

Governor Olcott Asked To Intervene LOCAL FIRM MAY GET HOT LAKE-UNION CONTRACT

COMMISSION MEETS TODAY IN PORTLAND

JACK PEARCE WIRE THAT STURGILL CONTRACTING COMPANY WILL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE

STURGILL PROMISES TO HIRE LOCAL MEN

If Contract Is Granted By The Commission, Much of The Local Unemployment Question Would Be Cleared and A Large Number of Men Given Work.

PORTLAND, Apr. 22.—One of the commission's engineers will be sent to Union county to investigate the complaint made by the La Grande Central Labor Council, and received by the Highway Commission today.

The highway commission opened bids for 75 miles of road work, involving \$1,025,000.

The Union-Telocast section of the Old Oregon Trail, including 6.01 miles, drew figures from A. D. Kern and the Warren Construction Company, of Portland; Clifton Applegate and Toole March and the Bowers and Sloane Construction Company, all of Spokane; Security Construction Company, of La Grande; W. C. Steene, of Ontario, and Oxman and Harrington, of Baker. The work is surfacing.

For the surfacing of 6.23 miles on the La Grande-Joseph highway in Walla Walla county, in the Enterprise and Joseph section, offers were received from A. D. Kern, of Portland; Porter and Conley M. Arch and Bowers, the Warren Construction Company, and the Morrison-Knudsen company.

In order to speed up highway work, the state highway commission is holding the second meeting this month in Portland today. It is expected that at this time, contracts for several jobs will be let.

Jack Pearce, who left last evening for Klamath Falls on a business trip, spent the day in Portland, and while there closely looked into road matters as concerning Union county.

Before leaving La Grande Mr. Pearce expressed the belief that Union county men should be given the preference of jobs on the highway, and that this may become a reality is shown by the following telegram received from Mr. Pearce this afternoon:

"PORTLAND, Apr. 22.—Observer, La Grande: The Sturgill Contracting company will probably receive the contract for the road from Hot Lake to Union and from Union to Telocast. Mr. Sturgill agrees to hire local labor as far as available. The county court and the state highway commission express their intention of urging the employment of local labor for the roads."

If this contract should be granted the local contractor, who has said he would hire Union county men in preference to outsiders, much of the local unemployment situation would be cleared up.

The contracts to be awarded by this meeting of the commission are as follows:

- Toledo-Newport, Lincoln county, surfacing, 7.3 miles.
- Benton county line-Tum Tum section, Newport Highway, macadam, 6 miles.
- McMinnville-Amity section, Yamhill county, grading, 5.4 miles.
- Pacific highway, widening pavement from Grants Pass to Jackson county line, 6 miles.
- North Powder-Telocast, Old Oregon Trail, Union county, surfacing, 6 miles.
- Telocast-Union, Old Oregon Trail, Union county, surfacing, 6 miles.
- Union-Hot Lake, Old Oregon Trail, Union county, grading and surfacing, 7.2 miles.
- Marville to Thirty Mile creek, Wheeler county, John Day Highway, surfacing, 6.3 miles.
- Heppner to Lexington, Morrow county, Oregon-Washington Highway, grading, 9.8 miles.
- Lexington to Morgan, Morrow county, Oregon-Washington Highway, grading, 9.8 miles.

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New Yorkers Fail In Identification

Alleged Driver of "Death Wagon" In Wall Street Bomb Explosion May Be Wrong Man

SCRANTON, Pa., Apr. 22.—Three New Yorkers who came here at the behest of the department of justice, failed today to identify Tito Ligi, under arrest here as the driver of the "death wagon" that figured in the Wall street explosion last September. When shown Ligi's picture in New York, they expressed the belief that he was the driver whom they said they had seen, but when brought to see the prisoner, failed to identify him.

Bandit Suspect is Now Under Arrest

Officers Have Had Archie MacCoy Since Wednesday; Believe He Was At Troutdale

PORTLAND, Apr. 22.—The officers have announced that they have had under arrest since Wednesday, Archie MacCoy, suspected of being a member of the gang which blew the door of the Troutdale state bank. They found a sack in a barn not far from the scene of the robbery. The warrant issued against him charges robbery.

PLANS FOR END OF SCHOOL MADE

Rev. Huston to Preach to High School Students—President of Whitman May Come

Announcement was made this morning by A. C. Hampton, superintendent of schools, that Rev. E. J. Huston of the M. E. church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the high school graduating class on Sunday evening, May 22. The Protestant churches of the city have, through the Ministerial association, decided to discontinue their Sunday evening services on that day and participate in the services at the M. E. church.

Mr. Hampton is now negotiating with Stephen B. L. Penrose, president of Whitman college, for the graduating address on May 27. President Penrose has signified his willingness to come here on that date if it is at all possible for him to come here at that time.

CATHOLICS WILL HOLD MISSION

The mission of the Paulist Fathers will open in the Catholic church this Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. It will continue for two weeks with a service and lecture every evening at 7:30 o'clock. A very cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these lectures.

The missionaries who will conduct the mission are Father Quinn and Father Donegan of Portland. They have had an extensive experience in the several parts of the country and are men who are noted for their kindness and constructive method. They are members of the Paulist Fathers.

The history of the Paulists and their work is interesting. The priests of the mission of St. Paul the Apostle which title has been popularized by the people into "Paulists," is a congregation of purely American origin. It was founded by Father Isaac Hecker in 1858. The first members were five distinguished converts to the Catholic Church. The members were Isaac Hecker, a short time before his admission to the Catholic Church, a member of the Trook farm community of "Transcendentalists," Clarence Walworth and Frances Baker, George Deason, a classmate of General Grant at West Point, and Augustus Hewitt.

JOE GORMAN SUCCEEDFUL
PORTLAND, Apr. 22.—Joe Gorman was awarded the ten-round decision over young Sam Langford at Milwaukie last night.

U. S. DESIRES NEGOTIATION RESUMPTION

PRESIDENT HARDING REFUSES INVITATION TO MEDIATE IN REPARATIONS TROUBLE

U. S. OFFERS TO CALL ATTENTION OF ALLIES

Paris and London Fail to Indicate That There Will Be Any Modification of Demands Made on Germany, Payment of Which Should Be Made May 1.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22.—The United States "strongly desires" that there be a resumption of negotiations between the allies and Germany regarding the reparation. Secretary Hughes said in a note sent yesterday to Berlin, refusing the German request that President Harding mediate in a controversy and fix the sum that Germany must pay. The President offered, however, to bring to the attention of the allies any proposals that Germany might present as a proper basis for discussion. Faced by the almost certain occupation of more territory by the French on May 1, Germany will lose no time in accepting America's offer, representatives of the neutral and allied governments here think. Reports from Paris and London failed to indicate that any modification of the demands will be considered.

Among the features which will make the meetings notable will be a missionary program written by Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, president of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; an illustrated lecture that will show the fifty years of its existence, during which it has grown from a small body sending out 15 missionaries and spending about \$30,000 annually to a great organization with 257 missionaries, and an annual passage of about \$1,000,000 through the treasury; a song book with hymns selected and printed by the jubilee committee; a history of the society written by one of its members; and addresses by foreign guests, all women or girls who are the products of the society, and who have come from China, Burma, Bengal-Orissa and India to take part in the jubilee programs. Guests from Poland and Czechoslovakia will also be present.

Columbia River district will hold its jubilee meetings at Seattle, Washington, May 31 to June 3. Its gift is the erection of the first high school for girls in Mladapore, Bengal-Orissa, North India.

HOUSE FAVORS IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22.—The immigration restriction bill passed the house which rejected the amendment under which political refugees from the foreign countries would be permitted to enter.

BAKER STILL LARGE SHIPPER OF LUMBER

BAKER, Apr. 22.—It is reliably reported that 100 cars of lumber were shipped from Baker from the first of April to April 16. This indicates that Baker is still on the map as a shipping point for lumber, notwithstanding the stagnation of the lumber market.

Under normal conditions the number of cars would have easily tripled this number.

Strike Of British Miners Improves

More Owners and Strike Leaders Hold Successful Conference With Lloyd George

LONDON, Apr. 22.—By the invitation of Premier Lloyd George, the British mine owners and strike leaders met with him this afternoon. The conference adjourned about 6 o'clock, but it was stated that sufficient progress had been made to justify a further meeting, probably on Monday.

BAPTIST WOMEN WILL CELEBRATE

Northern Baptist women all over the United States are completing their plans for the series of golden jubilee celebrations of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society, which will take place in various cities of the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific between Apr. 27 and June 21.

This unique chain of jubilee meetings in celebration of 50 years of work in foreign lands by the women's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Foreign representatives from several of these lands will be in attendance, and the delegates will include members from practically every town and city in each of the 35 states and the District of Columbia where the Northern Baptists carry on their work. Women of the 10,556 Northern Baptist churches of the country will cooperate in making these jubilee celebrations a success.

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FEDERAL OFFICERS INVESTIGATE

HEADQUARTERS OF RADICALS WILL BE GIVEN A THOROUGH SEARCH.

HAYWOOD'S COUNCIL IS TRYING CABLE SERVICE

Officers Believe Haywood Is Still In This Country, Although It Is Reported That He Has Fled To Russia; Must Surrender or Forfeit \$15,000.

CHICAGO, Apr. 22.—The federal officials today ordered an investigation of the headquarters of the radicals throughout the country in the belief that "Big Bill" Haywood, reported yesterday to have fled to Russia, was being concealed in this country in connection with the alleged plans for a May Day demonstration. Meanwhile, Haywood's council is trying to reach him personally in Russia by cable. Haywood must surrender or the \$15,000 will be forfeited.

Haywood was to have started to Leavenworth yesterday to start serving his prison sentence.

ETHERIDGE GETS PARDON FOR OFFENSES

PORTLAND, Apr. 22.—John L. Etheridge was granted a pardon in New Jersey last week for his offenses in that state in 1905 and 1907, for which he served a prison term. His attorney made the announcement today.

ERROR DISCOVERED IN WASCO PETITION FOR BOND ELECTION

THE DALLES, Apr. 22.—After necessary signatures to petitions asking a special election on the \$800,000 road bond issue for The Dalles-California highway had been obtained it was discovered Wednesday night that the form of the petitions is irregular and the job will have to be done all over again. The petitions were drawn by an attorney for the state highway commission and the commission's office at Salem has been notified of the mistake. New petitions are to be prepared at once and filed out.

Weather Forecast
Saturday, rain.

Says Two Bandits Robbed His Store

Jewelry Valued at \$235,000 Reported Missing; Brother of Proprietor Is Arrested

CHICAGO, Apr. 22.—J. J. Reingold, proprietor of the jewelry store on the fifteenth floor of a downtown building, today reported to the police that two bandits had robbed him and Leroy Present, of Rochester, N. Y., a salesman, of jewelry valued at \$235,000. Shortly after the report, the police arrested Leo Reingold, brother of the proprietor, but refused to discuss his connection with the case.

Longshoremen Go On Strike

Astoria Men on Strike Because of New Ruling; Owners Declare They Will Use Non-union Men

ASTORIA, Apr. 22.—One hundred and fifty longshoremen struck today as a result of a disagreement over the rule which became effective today, that board, lodging and transportation shall not be paid when sent to outside points. The employers announced that they would operate with non-union help.

FIRST TRACK MEET SATURDAY

Unless the weather interferes, the dual meet with Union will be held as planned. Union is developing a strong team this year and has sent over 13 entries. La Grande will have approximately 20 entries. This will be the first track meet of the season and many of the local boys will have the first opportunity to show just what they can do when matched in a meet. The results of the meet will also indicate the probable lineup for the meet with Pendleton Saturday, April 30.

The Union entries are: Reed Daljin, Roscoe Cook, Robert Verrick, Chas. Hibbert, Glen Miller, Vernon Johnson, Claude Hetrick, Kenneth McGarthy, Burton Kamberg, Evert Kuhn, R. Blacker, Chester Emmons, Clifford Johnson.

The La Grande entries are: Theissen, E. Larson, Horstman, Kingwell, N. Smith, T. Larson, M. Blokland, S. Lynch, Oliver, Black, Clark, Hawes, C. Blokland, Bean, R. Lynch, Stoddard, Christian, Heughan, Smutz, Taylor, Williamson.

Portland Markets
PORTLAND, Apr. 22.—The price of cattle was steady, hogs 25 cents lower, prime light selling for \$10 and \$10.75, sheep steady, eggs unsettled and butter steady.

DEMAND FOR AMERICAN LABOR MADE

LOCAL LABOR MEN INCENSED OVER INFUX OF FOREIGNERS

NEARLY THOUSAND UNION COUNTY MEN SEEK JOBS

Business Men Join Labor in Demand to Governor Olcott That Foreign Element Be Kept Out and Work Given to Men in County—Contractors Say Not Ready for Help But Many Arrive.

Leading business men, as well as labor leaders, today joined in demanding of Governor Ben W. Olcott that the state highway commission that American labor be employed on the construction of the state highway between here and Kamela. The number of foreigners arriving here is increasing daily and, although the contractors have intimated that none have been employed with the exception of small crews making camp, the foreigners are reported to be starting to work. Local contractors have not had a chance to bid on the sub-contracts and it appears that many of the sub-contracts have been let to foreigners who expect to employ only alien help, while nearly a thousand Union county men are idle and many are in actual want.

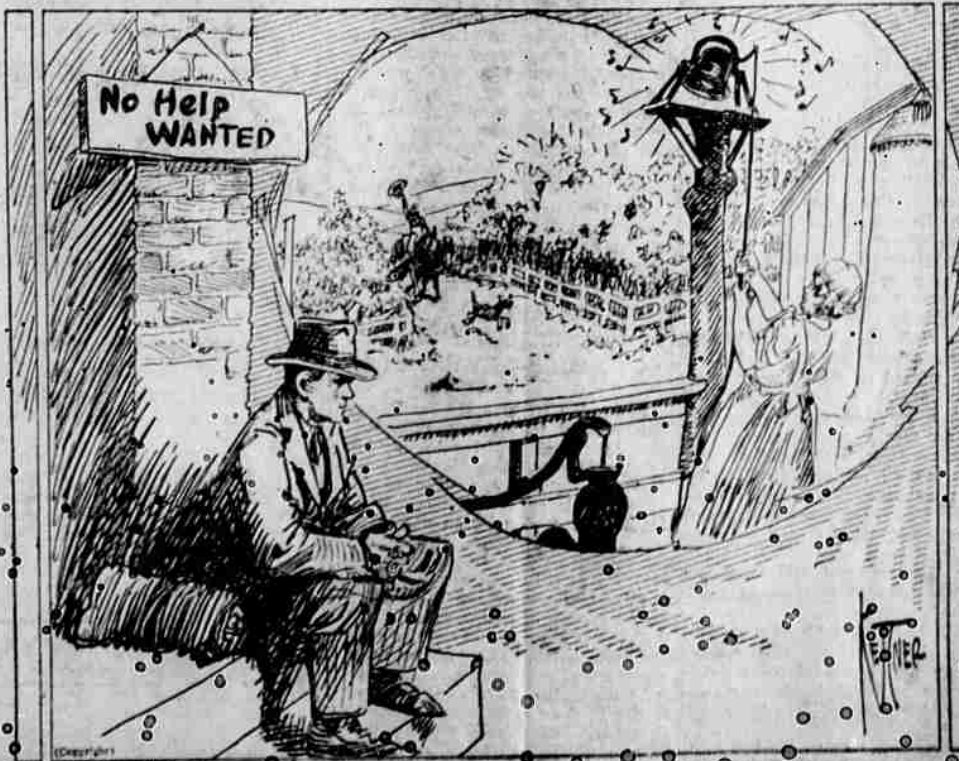
This noon the following telegram was sent to Governor Olcott: "We, the undersigned citizens of La Grande, urge that you use your influence to cause provision to be inserted in all highway contracts providing for American labor. Hundreds of family men, including many ex-service men in this county, are in destitute circumstances while highway contractors are importing alien labor. Conditions are serious and we urge immediate action." The telegram was signed by Roy B. Curry, Commander of the American Legion Post No. 43; C. S. Shultz, president of the central labor council, Bruce Dennis, C. B. Miller, secretary of the Ad Club; C. E. Short, J. L. Chamberlain, secretary Y. M. C. A.

A telegram was sent to the chairman of the state highway commission at Portland by the legislative committee of the local central labor council. The telegram said:

"Through the efforts of the active organizations and citizens of Union county, the bond issue for state highway construction was voted in September, 1919, with the object in view

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Noon



No Foreign Labor Wanted Here

La Grande was 100 per cent American during the war. She is 100 per cent American today. Probably no more need be said to convince everyone that foreign labor is neither needed nor wanted in La Grande or Union County.

People here endorsed road building both in county, state and city, in fact urged it at this time, to take up the slack in labor conditions for many men who are out of work. These men are mostly citizens of this community, many of them home owners and men with families. The public wanted the public work to proceed at once in order that work be had for the idle ones.

We are now confronted with many foreigners on our streets, and we are told from one source that they have come as cooks and camp tenders for the highway construction crews, and we are told by others that foreign labor will be largely employed on the road building.

The Observer is opposed to raising trouble needlessly, but we do believe that the contractors, if they have any desire to employ foreign labor on highway construction, should be informed immediately that this does not go in Union County, Oregon.

No more is necessary to be said just at present. Developments will tell whether further comment along this line will follow.

But one and all let it be known that people here do not propose to pay excessive taxes for road building and have their money go into the pockets of the Austrian and other foreigners to be sent to Europe. We are not built that way and the whole thing should be understood right now.