

REQUEST OF EXECUTIVES IS DENIED

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD TODAY
DENIES PLEA OF AMERICAN
RAILROAD HEADS.

IMMEDIATE ABROGATION OF WAGE WAS WANTED

Decision Came Before B. M. Jewell,
President of Railroad Employees
Department, Who Made Statement
Charging Conspiracy By the Execu-
tives to Destroy Organized Labor.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—The federal railroad labor board today denied the request of the American Association of Railroad Executives for the immediate abrogation of the national wage agreements with the brotherhoods and the establishment of a new scale rate for unskilled labor predicated on local conditions. The decision came before B. M. Jewell, president of the railroad employees department. The American Federation of Labor had started to reply to the statement before the board last week by W. W. Atterbury of the Pennsylvania railroad. Jewell, however, made the statement charging conspiracy by the railroad executives and financiers to destroy the organization of railroad workers and re-establish autocratic control of the transportation industry.

Case Is One of Interest.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Whether relations between employer and employee shall be settled "by just and legal methods or by economic force" was declared to be on trial in the request of the railroad labor board for immediate abrogation of the national agreement, by E. F. Grable, grand president of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railroad Shop Laborers. "The interests of the maintenance of way organization demand that I utter vigorous protest against the railroad's efforts, through Mr. W. Atterbury and organized capital generally, to induce this board absolutely to trample under foot and disregard the rights of laborers who have submitted their interests to your board," he said. "Their action can amount to nothing more nor less than an attempt to coerce the board to disregard the plain letter and spirit of the transportation act. If the alleged financial strait of the railroads as claimed exists, the responsible causes are not by the terms of the national agreements but directly traceable to careless and inefficient management, maintenance of large and unnecessary expensive official staffs and contracting at fabulous figures on the 'cost plus' system for work which could be more economically and advantageously performed by regular maintenance forces. "Mr. Atterbury requests you to act on once and give the railroads permission to cut the wages of common laborers. In this he is following out the practices of the capitalistic way of doing things, that is, to begin with the man least able to protect himself. He loses sight of the interest of humanity, but what does he care for the interest of humanity as compared to the enrichment of the railroad coffers? "He is not concerned that more than 300,000 maintenance of way employees are today receiving a wage much below that necessary to give them a living wage. In September, 1919, the maintenance of way organization had 286,209 men working for annual wages of \$933.66 and 65,000 more working at an annual wage of \$698.88. From these figures it will be seen that these employees are working for an annual wage of slightly over \$100 with the increase awarded by the wage board. Since the government (September, 1919), placed the cost of living at \$1800, no one can truthfully state that the cost of living has declined to a point where it reaches the income of this large number of maintenance of way employees. "Mr. Grable charged General Atterbury and the railroads with 'systematically using the public press to poison the minds of the public against the employees appealing to you for relief.' "Referring to the railroad's proposal to his laborers at the prevailing rate in various localities, Mr. Grable declared that prevailing rates in half a dozen large cities were higher than the railroad rates, which are to be paid under the national agreement.

FRED S. MORRIS IS REARRESTED ON INDICTMENT

CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY
AIDING ETHERIDGE.

Helped Former President of Morris
Bros. to Obtain Naturaliza-
tion Papers.

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—Fred S. Morris, former president of Morris Bros., has been rearrested on a federal indictment charging that he illegally aided John L. Etheridge in obtaining naturalization papers. He was released on his formal bail.

COLBY REFUSES INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Secretary Colby refused today to give the senate foreign relations committee any information regarding the negotiations with Japan looking to the framing of a new treaty.

PROGRAM IS PRESENTED

FARM BUREAU SET FORTH TO
LEGISLATURE.

George A. Mansfield, President of
the State Bureau, Gives Out
Legislative Plan.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 10.—The legislative program of the Oregon State Farm Bureau, submitted to the legislature by George A. Mansfield, of Medford, president of the bureau, is as follows:

First—An amendment to the present extension work law making it mandatory in county courts to confer the benefits of this work on farmers when they petition for it.

Second—An appropriation to match the funds made available under the Smith-Lever act for extension work.

Third—Adequate appropriations for all experiment stations.

Fourth—A feed stuffs act.

Fifth—An appropriation to match federal funds available for rodent extermination.

Sixth—An appropriation for the investigation of diseases of dairy cattle.

Seventh—An amendment to the present law governing statistics.

Eighth—An amendment making bounty laws more workable.

Ninth—An appropriation for premiums for the Pacific International Livestock Exposition.

Tenth—A pure-bred bull law for certain counties.

Eleventh—An amendment making the present cooperation law conform to the needs of the present cooperating market movement in Oregon.

EUROPEAN RELIEF WORK NEARING ITS END IN COUNTY

The European Relief fund drive is to close February 15, according to A. T. Hill, chairman for Union county, this morning. Mr. Hill reports that the returns from the county are still \$112 short but that he is confident that the entire amount will be collected before the time limit is up.

"We feel that every good citizen in Union county is interested in seeing our county turn in its full quota; we know there are many people who have not yet subscribed, but are waiting for someone to call on them. To those, I would suggest that their subscriptions be sent to me before the fifteenth. That will help put us over 100 per cent," he said today.

E. W. ELLIS IS UNDER ARREST

WAS FORMERLY MANAGER OF
HAZELWOOD COMPANY.

Is Arrested on Federal Indictment
Charging Misrepresentation
in Butter.

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—E. W. Ellis, former manager of the Hazelwood company of Portland, dairy products concern, has been arrested on a federal indictment charging misrepresentation in butter.

COAST LINE OF U. S. MAY BE EXTENDED

SENATE ADOPTS DENNIS MEM-
ORIAL ASKING CONGRESS TO
INCREASE COAST LINE.

MEMORIAL PASSED CALLING FOR TAGS ON WOOL GOODS

Senator Joseph is Preparing Bill Call-
ing For a Special Election On June
6, To Pass On Constitutional
Amendments And Referred Meas-
ures.

SALEM, Feb. 10.—The senate today adopted the Dennis memorial urging Congress to extend the jurisdiction of the United States from three miles off the ocean shore to twenty-one miles. This body also adopted the house memorial asking Congress to compel the placing of tags on woolen goods, indicating the exact percentage of virgin wool.

Senator Joseph is preparing a bill calling for a special election on June 6, to pass on the constitutional amendments and referred measures. This would include, if passed by the legislature, the bonus legislation, and the proposal of the creation of a power to issue bonds for constructing power plants. Representative Sheldon introduced a bill providing for a commission to revise the state constitution.

The senate this afternoon defeated the chiropractic profession bill on a reconsideration. The house passed the salary increase measures affecting fifteen counties.

The senate passed the bill introduced by Eberhard by request, relating to union high school boards.

C. M. JONES PASSES AWAY

WAS IN BUSINESS IN UNION FOR
MANY YEARS.

For Past Several Years, Was Retired
Because of Failing Health—Funer-
Is Set For Saturday.

C. M. Jones, aged 65 years, passed away in this city on Tuesday, at 1 o'clock.

The deceased was born in Lane county, Oregon, in 1855. He was for many years engaged in the mercantile and newspaper business at Union, but had retired from active business for several years, on account of failing health.

He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and one daughter, Mrs. A. M. Ebell, and two sons, Charles Merton Jones and Herbert R. Jones.

Funeral services will be held from Henry's Chapel at 9:30 Saturday morning. Interment will be under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. at Union.

POPULATION AND PATROL HAVE TROUBLE

AIX LA CHAPPELLE SCENE OF
SERIOUS FIGHTING.

Inhabitants Stayed at Celebration
Too Long, and Patrol Fired
On the Crowd.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Serious fighting between the German population and the Belgian patrol in Aix La Chapelle has been reported from Amsterdam.

The dispatch said that the inhabitants of Aix La Chapelle, which is in the Belgian occupation area, ignored the police instructions regarding the carnival celebration, the crowds remaining out after the hour fixed. This caused the Belgian patrol to fire on the crowd, wounding several.

MOONSHINERS MAY GO TO PEN

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—Federal
Judge Bean has announced
that hereafter he will sentence
bootleggers and moonshiners to
the penitentiary.

HIGH SCHOOL MEETS BAKER

LOCAL BOYS TO GO TO BAKER
FOR RETURN GAME.

Game With Joseph Friday and Baker
Saturday Gives Team Full
Calendar For This Week.

Two games are to be played by the La Grande high school basketball team this week-end. On Friday night at 8 o'clock the Joseph high school team will play here. On Saturday night the La Grande team will go to Baker to play the Baker high school team which defeated La Grande Tuesday night on the local floor.

The lineup will probably be the same for both games as for the game earlier in the week. The lineup according to that game would be as follows: Black and Christian, forwards; Bean, center; Theison and Horstman, guards.

The lineup of the Joseph and Baker teams has not been received here.

MISKE WINS OVER LEE ANDERSON

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—Billy Miske last night won the 16-round decision over Lee Anderson. Bobby Harper won the decision over Bobby Ward, and Frankie Murphy won over Johnny Tillman.

BRYAN SAYS TO CONTROL THE PARTY

DISCUSS ANNOUNCEMENT IN
THE NEW YORK WORLD
YESTERDAY.

TELLS HOW PARTY CAN BE A FORCE

"If Democratic Party Is Going to Be
A Force, It Must Have Members
And Voters Who Will Not Act
Through It Unless They Can Control
It," Say W. J.

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 10.—William Jennings Bryan, discussing the announcement in New York yesterday that he and his brother Charles had planned a reorganization of the Democratic party, said, "If the Democratic party is going to be a force, it must have members and voters who will not act through it unless they can control it."

RELIEF FOR CHINA TO BE DECIDED ON AT LATER DATE

At a luncheon held in the Foley hotel this noon, the committee appointed at the banquet of the Ad Club in honor of the farmers here for Farm Week, that was to decide on the most feasible course toward the drive for funds for China relief, decided to take no definite action until word has been received from the Portland office to the effect that organization has been completed.

This action was taken following a discussion from all angles. It was agreed that, as the appeal for funds was made to the entire county, a small committee could not at present decide just what the county could contribute and when further information has been received from the state committee, plans can be better formulated.

The motion to table the matter for the present was made by H. K. O'Brien and was seconded by A. W. Nelson. Frank McKinnon was elected president of the committee and C. B. Miller, secretary. J. E. Reynolds was also present.

TWENTY CASES OF TYPHUS OCCUR ON SHIP FROM ITALY

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Twenty cases of typhus among the steerage passengers on a steamer arriving from Italy, have been reported.

SEVERAL HUNDRED IRISH REPUBLICANS REPORTED MARCHING ON SIBBEREN

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Several hundred Irish Republicans are reported as marching on Sibberen, in the County of Cork.

HARDING BEGINS ON STACK OF MANY LETTERS

PREPARING TO MAKE FINAL
CABINET SELECTIONS.

Accumulation of Correspondence
Had Gathered During Three
Weeks' Vacation.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 10.—Harding, after three weeks of vacation, today waded into an accumulation of correspondence and miscellaneous business that must be cleaned away before he can make that decision on his cabinet selections and other major problems.

SMALL TOWN IS HIT BY CYCLONE

SANDVILLE, Ga., Feb. 10.—The town of Oconee, of 500 population, was destroyed by a cyclone today. A special train has been sent to the assistance of the people, many of whom are reported dead.

JOINT MEETING IS POSTPONED

WASHINGTON HOUSE FAILS TO
PASS ON MEASURE.

Sentiment Is Against Delving Into
Alien Land Laws, Says Wash-
ington Speaker.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 10.—The proposed conference committee of the Washington legislature with the Oregon committee regarding the alien land problem, has been called off, following the action of the house in killing the resolution authorizing the meeting. "Sentiment is against further delving into the subject," said Speaker Guile.

WOMEN GIVE CITY DEEDS

TEN-FOOT STRIPS FOR TREES OF-
FERED TO CITY LAST NIGHT.

Grading Promised at Early Date By
City Managers—Commissioners
Authorize Auditing.

At the meeting of the city commissioners last evening a committee composed of Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, Mrs. T. J. Scroggins, Mrs. George Sheddard and Mrs. M. B. Donohue, appeared in behalf of the Neighborhood Club and presented deeds to a 10-foot strip of land along the proposed Victory Way to the commissioners.

The deeds include a strip on both sides of Spruce street from S avenue to U avenue and on one side of U avenue to Z avenue. The club will present deeds to the county for that portion of the strip of land which lies outside of the city limits. The deeds presented yesterday were referred to the city attorney for final approval.

The club also requested that the date when the ground will be ready for the planting of the trees be set by the commissioners, if possible. Because of the hills that must be made and the hard problem of securing the dirt for these hills, the matter will not be decided for the present. City Manager George Garrett stated, however, that the problem will be solved satisfactorily at an early date. The club now has \$1500 for the purpose of purchasing and planting the trees and is holding another rummage sale tomorrow and Saturday in the library for raising additional funds.

A number of other matters were taken up by the commissioners at the meeting last evening. The monthly report of the street and water commissioner was read and filed. The weekly report of the city manager was also read and filed. Applications for work as termaster for the city were referred to the city manager.

The city manager was also authorized to let the contract for auditing the city books. O. Perry Oliver being the auditor selected.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Friday, rain in the west, fair in the east.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—The price of cattle was slow and weak today. Hog steady, sheep low. Eggs were cents lower, and the market is depressed. Butter was 2 cents higher.

BUSINESS MEN AND FARMERS LOVE FEAST

AD CLUB HONORS MEN AT-
TENDING FARMERS WEEK
CONVENTION.

JUDGE CRAWFORD WAS TOASTMASTER OF EVENT

Rising Vote of Appreciation Is Given
Paul H. Spillman, County Agent,
For the Past Five Years, For the
Work He Has Accomplished Dur-
ing That Time.

Business men who direct the agricultural activities of the Grande Ronde valley, and business men who superintend the commercial affairs of La Grande, indulged in a genuine lovefeast at the Foley hotel last evening when the Ad Club gave a dinner in honor of the farmers attending Farmers' Week programs. Paul Spillman, chairman of the Ad Club's agricultural committee, presided in a most delightful manner. Problems of the farmers were discussed, and the point elaborated upon by mid-land and post-land speakers, that tilling the soil is a specific business, just as much as the steel corporation or any commercial activity. While spare-ribs and sauerkraut of a delicious type were served, Judge T. H. Crawford, acting as month-piece of the club, welcomed the guests and assured them of the willingness on La Grande's part to help in anything that looked for the welfare of the people of whatsoever calling. E. B. Fitts, famous in the northwest as a dairy expert, gave a short and interesting talk, and was followed by Mr. Mehl, a marketing bureau expert. Mr. Mehl's address was remarkable in many ways and he impressed vividly the size and importance of the business of farming, and pointed out that the greatest problem of domestic food today—even the greatest problem of the world—is that of the farmer's. He declared export problems are ranked, properly, as third in importance farming being first, domestic commerce next and exports third. When he had finished, he had left an imprint upon the minds of his hearers that will tend to compel closer cooperation between soil and commercial activities. Jimmy Hicks, of the O-W, spoke briefly.

Makes Maiden Speech.

Frank McKinnon, secretary of the Farm Bureau, made his maiden speech and put it over with a whiz-bang. His logical and clear description of what the farm bureau is doing, and its aims, was well done. After several others had spoken briefly and in an impromptu way, Field Representative Jones, of the Near East, presented the appeal from China where 50,000,000—as many as half the population of the United States—are dying for want of food, and outlined a plan whereby wheat can be given in lieu of cash—not only wheat, but any foodstuff that will stand shipping. It is very probable that bottom will be provided by the shipping board to provide transportation from Portland, but enough cash must be raised along with the wheat contributions to handle the wheat and other foodstuffs to Portland. A committee representing the Farm Bureau, the County Grange, the Farmers' Union and the Ad Club was appointed to look into the proposition; and that committee met today at noon.

Paul Spillman, county farm agent read a telegram from E. B. Piper and A. L. Mills, in charge of the Chinese Relief at Portland, appealing to the people of Union county for aid. The telegram read by Mr. Spillman said: "As President Wilson's representatives for Oregon for China's relief, we urge you, and, through you, every man, woman and child in Union county, to join us in the greatest program of life-saving ever launched in Oregon. Details will be brought by Mr. Jones. Our earnest hope is that Union county will lead the way for other counties by unreservedly contributing itself to this effort to prevent the death of as many as possible of the ten million children now in dire need."

Spillman Is Complimented.

Before the meeting adjourned, a deserved tribute was paid Paul Spillman when an expression of appreciation was extended in the form of a rising vote to what he has done in the past five years for the mutual benefit of farmers and townsmen alike. He has won the confidence, confidence and esteem of all, and the appreciation with which everyone got his feet reflected the feeling implied by the action taken. Mr. Spillman

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The End of A Perfect Day

