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PAY CUT IS AGREED ON BY LABOR BOARD

Ten-Hour Day Reestablished in Another Branch of Railroad

SPLIT TRICK ALSO RECOGNIZED AGAIN

Principle of Eight Hour Day Retained but in Effect Ten-Hour Day Is Granted the Workers.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Another pay reduction, this time hitting 10,000 stationary firemen and others, was made by the United States railroad labor board today when it announced rules effective March first eliminating extra pay until after the tenth hour and setting up a "split trick" of eight hours within a spread of 12 without any overtime pay.

KEELEN SELLS HIS FILLING STATION

J. F. Hasty, Formerly of Hooverized Grocery, Is the New Owner—Keelen Will Build Station On Mountain.

Having decided to build a hotel and filling station at Kamela on top of the mountain T. J. Keelen, who built and developed the Empire filling station on Jefferson street, has sold the property to J. F. Hasty, formerly of the Hooverized grocery and later in the commission business in this city. Mr. Hasty will give his personal attention to the filling station.

The new hotel which Mr. Keelen intends erecting on the highway is to be called the Blue Mountain Tavern and will have about twenty rooms to care for the traveling public who desire rest and comfort on top of the hill.

Harrison Leases Garage Building and Will Open Soon

Avery Harrison has obtained a lease on the building formerly occupied by the Inland Motor company on the corner of Adams and Fourth and is planning on having the garage open for business about the first of March.

He has purchased the entire stock from Julius Roehr, who was the successful bidder when the bankruptcy agents sold the Inland Motor company and is sole owner of the enterprise.

Mr. Harrison has not yet decided as to what name the business will run under but will in a very short time.

The business will be run on strictly modern lines and the best of service will be given to the patrons.

Time Limit Placed on Soldier Loan Requests

Owing to the fact that the state ruling on the filing of applications for soldier's bonus loans was not made clear until recently, many ex-service men were led to believe that they need not file their application until they were prepared to take up the loan. This however has now been made clear at present, and the ruling provides that the preliminary application, stating that they desire to take out a loan and also the approximate time when they will be prepared to take up the loan, must be filed before May 23, 1922, with the proper authorities.

POULTRYMEN HEAR SPEAKER ON PRODUCTION

Specialist Addresses Farm Bureau On Problems of Increasing Egg Yield.

There should be more interest taken in the poultry business in this valley was the opinion given by Chas. S. Brewster, of the Kerr Gifford and Company of Portland, in addressing the Farm Bureau meeting this morning on the subject of "Breeding for hen production."

The speaker stated that although the price of eggs was down at the present there were good possibilities in the business, the market having been somewhat stabilized by the Pacific Cooperative Poultry association. With the placing of a tariff on imported eggs, which it is believed will be put through congress finally, although it is not a fact yet, foreign competition will not be the serious matter that it has been in the past.

Speaking of breeding the speaker declared that "Egg production is an inherited characteristic" and to get results the poultrymen must breed this quality into his stock. He advised that breeding and hatching be left to the specialists in that line, the producer taking from them the day old chicks, giving them the right feeding and care. White Leghorns, he said, were the favorite breed for the commercial business on any large scale, but in many instances some of the heavier breeds, such as Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes or Rhode Island Reds proved more satisfactory for smaller flocks. The latter, although not bred in any large quantities by the specialists, are easily obtained. Climatic conditions in the northwest are favorable to the poultry business and here the best egg laying stock in the world may be obtained.

He gave as reason for non-success of farmers the fact that they do not know what they are doing, and do not look ahead. Hens are not given the care or proper feeding, and hatching is carried on without due regard to breeding qualities, or to proper time. He gave an instance of one district where there were 3500 hens and yet none of the farmers were obtaining eggs making it necessary to bring them in from the outside during a season of high prices. When the matter was taken up with them they admitted that they were not giving the hens the proper care, and that therefore the fault was entirely their own.

Following the meeting the speaker took up individual questions of those present, giving assistance to a number of local farmers who brought up their problems.

MISSING CHILD MURDERED.

(By Associated Press)
BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 23.—The body of 8-year-old Clara Stone who disappeared after she left home for school Tuesday, was found Wednesday in a clump of woods at the eastern edge of the city, her school books lying by her side. She had been criminally assaulted, the police said.

INQUEST INTO POISON DEATHS

(By Associated Press)
CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 23.—A coroner's jury Wednesday began an inquest into the deaths of five children of Edward Rhodes of Kluber who died after the mother gave them what presumably was opium salts. A large number of witnesses were called, including the parents, officers and neighbors. Prosecutor Allen admitted that the investigators were up against a stone wall.

FIGHT IS NOW TO BE ON THE RESERVATIONS

Modified Reservation Deadlocks the Foreign Relations Committee

HOURLY DEBATE WITHOUT RESULTS

Borah and Johnson Stand Out Among the Opposition and Others Indicate that They Agree With the Bitter-enders.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—A modified blanket reservation to the four-power Pacific treaty was laid before the senate foreign relations committee today by Chairman Lodge after a conference with the president.

It met with immediate opposition from several republicans as well as democratic committee members. New reservations intended as a substitute for Brandegee's reservation provide nothing in the treaty shall be construed as committing the United States to exercise armed force without consent of congress.

After an hour's debate which failed to win over any senators who had supported the Brandegee resolution the committee adjourned until tomorrow without action.

Borah and Johnson pronounced the modified draft as unsatisfactory while others indicated by their attitude that they did not find the new proposal readily acceptable.

Union Road Is Open To Traffic Again

The Union and La Grande road is now open to auto traffic although it is not in first class condition yet. Several cars bearing the three basketball teams that played here yesterday made the trip over early in the afternoon and George Delap, driver of the Union stage, brought both of his cars over.

Mr. Delap was forced to discontinue his service on Tuesday on account of the roads. He spent Tuesday and Wednesday cutting the drifts on the hill road between Union Junction and Hot Lake and that road is now passable.

The other roads are in practically the same condition as was reported in yesterday's paper.

MORE ROAD WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN

Highway Commission Advertises for Bids for Surfacing Oro-Dell-Kamela Section of Old Oregon Trail.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Market road funds were apportioned by the state highway commission for the current year to the extent of \$1,024,557.94 for the entire state, of which Union county's share will be \$29,951.96; while Walla Walla county will secure \$17,869.19. The only contract awarded yesterday was that for paving through the town of Union, which was granted to the United Construction company for \$68,897.50.

The list of projects to be advertised for letting in March was decided on late yesterday. One of the important items in the March bids asked for is the surfacing of the Kamela-Oro Dell section of the Old Oregon Trail in Union county. The distance is 18.5 miles.

Other projects are as follows: City of Bannock, Columbia river highway, 23 mile grading and surfacing; Skapanon-Miles crossing, Columbia river highway, 4.49 miles paving; Nelson-Huntington, Old Oregon trail, 19.22 miles surfacing; Huntington-Malheur county line, Old Oregon trail, 4.30 miles grading and surfacing; Blodgett-Toledo, Newport-Corvallis highway, 28.83 miles surfacing.

MAIL CARRIER IN RUNAWAY

"Cint" Ball Is Injured When Overtaken by Runaway Team On Jefferson Avenue.

H. C. Ball, the oldest mail carrier in the city, was the victim of a runaway accident on Tuesday. He severely injured his side but it is improving rapidly and he expects to be back on the job in a short time.

Mr. Ball was delivering parcel post on Jefferson avenue and a runaway team swerved into the street behind him. He forced his horse into a run, hoping to reach safety, but the runaways gained on him rapidly. He swung to one side and in the resulting mix-up the side pole struck him in the side. He was given medical treatment immediately and is at his home at present recovering.

SIXTEEN INDICTED
PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—The federal grand jury yesterday indicted five alleged dealers in contraband drugs and eleven for prohibition law violations.

BLIZZARDS IN MIDDLE WEST TODAY

Cold Weather Envelopes Enormous Area for Past Day

TEMPERATURES ARE FALLING RAPIDLY

Tail of Blizzard Striking Texas and Oklahoma Today Is Report; Country East of Mississippi River Also Affected.

(Special to The Observer)
ST. PAUL, Feb. 23.—Blizzard conditions prevail again today throughout the northwest with temperatures falling rapidly in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—A cold wave that has held the northwest in its grip for over 24 hours continued today and spread down through Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Northern Texas, as well as east of the Mississippi river.

On Wednesday blizzards were tearing toward Chicago from the north and were expected to send the temperature down Thursday or Friday.

Wednesday's blizzard was centered over upper Wisconsin and Minnesota. The storm was so intense that it cut telegraphic communication between Madison and Duluth. Also there is snow in Iowa and cold rain in most of the other central states.

Will Play in Baker With Strong Team

The Stoddard Brothers will meet one of the best independent basketball teams in Eastern Oregon this evening at Baker. They are scheduled to play the Blue Mountain Association basketball team, which is composed of old high school and college stars and from the line-up they have a team that will make the Stoddards extend themselves to the limit to win.

Red Blakeley, formerly center on the Baker high school team and center on the Oregon Aggies Rook team during the first semester, will hold down the pivot position and is considered their most dangerous man. Others, such as Tunnecliffe and the Stoddard boys, have berths on the team.

If the Baker team wins by a decisive score they would have only to beat the Clerks to claim the Eastern Oregon Independent championship for this year.

ATTENDANCE IS HEAVY AT FARM WEEK

Meetings Held in Several Places Early in Week; Many Problems Discussed

Attendance at the Farm Bureau meetings this week is expected to exceed all records of previous years, according to County Agricultural Agent H. G. Avery, who expressed himself as very gratified at the interest shown. The meetings at Elgin on Monday brought out the largest attendance of farmers the district had ever had at sessions of this nature. Wheat production problems were discussed by D. E. Stevens, and marketing problems by E. L. Ludwick.

Horticultural Day at Cove on Tuesday was attended by 100 per cent of the fruit growers of the district, who were addressed by C. L. Long. A pruning demonstration was also a feature of the day's work. Other addresses were given by Ira Gabrielson on rodent control and C. S. Brewster on poultry production.

Tuesday was also Livestock Day at Union, and while the attendance was not as large in proportion to the district, there were good sized crowds at both day and evening meetings. The program included a visit to the feeding yards at the experiment station, where the stock is in much better condition than in previous years. The farmers showed considerable interest in a comparison of different feeding tests, two lots of cattle attracting their special attention. These were one pen feeding on very light rations of alfalfa, and another feeding on straw and two pounds of cottonseed meal per day. Both these lots proved to be doing very well on light rations and at a very low cost.

The afternoon meeting included talks on cattle and sheep production by Robt. Withycombe, superintendent of the station, and on range improvements by W. L. Dutton of the Forest Service, and H. A. Lindgren, of O. A. C. on swine production. At the evening meetings talks were given on grain production by the same speakers who took up similar work in La Grande Wednesday.

Wednesday was also Horticultural Day at Inbier, Mr. Wilson stating that fruit growers there also showed a 100 per cent attendance. Soil improvement and orchard management were discussed by C. L. Long, and a pruning demonstration held in the afternoon at the orchard of Ray Wilson, a local fruitgrower whose orchard has been chosen as an experimental station for the year. Three meetings will be held there during the season, the next to be some time in April on the subject of pest control.

"Discovery of new and development of improved farm crops have more than repaid the farmer for expenditures in connection with upkeep of government experimental and research stations," was a statement made by D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the agricultural station at Moro, when addressing the farmers here yesterday. Mr. Stephens spoke on wheat growing at both morning and afternoon sessions.

By means of statistics and charts obtained from a series of experiments conducted for a number of years at his station he brought out that early spring plowing for summer fallow gave higher yield per acre than late plowing; that time of plowing also affected the quality of wheat; that deep plowing was not nearly so important as farmers usually considered it, seven or eight inches being usually deep enough; that manner of plowing is more important than depth; that it is important to maintain a good mulch free from weeds on land for summer fallowing, usually entailing harrowing of three to six times; that excessive harrowing is a waste of effort; that spring harrowing of winter wheat tends in the average case to decrease crop yield.

New York women are moving far at the top of their rolled-oats stockings.

HOLD-UP WAS A FAKE IS CONFESSION

Woman Who Alleged She Had Lost \$50,000 in Jewels Tells Truth

YOUTH WAS IN ON THE CONSPIRACY

Stunt was Pulled Off for Purpose of Obtaining Insurance; Two In Jail and One Out On Bail.

(By Associated Press)
LONG BRANCH, N. J., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Sarah H. Robertson, who Saturday night reported to the police that she had been dramatically robbed of \$50,000 worth of jewelry during a dinner party she was giving at her home in Deal, Wednesday night stood charged with taking the holdup in order to obtain the insurance money on her jewels.

In custody also was John Bailey, a Long Branch youth who was alleged by the police to have told them that he had been offered \$1000 to invade Mrs. Robertson's home and "rob" her. Samuel Gasm, a telegraph operator, was arrested on charges of having entered the conspiracy and aided the supposed robber. He was released on \$15,000 bail.

The same ball was also set for both Mrs. Robertson and Bailey but neither could get any one to free them when they faced the magistrate. Mrs. Robertson underwent a long grilling by the police, who placed before her their charges that the elaborately described pistol used by the "bandit" was only a leather pipe case and that the bag of "jewels" she handed over contained only tissue paper. She steadfastly maintained her innocence of the two conspiracy accusations lodged against her.

Effort To Rob a Bank In Portland Is Not Successful
PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Robbers last night exploded nitroglycerine under the door of a safe in the Monta Villa bank here but failed to open it. They entered the bank by prying open a back door.

The police later announced that they had found a burglar's oxy-acetylene outfit with which the attempt was made to burn into the bank safe.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—The trial of Madalynne Obenchain, who is charged with complicity in the slaying of J. Milton Kennedy, was resumed after a week's recess due to illness of jurors, attorneys and witnesses.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Bobby Harper of Seattle won a ten-round decision over Joe Welling of Chicago last night.

(By Associated Press)
LISBON, Feb. 23.—The Portuguese government is considering moving its capital to Coimbra, 110 miles northeast of Lisbon, because of constant disturbances, says the newspaper Seculo.



Workers on Charity Fund Drive Still at it

The members of the various volunteering committees of the Home Charity Fund drive are again out in force today canvassing the city for funds. The total amount turned in by last night was \$2300, leaving only \$700 more to be secured. The total amount collected yesterday was not as large as on the first two days of the drive but the spirit of the people in all parts of the city is united in support of the good work being done.



Tonight and Friday fair.