After receiv-
ing the president's message today Sec-
retary Lane, the presiding officer, ad-
journed the national industrial con-
ference as originally constituted and
immediately called members of the
public group in session as a new con-
ference. It is said that probably the
president will increase the membership
of the public group to make it more
representative. Organized labor may
be asked to participate through dele-
gates named by the president. The
president is trying to build up new
machinery out of the wreck of the
conference to bring about industrial
peace in the country.

Predict Uprising to Be Among the Egyptians Against the English

SYDNEY, Sept. 9.—Austrian
cavalrymen who returned home
dict another rising in that country.
They say that all Egypt is permeated
with the revolutionary spirit and
that at the first favorable oppor-
tunity there will be a conflict on a
big scale between the Egyptians
and the English soldiers. According
to the cavalrymen the Egyptians are
determined upon self-government,
and they think that they will strike
another blow for it when all the
Australian troops have been re-
patriated.

The cavalrymen believe that the
Egyptian revolutionists have plenty
of arms hidden away outside vil-
lages. This belief is based upon
successful raids by the military to
wards the Sudan in search of con-
cealed arms and munitions.

Conspiracy for Revolt In Alsace-Lorraine Has Reached Large Proportions

STRASBOURG, Oct. 23.—The con-
spiracy for a revolt in Alsace-Lor-
raine to re-establish an autonomous
republic is assuming greater propor-
tions than had been anticipated. An
alleged conspiracy, however, has
been foisted to receiving a half million
of francs from Germany since May.

expected to hold their own with a
few weeks more practice. The line
from tackle to tackle is composed
of men full of pep and ginger and
can be counted upon to play a
solid game. The exact lineup for
the game and the personnel of the
squad which will make the trip
will not be decided upon by the
coaches until after practice this evening.

