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Catherine Creek Road Decided Upon

DECISION EXPECTED BY MONDAY

DIFERENCES IN MARINE WORKERS' STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED BY SPECIAL COMMISSION.

SHIPPING BOARD STEAMER FOUND READY TO SINK

Marine Firemen and Seamen at Portland Start Picketing on the Water Front; Union Towboat Engineers Refuse To Help Ships With Non-Union Crews.

WASHINGTON, May 7—A decision as to the acceptance of the proposal to submit the differences between the marine workers and the employers to a commission composed of Secretary James J. Davis, secretary of labor; Chairman Benson of the shipping board; and a representative of the men, is expected by the marine engineers' beneficial association officials before Monday.

The terms, it was understood, provided for a continuation of the eight-hour day and three shifts a day, which, it was said, has been a point of contention, together with a proposed reduction of wages, which government officials declare is not drastic.

Ship's Seacocks Opened.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., May 7.—The shipping board steamer, Williamantic, loading here, was found today with every seacock open and fifteen feet of water in the hold. Only the closing of the bulkhead doors prevented the steamer from sinking.

Picketing Is Started.

PORTLAND, May 7.—The marine firemen and seamen have announced that picketing of the water front would start this afternoon.

Engineers Refuse Aid.

BALTIMORE, May 7.—Further complications have been added to the marine strike by the refusal of the union towboat engineers to remove the shipping board vessels containing a strike-breaking crew.

Conditions Not Liked.

NHW YORK, May 6.—The executive committee of the American steamship owners association yesterday rejected the conditions proposed for the settling of the marine strike.

HAL REES TO RAISE CATTLE

FORMER COURT HOUSE MAN BELIEVES IN CATTLE BUSINESS.

Buys Attorney Green's Band of Cattle And Leases Range Land on Deer Creek.

"I have plugged around towns and cities, kept books, sold automobiles and done many other things of late years, but now I am going 'back into the cattle business to stay," remarked Hal Rees, for years one of the court house men, and later a salesman for automobile houses in La Grande.

"To me it seems that the cattle business has reached the bottom," he continued, "and henceforth I am going to stick with the cattle."

Hal Rees farmed at Cove for many years and yesterday bought the cattle and horses owned by the Deer Creek Livestock company. There were about 150 head of horses and cattle, the consideration being $7,000.

Mr. Rees has also leased 3,000 acres of land from this company. The lease is for a period of five years. The property is located near Minam. Mr. Rees will go there to make his home.

The deal was made with Attorney R. J. Green, in which the band of cattle owned by Mr. Green's company becomes the property of Mr. Rees. His ranch land in the valley will be used to produce winter feed for the livestock and with the range land just leased, he puts himself in excellent shape to handle a large number of cattle.

WAR DEPARTMENT TO SELL WOOL THIS MONTH

WASHINGTON, May 7—Between five and six million pounds of wool will be sold by the war department at a public sale in Boston about May 20, John W. Weeks, secretary of war, announced today. Additional sales may be authorized if the first is satisfactory, to reduce the eighty million pounds of wool that the army has on hand.

ARTHUR EAMES IS SUICIDE

Arthur Eames, son of Fred and Mary Eames, committed suicide by placing a shotgun in his mouth late yesterday afternoon at the family home, 1508 Fourth street. At the time of the tragedy he was alone in the house and, although workmen were in the yard, no one heard the shot. A few minutes later his mother, who had been visiting at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Clyde Peterson, returned and found his body.

He made remarks during the day leading to the belief that he feared insanity and left a note to his mother asking forgiveness for the contemplated deed. His mental illness dated from the time of his return from military service in Siberia, where he spent six months. For a time after that he was confined in the state hospital at Pendleton and his family seldom left him alone. Yesterday afternoon he had been working in the yard and shortly before the tragedy he evidently went into the house unnoticed, penned the note and performed the sad act.

The family was packing preparatory to moving and the gun with which he shot himself had been placed in a box, out of which he took it.

Arthur Eames was born January 28, 1890, and was just past thirty-one years of age at the time of his death. He was unmarried and lived with his parents. He enlisted in the heavy artillery on May 9, 1918, at Flagstaff, Arizona, and was discharged at the Letterman General Hospital, at the Presidio in San Francisco, on July 3, 1919. His discharge does not take cognizance of his mental ailment, giving severe trouble with his feet as the only disability, and as a result his compensation claims have never been adjusted.

After returning home he suffered a stroke of apoplexy and since then he has suffered from partial paralysis of the face. Besides his parents, five sisters and one brother survive him. The sisters are Mrs. Roy Forrester, Mrs. Herbert Davies, and Mrs. Clyde Peterson, all of La Grande; Mrs. L. B. Hyde, of Telocaset, and Mrs. C. C. Dugger, of Gearhart, Oregon. The brother is Dr. Frank Eames, of The Dalles.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock, services being in the Methodist church, Rev. E. J. Huston officiating at the services. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

LOTS OF PEP AT STUNT SHOW

All the chronic grouches who attended the Merry Makers Entertainment at the high school last evening left after the performance wearing a smile that couldn't possible come off for at least a week. From the very first number this noted troupe of actors won applause that was surely well earned. The first half of the program consisted of songs, skits and athletic stunts. The vocal selection by Grant Bean being worthy of special mention, for seldom has one seen a song rendered with such expression. This, in combination with his beautiful lyric soprano voice, made it a treat that one could ill afford to miss. One must also mention the group of Mack Sennett Bathing Beauties.

The second half of the program was a Minstrel Show, staged by sixteen of Countown's Elite. Only praise can be given to all the performers and it is to be hoped that the Merry Makers will appear again soon before the public.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Sunday, fair, except probably showers in the northwest portion of the state. Cooler tonight in the eastern portion. A light frost in the early morning in the south and eastern portion of the state.

ALLIES URGE SUPPRESSION OF UPRISING

USE OF ALLIED TROOPS TO STOP THE WARFARE IS URGED BY THE ALLIES IN REQUEST

POLITICAL PRISONERS REQUESTED RELEASED

Decision As to Whether the German Troops Will Be Allowed in Siberia Is Expected to Be Made Some Time Today—Allied Authorities Accept Armored Train.

PARIS, May 7—The allies have sent to the allied high commission in Upper Silesia, urgent requests to suppress the Polish uprising by using the allied troops.

Political Prisoners Freed.

UPPER SILESIA, May 7.—The German requests that the frontier between Germany and Silesia be opened and that all political prisoners held by the allies in Upper Silesia be released, have been granted by the inter-allied commission here. The allied authorities accepted an armored train to run from Brelau to Kreusberg, in vie wof reports that the Poles had falen in an attack upon Kreusburg today. The decision as to whether the German government troops would be permitted in Silesia was expected today.

MURDER TAKES PLACE IN CITY

LOS ANGELES HAS RECEIVED PUBLICITY BEFORE.

Horse-Whipped a Woman in Leading Hotel in Los Angeles Some Time Ago; Not Judged Insane.

NEW ORLEANS, May 7.—Mrs. Frederick R. Levee, of Los Angeles, shot and killed her husband on a crowded street here today.

LOS ANGELES, May 7.—Mrs. Frederick R. Levee first obtained notoriety here when she horse-whipped a woman in one of the leading hotels. A few months ago she was discharged after an examination by the lunacy commission and admonished to cease her violent tactics and leave her husband alone.

EXPECT TO WIN SUNDAY'S GAME

At 2:30 tomorrow afternoon, at the fair grounds, the baseball team sponsored by American Legion Post No. 43, will meet the North Powder team of the Valley Baseball league.

Much interest is being shown in the local team, some of the members being boys who had good records overseas when they played with teams connected with the A. E. F.

The lineup will be practically the same as that which showed the Haines team under last Sunday, the Haines batters having had a record of 1000 points until the local boys took them down a few notches.

During the past week the Keating team has dropped out of the league and Elgin has entered a team in its place. It is reported that Elgin has an imported battery.

Honor Thy Mother

Tomorrow is Mother's Day—a day that carries with it purity, profound love and admiration—probably the purest day of all the year for every person who loves his mother. That is universal; there is no exception to prove such a rule.

Mother—the sweetest word in the language of men; the word that brings forth the good in man, that sinks the evil. For where is there a man who has grown so low but what he wants all his sins and misdeeds to be kept from his mother?

Where is the boy or girl who will not give up everything for mother? And this is as it should be, for she is the one who has passed through the valley and the shadow of death for her offspring. She is the one who clings when all others leave; she is the one who believes with all her heart in her child.

Then, on tomorrow, let everyone remember mother, whether she be living or dead. If living she is the greatest joy on this earth; her blessing in the blessing of the pure heart and every word is an honest word; if dead her spirit hovers over you to guide you properly and make you know right from wrong; to encourage you, to lift you up.

Let the flowers fall in mother's lap tomorrow, and better yet, let the arms entwine about her neck as you whisper in her ear, "Mother, I do Love You."

IRRIGATION WATERS FOR U.S. PROJECTS

CONGRESS CONTEMPLATES ACTION AUTHORIZING SECRETARY TO ACT.

NORRIS-M'LAUGHLIN BILL IS REPORTED FAVORABLY

Senate Agricultural Committee Would Eliminate the Federal Livestock Commission and Provide Instead a Federal Livestock Commissioner Appointed By the President.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Congress has completed action on the resolution authorizing the secretary of interior to furnish for the present irrigation season, water for federal immigration projects, even though water right applicants or entrymen may be over a month in arrears. The senate adopted the proposal which had already been approved by the house.

A favorable report was ordered on the Norris-McLaughlin packer regulation bill today by the senate agricultural committee which eliminated the proposed federal livestock commission and provided instead for a federal livestock commissioner under the department of agriculture to be appointed by the President at an annual salary of $7,500.

CHAPEL IS TO BE DEDICATED

SERVICE TO BE HELD FOR SUMMERVILLE CHAPEL

Rev. Archer Will Speak at Program on Sunday, May 15; Public is Invited

The directors of the Summerville Cemetery association have announced that on Sunday, May 15, at 2 o'clock, the new chapel at the cemetery will be dedicated, Rev. Archer formerly pastor at Summerville and Imbler, will deliver the dedicatory address.

Rev. James Aikin Smith will speak on faith and love and will then give the presentation of the piano, which is being presented to the chapel. An appropriate musical program has been arranged.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service, and the ministers of Union county are given a special invitation to be present at this service.

PORTLAND MARKETS

PORTLAND, May 7—The live stock market was steady today, eggs and butter weark.

ROBBERS STEAL TOOLS TO ENTER BANK'S BANK

FOREST GROVE, May 7—With the tools stolen from a nearby garage, robbers last night broke into the bank at Banks, eight miles north of here, and stole $400 in nickels and dimes, and $300 in stamps which the postmaster had there for safe keeping. The robbers also rifled twenty-two safety deposit boxes. The loot taken from the latter is unknown.

SLUMP IN BUTTER FAT DISCOURAGES

FARMERS NOW RECEIVE TWENTY-THREE CENTS POUND

Drop From Sixty-Seven Cents Has Occurred Within Few Months In This Section

Butter fat has been one of the worst hit products in the recent drop in prices. Farmers face today a price of twenty-three cents against sixty-seven cents a few months ago, and naturally there is anything but a bright sunshiny feeling among the men who own dairy herds.

In this as in every other farm product the marketing end enters into the price. On the coast a corporation has been formed by ranchers to do their own marketing but just how it will work out has not as yet been determined.

ROAD TO BE MARKED SOON

TOURISTS BEING MISLED IS BELIEF

Detour Around Muddy Spots in Road From Kamela Saves Time and Money Paid for Teams

In order to avoid tourists being misrouted because of their lack of knowledge of the roads John F. Birney, county roadmaster, expects to mark the road between here and Kamela early next week. Mr. Birney stated that tourists arriving here state that the trip can be made in two and a half hours and that apparently an effort is being made to mislead tourists so that they will have to traverse a section of road that is impassable and where teams are lying in wait for the tourists, who are charged excessive rates for being pulled through the mud.

Mr. Birney stated that it is possible to avoid this bad piece of road and that he will mark the detour so that there will be no excuse for getting stuck in the mud or the pocketbook. Mr. Birney, added however that machines must not be overloaded, there still being snow in some parts.

Within a short time the bad spots in the road will be repaired the county court having decided to send men to do the work out in a few days.

The roads in all parts of the county have dried off considerably this week, the sun and wind doing some mighty quick work, the only muddy spots being in the mountains where the altitude is high and there is shade.

JAMES BELL DIES AT ECHO

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hanson returned from Echo Wednesday evening where they had been visiting for the past two weeks. The visited with Mr. and Mrs. James Bell, Mr. Bell having been a neighbor of the Shannon's as horse maker. He leaves to mourn his departure a widow, Ina Bell and two children, Alice and Irene. Mrs. Bell and children will continue to reside in Echo.

UNION IS FAVORED BY OFFICIALS

CHANGE IN PLANS DEPENDS ON SECURING PROPER AUTHORIZATION

FIGHT ON ACTION OF COUNTY COURT EXPECTED

Secession Talk Revives and Southern Part of Union County May be Lost to Baker County Because of Action of Court Highway Commission Must O. K. Decision

The county court yesterday decided to build the road up Catharine creek from Union to Medical Springs instead of the road from Medical Springs to Telocaset. This action was taken following consultation with District Attorney Ed Wright and whether or not the road will be built depends partly on whether the state highway commission and the contractors having the contract for the Medical Springs-Telocaset road agree to the change.

The building of the road is entirely dependent on the action of the contractors who were awarded the contract last December and the state highway commission, the state having provided to match market road funds of the county. Mr. Wright also stated that no particular fund had been set aside for any particular road, neither the Medical Springs-Telocaset road nor any other. There is a widespread opinion to the contrary.

The controversy over the building of the Union road in place of the road to Telocaset has been one of the most heated road controversies in Union county for several years. It is believed that the people along the route that would be served if the plans of the old county court would be carried out will make every effort to prevent the building of the other road instead of the road serving them.

Much talk of secession from Union county in favor of annexation to Baker county during the past few weeks indicates that if the plans of the old county court are not carried out the movement to secede from Union county, which has been started in the southern part of the county several times since the formation of the county, may succeed.

TWO DIE OF FLU YESTERDAY

The third death within a week from Spanish influenza occurred last night when Henry Delbert Ricks the son of Jonothan and Eliza Ricks passed away at the home of his parents, 1305 G avenue. In the afternoon his sister, Jessie Margaret Ricks Combs, passed away.

Mrs. Combs is survived by her husband, Calhoun Combs, and a two-months-old baby, besides her parents. She would have been married a year in June had her life been spared. A sister of Mrs. Combs passed away last week and left a week old baby. She, too, would have celebrated her first wedding anniversary in June had she lived.

Mrs. Combs was born May 15, 1899, at Victor, Idaho. Her brother, Henry Delbert Ricks, was born at Victor, Idaho, on March 26 1897.

Funeral services for both will be held at the L. D. S. cemetery at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Bishop C. J. Black of the L. D. S. church, will officiate at the services.

McCARTHY AND MURPHY DRAW

PORTLAND, May 7—Johnnie McCarthy, San Francisco welterweight, and Frank Murphy, of Denver, fought a ten round draw at Milwaukie last night.

Sammy Gordon, Portland featherweight, won a six round decision from Mickey Dempsey.

Shifting the Scene