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WOMEN WIN AS MAYORS AT ELECTION

Several Feminine Candidates Lead In Iowa

THREE SUFFRAGISTS MEET WITH DEFEAT

Influence of "Weaker" Sex Is Felt in a Number of Communities; Tax Levies Are Voted.

(By Associated Press)
DES MOINES, Mar. 28.—Activity of women in political affairs in Iowa resulted in yesterday's election in two towns, while in other towns candidates were victorious who were endorsed by the women.

At Ames Sunday motion pictures were defeated and at New Sharon measures looking to the routing of the town's pool halls and a new market were defeated.

Mrs. C. J. Young was elected mayor of St. Charles and Mrs. Harry Steadman was elected mayor of Calamus. Women candidates for mayor were defeated at Charlotte, Mt. Vernon and Lenox.

Women were elected to the city council in several cities and none towns voted two-mill tax levies for town bonds.

Investment Company To Remodel Offices for Its Own Use

Just as soon as the Lilly Hardware Company vacates the La Grande Investment company's building, remodeling and reconstruction of the interior of the corner room in preparation for their entrance will be begun. Plans are made to first give the room an entire overhauling and attractive and modern fixtures and furniture will be installed. A new plate glass window will be installed on the west side of the building which will be a material aid in the lighting of the offices.

Sherwood Williams, president of the La Grande Investment Co., is much pleased with the new location. "Our increased business demands a better location and more space," he states. B. F. Wild, of the Abstract and Title Co., and L. W. Weeks, manager of the Oregon section of the Idaho Life Insurance Co., will both move into the offices at the same time as the La Grande Investment Co.

Maneuvers Planned To Test Coast Artillery

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—Extensive maneuvers to determine the military value of American coast defense are planned for the coming summer by the war department. Anti-aircraft target practice and bombing practices against coast defense installations and combined target practice at extreme coast artillery ranges are among the tests expected to be made.

SCRAPPING AGAIN

(By Associated Press)
VIENNA, Mar. 28.—A band of Hungarians fired upon an Austrian patrol in Burgenland Sunday, killing one of the Austrians. Hungarian irregulars are reported to be reassembling in several districts and Austrian troops are being reinforced as precautionary measures against renewed terrorism.

Pedagogues to Meet Here Next Saturday

The Eastern Oregon Superintendents and Principals' association will meet in the high school auditorium on Saturday, April 1, in La Grande. The meeting will be an all-day affair, beginning at 9:00 a. m. and closing about 3:30 p. m. All the principals and superintendents in Eastern Oregon are expected to attend.

The program for the day's meeting is as follows: 10:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m., School Delinquents, by Supt. H. E. Inlow, of Portland; 9:30 to 10:00, Discussion, by Supt. J. G. Couch of La Grande and Supt. J. M. McDonald, of Oxnard; 10:00 to 10:30, Free Text Books, by Supt. Prentiss Brown, of Baker; 10:30 to 11:00, Discussion, by Supt. J. G. White, of Walla Walla, and Supt. A. C. Yeeker, of Hermiston; 11:00 a. m., 1:00 p. m., Social Hygiene, from a Biological Viewpoint, by Prin. E. D. Towler, of La Grande; 11:30 a. m. to 12:00, Discussion by Supt. Gertrude H. Parker, of Baker, and Supt. W. W. Green, of Pendleton. Afternoon program is: 1:30 to 2:00, New Athletic Rules, by Supt. H. M. Johnson, of Enterprise; 2:00 to 2:30, Discussion, Prin. Rex Cook, of Union, and Prin. Geo. W. Hall, of Rainier; 2:30, an address by Superintendent J. C. Churchill, of Salem. Another item that will take place at this association meeting will be the arranging of this year's track and baseball schedules and deciding on the site for this year's Eastern Oregon track meet. This will, in all likelihood, be attended to in the Yeeker of Hermiston, 11:30 a. m., 1:00 p. m.

Seven Little Exiles All in a Row



First photograph of Carl and Zita, former emperor and empress of Austria, with all seven of their children since they were sent to exile in Madeira. Second from the right is Otto who would have succeeded his father.

Lifts Illegal Smoking Ban

New York Police Last Night Ordered Women To Stop Indulging

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Mar. 28.—Police Commissioner Egan today lifted the ban on smoking by women in public as suddenly as he clamped it down last night when he learned that Alderman McGuinness' anti-smoking ordinance had never been passed by the board of aldermen or signed by Mayor Hylan.

Officers created a sensation last night when they appeared at cafes, theaters and other public places and ordered proprietors to force women patrons to stop smoking under the terms of the McGuinness ordinance.

Germany Says Load Is Too Heavy To Carry

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Mar. 28.—Chancellor Wirth told the Reichstag today that the allied reparations commission for an additional tax levy of 60,000,000,000 marks, transmitted to the German government last week, is absolutely impossible.

Portland Entertaining British Ambassador

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 28.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador, and Lady Geddes, arrived for a two days' visit. A river trip, a visit to Vancouver, Washington, and a formal dinner tonight are today's features.

Tomorrow a trip over the Columbia River highway and an address at a public meeting in the auditorium at night will be the features.

Illegal Deportation Is Held Up by Judge

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Mar. 28.—August Probst, former butler at the Rolling Rock club, near Pittsburgh, Pa., who claimed he was being railroaded out of the country because of a love affair with Miss Virginia Craigie McKay, prominent society girl, was illegally ordered deported, federal Judge Knox ruled today. Probst is being held, however, for further deportation proceedings.

UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA HERE TODAY

The 27 members of the University of Oregon Symphony Orchestra troupe arrived this morning from Baker and are entertained in the homes of La Grande people. The symphony will appear in concert in the high school auditorium this evening under the auspices of the high school student body. Immediately after the concert a dance will be given at the Rex Hall for which the University troupe, the orchestra's dance organization, will furnish the music.

The Baker appearance of the orchestra was very successful according to the manager, Fred Lorenz. The Baker Morning Democrat said of the concert, "Every number on the program was heartily received and favorable comment on the orchestra's presentation was prevalent."

Judge Gustav Anderson, of Baker, expressed himself very emphatically regarding the excellence of the concert to Anna Landbury Beck, the orchestra party's chaperon. "I was charmed with the unusually fine performance of the orchestra last night," he said. "It is in excess of anything we have had this season."

One characteristic which has caused comment after the concert has been the smoothness and unanimity of the violin work. "All the eight violinists are studying under Rex Underwood, director of the orchestra, and head of the violin department of the University School of Music. Mr. Underwood is a concert violinist of some (Continued on Page Five.)

Living Wage Is Demanded

Rail Workers Point Out Necessity of High Living Standard

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Mar. 28.—Arguing before the U. S. railroad labor board today for a living wage for railworkers, B. M. Jewell, head of the shop crafts union, based his plea on the declaration that a business concern that cannot meet its fixed standard of living for its family—a workman's fixed wages—means eventual physical and moral bankruptcy to the nation.

Evening of Stunts Is Planned by the High School Girls

Associated Girl Students Have Arranged Program for Evening of April Seventh.

The Associated Girl Students of the La Grande high school, to which all of the girls of the schools are eligible, have arranged an "April Antics" to be given in the school auditorium on the evening of April 7.

There will be eight stunts on the program. Each of the four classes in the school will stage one stunt. One will be put on by the girls in general, Miss Joan M. Whitney, being in charge of this one. The three remaining stunts are to be put on by the various girls' clubs. A violin solo by Dorothy Caldwell and vocal solos by Inez Hughes and Beulah Smith are also on the program. (Continued on Page Five.)

COAL STRIKES OF THE PAST ARE REVIEWED

But Few Nation-Wide Strikes Although Union Is Old; Supply of Fuel Said To Be Ample Now.

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Mar. 28.—Great coal strikes, such as the country is now facing, have been few although for seventy-five years the coal industry has been marked by almost numberless state-wide and localized strikes, often involving several thousands of workers. All of the big strikes have continued more than a month, the longest having been that of 1902 in the anthracite industry which continued 23 weeks.

The big strikes—five in number—are summarized as follows:

First Big Strike.

1894—First general strike in the soft coal industry, called by the United Mine Workers of America, the purpose being to restore wage scales that had been decreased during the panic of '93. 100,000 to 150,000 men engaged and militia called out in four states first attempt at a compromise failed, but second conference of miners and operators ended with adoption of a scale agreement.

1897—July 4th walkout of 150,000 miners, called by D. M. Ratcliff, president of the U. M. W. of A. to deplete an overstocked coal market, which union officials feared would result in wage reductions on account of the slow coal trade; strike was called off after 12 weeks' duration, at the end of which the market had been depleted; first great successful strike of the U. M. W. of A.

1900—Anthracite strike in September and October, engaged 152,000 and ended with miners getting 10 to 15 per cent increase in wages.

1902—Great anthracite strike, led by the late John Mitchell, as president of the U. M. W. of A., lasted 23 weeks, May to October; 150,000 men engaged, and finally called off when President Roosevelt appointed a commission that afterward gave the miners a 10 per cent wage advance, and made their contract for three years, ending April 1, 1906.

1919—Nation-wide soft coal strike in November and December of 1919, 395,000 miners called off by union in compliance with a court injunction, obtained by Attorney General Palmer under the wartime Lever fuel control law; commission later appointed by President Wilson gave miners an increase of approximately 27 per cent in wages—their largest single increase.

Stocks More Ample. Unlike the last great strike, the impending one begins with warm weather approaching, while the 1919 shutdown came with winter. Stocks now are more ample than then, but the situation is much like the Fourth of July walkout of 1897. Out of the strikes, both large and small, the workers as a general proposition have won many benefits in increased wages. (Continued on Page Five.)

MINES ORDERED CLOSED DOWN BY OPERATORS IN WEST VIRGINIA FIELD

PRESENTS THE LABOR SIDE OF WAGE QUESTION

Big Four Brotherhood Speaker Declares Reduction in Wages Is Not Justified.

"We do not believe that the reduction of present wages is justified," stated John Clifford, representing the four brotherhoods, today noon at the Ad Club luncheon. "The high rates are not caused by present wages, but by the high capitalization of the railroads."

Mr. Clifford gave the four brotherhoods' version of the question, quoting many statistics concerning the wages of the men employed by the Union Pacific, which includes the O. W. R. & N. Co.

"The railroads are asking for a ten per cent reduction in wages, saying that this will be transferred to freight reductions. This would only reduce the rates 3.7 per cent."

Earnings of Employees. "Employees of the U. P. working a 26-day month will earn as follows: Engineers, \$162.50 per month; firemen, \$138.90 per month; freight engineers, \$193.44 per month; freight firemen, \$143.00 per month; conductors, \$172.12 per month; and brakemen, \$145.08 per month. A crew working twelve hours a day and thirty days per month would earn: Engineers, \$390.60; firemen, \$288.75; conductors, \$347.55; and brakemen, \$292.95. The big checks go only to those putting in long hours and extra work."

Mr. Clifford went on to explain the hazards and difficulties experienced in railroad work. Continuing, he said: "The Metropolitan and Providence Insurance companies, two disinterested concerns, state that the average death of a railroad employee is 37.4 years. Many years are required to obtain seniority enough to hold the positions as engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen. Many times a man is 'on the carpet' for something that was practically beyond his power to prevent and either loses his job or his seniority as a result. And at 45 years of age, the railroads consider that a man is ready for the scrap pile—a time when, in ordinary pursuits, a man would be in the prime of life."

Horace Sykes, deputy state fire marshal, who was scheduled to give an address at this time, was unable to be present but he is expected to be heard at a later meeting.

Gunn Talks.

Rev. J. W. Gunn gave a short talk urging attendance at church and illustrating how the churches helped to straighten out difficulties that would otherwise be a heavy expense to the county. He gave an illustration of a case between two men over an amount of \$2.50. This cost the county just \$1,000.00.

An infant industry of La Grande was explained by A. W. Nelson, "Ekimo Plea," made by a local concern.

Manager Lorenz of the University of Oregon orchestra, which appears in the high school auditorium this evening, was in attendance and gave a short talk thanking the people of La Grande. (Continued on Page Five.)

Shutdown Now Unavoidable Is Belief of Both Parties of Industrial Controversy; General Discussion Abandoned and Operators Studying Demands of Miners.

(By Associated Press)
BALTIMORE, Md., Mar. 28.—The northern West Virginia Coal Operators' association has decided to close down all the 550 mines in their association, the operators announced.

Shutdown Unavoidable.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Mar. 28.—This anthracite miners' and operators' subcommittee on wage contract negotiations Monday abandoned general discussion of the industry and got down to the 19 demands of the workers.

The chief demands of the miners and the crux of the anthracite situation—the demand for a 20 per cent increase in wages throughout the industry, and a raise of \$1 per shift for day laborers—will be broached before the committee late Tuesday or Wednesday, union members of the committee announced.

Strike Inevitable.

Operators refused to comment on the present status of the negotiations, except to agree with the miners that negotiations of a new contract in time to halt suspension of work in the anthracite mines April 7 is not in sight.

"The data for a complete presentation of our case is in our hands," said Thomas J. Kennedy, labor member of the committee. "We now are ready to put it up to the mine operators."

Ten thousand members of the International Seamen's union in the port of New York are awaiting the return of their president, Andrew Furuseth, from Washington Tuesday to decide whether they will interfere with the proposed importation of British soft coal to help break the strike of the bituminous miners, also set for April first.

Coincidental with the seamen's preparation for action, John H. Ryan, vice president of the International Longshoremen's association, asserted Monday that its 75,000 members intended to "render every possible assistance to the United Mine Workers."

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—The senate took up the naval limitations treaty today, approving the act to the celebrated article 19, concerning fortifications, when temporarily a halt was called while Senator Underwood answered questions. Complete ratification is expected today.

(By Associated Press)
BELFAST, Mar. 28.—Several fires broke out in different parts of the city late today.

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Mar. 28.—The public service commission today allowed a 15 per cent decrease in Astoria gas rates dating from February 5, 1922.

WHAT SHOULD IT COST?

HENLEY, Eng., Mar. 28.—The Henley guardians have refused to pay as exorbitant a bill of \$50 a week for the maintenance of a family consisting of father, mother and nine children.

O.W.R. and N. Is to Spend Much During Year

PORTLAND, Mar. 28.—Expenditures to the extent of \$5,000,000 will be made by the O. W. R. & N. during the present year, according to an announcement made yesterday by J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the company, on his return from Spokane.

This money will be spent for bridge construction and trackwork and among the improvements will be a bridge across the Columbia river between Willard and Redgate. This improvement alone will cost an estimated cost of \$1,500,000.

The expenditures that will be made by the Union Pacific, the parent of the O. W. R. & N., recently announced, are planned to build 4500 freight cars during the current year at a cost of approximately \$20,000,000. The material for these will run into millions

and most of the lumber order will come to the mills of the northwest. It will amount to \$900,000 alone.

In the O. W. R. & N. company's budget an item of \$3,500,000 has been set aside for the improvement of trackage. These improvements will include ballasting, heavier rails and new ties.

According to Mr. O'Brien's statement, the O. W. R. & N. last year spent \$30,029,000, of which \$25,577,000 went for operating expenses, and \$2,452,000 for track and bridge construction and improvement.



Tonight and Wednesday rain with strong southerly winds.