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LABOR WILL OPPOSE WAGE REDUCTION

RAILROAD WORKERS PRESENT "BILL OF RIGHTS" TO THE LABOR BOARD.

REDUCTION ON UNION PACIFIC OBJECTED TO

Official Returns From Strike Ballot By Packing House Employees Show Majority Are In Favor of Strike—Coal Miners On Strike Are Supported.

CHICAGO, Mar. 18.—The railroad labor unions presented a "bill of rights" to the labor board, containing eleven principles, including an eight-hour day, proper over-time rates, and a reasonable arrangement of working shifts. Frank P. Walsh questioned the high railroad officials in an attempt to prove the insincerity of the roads in dealing with the unions.

MAY ADJUST MATTER. OMAHA, Mar. 18.—The labor leaders have announced that they would oppose the reduction of wages of unskilled workers on the Union Pacific. They will endeavor to adjust the matter in a fair manner.

VOTE STAND, EIGHT TO ONE. CHICAGO, Mar. 18.—Official returns from the strike ballot by the packing house workers have been received from eight cities. The returns showed 38,796 votes for a strike, 387 against.

COAL MINERS HAVE CONTRACTS. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Mar. 18.—An attempt to reduce the wages of the coal miners will be resisted by the union, said John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, in announcing the policy of the executive board.

LEWIS SAID THE MINERS HAVE CONTRACTS at the present wages, until March 31, 1922. He also stated that the strikers in Washington state would get their support.

FUNERAL OF PIONEER HELD

ELGIN, Mar. 18.—Funeral services for the late Mrs. Mary Long, pioneer who died on Monday, were held here this week. Mrs. Long was 77 years of age, a native of Missouri, but for the past forty years has made her home in Elgin. J. W. Cummins, of this place, is a son, and Miss Rena Long a step-daughter, also of Elgin, are left to mourn her loss.

HUMAN PEST IS LOOSE IN LA GRANDE AT NIGHT

Peeping Tom is loose in La Grande. Last night he operated in the neighborhood of Greenwood, between Adams and Madison, according to reports of residents. He was scared away from this neighborhood and so far as could be learned he knocked off for the night at that time, which was about 9:15. Because he made himself scarce the residents did not notify the police, but in the future when they suspect that he is at work they promise to ask the police to sneak up on him and give him free lodging in the city jail.

J'ever Hear This?

By STRICKLAND GILLMAN

THE ARTFUL COMEDIAN. There had been a heated argument in which most of the heat seemed to originate from one of the arguers. The other man had kept his head and his composure through it all, though the first had been particularly arbitrary and aggressive. Finally the discomfited one said: "I don't want to have any argument, but I can't agree with every damn fool I meet." "I can," said the other sweetly. "I'm willing to admit you are right."

MURDERER CONFESES TO KILLING

LOGGER GIVEN UP TO THE POLICE

WALKS INTO STATION AND ANNOUNCES THAT HE KILLED TROTT AND LATER KILLED BAY

TACOMA, Feb. 18.—Clarence W. Blackburn, a logger working near Shelton, walked into the police station last night and announced that he had killed his uncle, Robert Blackburn, in Washington county, Texas, in October, 1911.

A telegram from Texas today verified the confession. Blackburn said he had jumped bail. The matter proved on his mind, and he wanted the trial to be cleared. He said he killed in self-defense.

HISTORY FOUND IN OPERETTA

CHARACTER OF TIMPELLOW VERIFIED ENTERTAINMENT

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL PRESENT "PRISCILLA" THIS EVENING AND TOMORROW NIGHT

When the curtain rises at the high school auditorium this evening at 8:30 a great procession of historic figures will parade across the stage in the operetta, "Priscilla," based on the famous courtship of Priscilla by Miles Standish and John Alden. All will remember Priscilla's answer, "Speak for thyself, John."

The operetta is under the direction of Miss Francis Birney, musical director in the public schools. Drama rehearsal was held last evening and everything went off in a remarkably fine manner. Tickets for both Friday and Saturday evenings are practically all sold, although the Saturday tickets only went on sale this morning, and everything is in readiness for one of the biggest and best operettas ever given by the local high school.

The music is expressive of the theme, and while some of the numbers approach an operatic effect, the whole is marked with simplicity. Among the historical characters who will appear tonight and tomorrow evening are Bradford, in all his stateliness; Standish, a veritable son of Mars; Allen, the modest lover; Priscilla, coy, demure and winsome; Higgins and Resignation add to the historical setting. Prudence, Faith and Barbara represent the true Puritan maidens.

CHICKENS IN DANGER

MUST NOT TRESPASS ON GARDENS OF THE CITY

First Arrest of Year for Allowing Chickens to Roam at Will—Trial Halts City Court Proceedings

Alvin Burnell is in the city jail charged with issuing fraudulent checks. He was arrested last night and his case will be tried in municipal court as soon as the Jones-Chin trial is over. Judge R. J. Kitchen being too busy at the trial to hold municipal court at the present.

Two other cases are awaiting trial in municipal court: C. Williams will be charged with being drunk. He is now at liberty on \$25 bonds.

Bruce Hendricks is charged with allowing his chickens to run loose, trespassing on the gardens of his neighbors. He is at liberty on his own recognizance.

In this connection the police department announced today that many complaints have been received about chickens running loose. As soon as the trial of Mrs. Jones and Chin Bill is over all violators of the city ordinance against unconfined chickens will be rigidly dealt with.

CONFERENCE IS TOMORROW

The L. D. S. Quarterly Conference will open their session at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, followed by another session at 2 o'clock. Representatives from the Salt Lake Church are expected to be in attendance at the local conference, which will run for two days. The sessions on Sunday will begin at 10 o'clock, and at 2 o'clock.

WATERS ARE RECEDING IN WASHINGTON

DANGER OF A FLOOD AT WALLA WALLA IS NOW CONSIDERED AS PASSED

NORTHERN IDAHO AND WASHINGTON THREATENED

WILLAMETTE RIVER RISES 2.5 FEET FROM YESTERDAY UNTIL NOW TODAY MAY REACH 10-FOOT STAGE TOMORROW AND BELIEVED IT WILL BE STATIONARY SUNDAY

PORTLAND, Mar. 18.—The Willamette river, which at 14.5 foot stage at noon today, compared with the 12-foot stage yesterday at the same time, is so increased that the river will reach between 13 and 15 feet Saturday, and will remain stationary on Sunday.

WALLA WALLA WATERS FALL. WALLA WALLA, Mar. 18.—The flood waters are falling here, and the flood danger is considered past.

DANGER IS REPORTED. SPOKANE, Mar. 18.—Reports of the rising waters which threatened widespread damage, have been received from Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington towns.

FRANK SPENCER IS RECEIVER

HEAVY CUTS IN PRICES CAUSE COMPANY DIFFICULTIES

PORTLAND, Mar. 18.—Frank A. Spencer, who has been receiver of the R. R. Spencer Company, Inc., a lumber concern, has notified the creditors of the company that he is the cause of the company's difficulties.

DAVE SHADE WINS BOUT

PORTLAND, Mar. 18.—Dave Shade, of Oakland, won the 10-round decision over Frankie Murphy, of Denver, last night.

HARRY STRAVEN IS FREED AT SALEM

SALEM, Mar. 18.—Harry Straven, who was arrested in Portland a week ago and brought to Salem suspected of the murder of S. J. Vaden, Wednesday afternoon, was released today, his retention having been discontinued.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Saturday, occasional rain.

MURDER TRIAL NEAR END MAY GO TO JURY TONIGHT

BACK FROM TRIP TO MICHIGAN

HYATT'S MOTHER PASSED ON AT ADVANCED AGE

HE SAYS CONDITIONS IN THAT PART OF COUNTRY SHOW BUSINESS ANXIETY

Hardly had he returned to his home in Enterprise from the state legislature until a message arrived summoning Representative Hyatt to his old home in Adrian, Michigan, because of the severe illness of his mother. He left immediately but was too late in arriving for she passed on several hours before he reached his old home. His mother was past ninety years of age. She had made several trips west and was well-known to many Walla Walla county people. Mr. Hyatt remained in Michigan for several days and in speaking of the conditions in that state he said everything seemed to be in suspense and that no one in business knew which way to turn for the present.

WESTERN MEN MEET HARDING

DESIRE FOR WOOL EMBARGO IS REFERRED TO PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT HAGENBATH OF NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION IS ALSO PRESENT AT CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 18.—Senator Stanford and Representative Hawley of Oregon were participants in the conference in the White House of the Western men who met today to discuss the wool embargo. President Hagenbath of the National Wool Growers Association was also present and confirmed the figures submitted that a million pounds of wool is now coming into this country from abroad and that there is now a heavy tonnage of the new clips about ready for market, two years' supply of wool. As the United States normally produces 60 per cent of the wool consumed, some idea of the amount of foreign wool now in the United States can be gained.

Not only do the wool growers of the country face wiping out, but the banks of the wool districts are compelled to carry frozen loans on wool with no relief in sight. President Harding was sympathetic and apparently will approve such a move, especially as an emergency tariff does not now seem to be on the state for early enactment.

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B. O. L. F. AND E. WILL HANDLE RELIEF TRAINS

While the farmers are being asked to donate wheat and the townspeople money for the starving peoples across the sea, the railroad has been asked to donate the cars to transport the commodities to the sea front. The B. O. L. F. and E. Lodge 348, have come forward and agreed to handle all of the relief trains free of charge. The train will consist of the donated commodities and the local Brotherhood will take charge of the trains for the O. W. between Huntington and Relia.

C. WANDERER IS TO HANG

PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE

WAS SENTENCED TO TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN PRISON ON FORMER CHARGE—MURDERED STRANGER

CHICAGO, Mar. 18.—Carl Wanderer was found guilty of the murder of a stranger, who was shot to death in an alleged mook house. His penalty is fixed at hanging. In a previous trial, Wanderer was convicted of the murder of his wife and was sentenced to prison for 25 years.

It was charged that the stranger was hired to act the part of a robber and was slain in Chicago.

COACH DEWEY HAS RESIGNED

BAKER, Mar. 18.—Coach Ad Dewey, of the Baker high school basketball team, has resigned, as a result of the disqualification of his team in last week's state school championship tournament at Salem.

BANK CASHIER DISAPPEARS

KALAMA, Wn., Mar. 18.—F. J. Stewart, cashier of the State Bank of Kalama, which was closed yesterday by the state banking board, disappeared from the ferryboat on the Columbia river last night.

PORTLAND MARKETS. PORTLAND, Mar. 18.—Live stock prices were steady today, eggs 50 cents lower, and the price of butter unsettled.

Mrs. Charlie Jones Tells of Her Life With Chinese

JURY HEARS TALE OF HOW SLAIN MAN FORCED HIS ATTENTIONS ON WHITE WIFE OF CHARLIE JONES, CHINAMAN—DEAD MAN AND HIS FRIENDS SAID TO HAVE BEEN GUNMEN, WITH DEATHS TO THEIR CREDIT DURING LATE TONG WARS.

The prosecution's case in the trial of Mrs. Charlie Jones and Chin Mon Bill, on trial for first degree murder in circuit court here, was being argued at length by Prosecuting Attorney Ed. Wright early this afternoon and indications were that it would be late today before the case went to the jury. Following Mr. Wright's argument, R. J. Kitchen, attorney for the defense, will present his argument. Mr. Kitchen's argument will be followed by the closing of the case for the state by F. S. Ivanhoe, special prosecutor, retained to assist Prosecuting Attorney Wright.

Several hours before court convened this morning people with lunches began arriving at the court house to attend the trial of Mrs. Charlie Jones and Chin Mon Bill, charged with first degree murder for killing Jui Sheu last December. The attendance this morning was not, however, as large as during the preceding days, evidently the knowledge that Mrs. Jones had told the greater part of her story having been the cause of the lagging interest.

Forced to Send Baby Away. Continuing her testimony this morning, Mrs. Jones told the jury that she was forced to send her baby away because she feared that if she kept him with her at the Dallas Jui Sheu would steal him. She sent the child to the mother of her sister-in-law at Salem, Oregon.

Mrs. Jones further testified that one time Jui Sheu drove her to a ranch 35 miles from Portland and showed her a target that had been used in target practice. Then for two or three hours he played away with his gun, missing the target only one or two times. The ranch at which this took place was either owned or leased by Sheu.

A Good Highbinder. Hong Sing, one of the witnesses for the prosecution, is an "A-1" highbinder, according to Mrs. Jones' testimony this morning. She also stated that Hong Sing was known to have killed Yee Ying in the last town war in Seattle. At Boise, she continued, he had also been in trouble, according to what he told her.

This trouble was on account of a highway robbery, she said.

Says He Is Good. When Hong Sing was recalled he denied ever using cocaine or ever owning or carrying a gun.

Mrs. Curran, sister-in-law of Mrs. Jones, was again called to the witness stand this morning and told Mrs. Jones receiving a letter from Mrs. Taylor in Portland, in which was enclosed a threatening letter from Jui Sheu. Mrs. Curran stated that this letter contained the statement that Sheu was going to get her and people to get her rights, Mrs. Curran testified.

Chin Bill Demonstrates. Chin Bill was also recalled this morning. R. J. Kitchen, attorney for the defense, asked him to demonstrate to the jury just how the fight between him and Sheu took place. Chin posed in the various positions he had been forced to assume during the fatal encounter, explaining to the jury the positions his adversary was in.

At about ten o'clock this morning the defense rested its case. Followed by the prosecution.

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LARGE SUM IS GIVEN WILSON

NEW YORK, Mar. 18.—Johnny Wilson, middleweight champion who retained his title in the 15-round bout with Mike O'Dowd last night, received \$125,000 as his share of the receipts.

BIG INHERITANCE TAX IS PAID BY SHERWOOD HEIRS

OLYMPIA, Wn., Mar. 18.—The heirs of the automobile tragedy which snuffed out the lives of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Sherwood in California last year, reached the capital this week when the state tax commissioner's office received a portion of the inheritance on the estates of the wealthy Spokane couple. The tax for John D. Sherwood's estate amounts to \$175,000, and that for the estate of Mrs. Sherwood is \$27,500.

SPENDING THE WEEK—END IN PORTLAND

Mrs. John Daniels left on No. 10 last evening for Portland, where she will spend the weekend with her sister, Mrs. L. K. Prosser.

STOOP RETURNS FROM PORTLAND

MAN WHO PUT PENNY APPLE STORE ON MAP IS BACK

Boosted Union County to Inhabitants of the Lower Country in Many Ways

Lou Stoop is back from Portland, where he has been for the past several months selling apples at a penny apiece. One might think it a slow business at this time, but Lou assures the inquisitive ones that he surely did unload a considerable quantity of apples until further notice.

Every day he carries a box of apples, some of which he sells at a penny apiece, and the rest he sells at a penny apiece. He has been in the business for a long time, and he has been successful in many ways. He has been in the business for a long time, and he has been successful in many ways.

TRIBUTE PAID TO A. C. INGRAM

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent of schools, spent two days this week at Cove, where she went, naturally, to attend the funeral of the late A. C. Ingram. At the funeral Mrs. Ivanhoe read an address as the representative of the teachers of Union county.

She declared that Union county has lost a citizen of the highest type, physically, mentally and morally, in the death of Mr. Ingram. He was a loss to the entire community and the teaching profession especially.

The funeral was attended by a large number of his many friends in the county, many school children being among them. From Summerville, where he taught, six cars with children left, but the roads were in such bad condition that only two of the cars reached Cove in time for the funeral. Two others reaching the church just at the close of the services; two cars not reaching Cove at all during the afternoon, although all had started early enough to reach there in time for the services. The children were sent to Cove in care of members of the school board.

The Cove choir sang three appropriate numbers and Rev. Hansen, of the Cove M. E. church, had charge of the services.