

SHOPMEN STRIKE

LOCAL MEN RESPOND TO STRIKE CALL

Local Union Officials Issue Declaration for Law and Order.

ONLY FIVE MEN AT WORK HERE TODAY

Railroad company Declares That Traffic Will Not Be Interrupted in Spite of Strike.

A meeting of strikers was held this noon in Eagles hall and a decision was reached to meet there every noon, all men registering daily.

According to an announcement by D. L. McKay, chairman of the strike.

FIREWORKS LAW TO BE ENFORCED

Announcement was made this morning at the city hall that the ordinance regarding fireworks will be strictly enforced in the city on the Fourth of July as well as preceding that day.

RESTRICTIONS ARE EXPLAINED

This morning City Manager Kratz explained the order of yesterday requesting that sprinkling be regulated in order to conserve the water supply.

Coal Operators And Miners Confer At White House

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Miners and operators numbering about 30 representing bituminous and anthracite coal fields in which work was suspended since April 1, met at the White House today with the president in an endeavor initiated by the government to find a settlement.

BASEBALL MEN CENTER EYES ON PROTEST

Union's Playing Cove Men Last Week Causing Much Talk; May Result in Disension in League.

The general condition of affairs in the Intermountain Baseball League is at a white hot point. With the Union-La Grande game protested and awaiting action at the hands of the T. B. Crawford's office this evening at seven o'clock, many theories as to what will be the outcome is advanced.

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CHAUTAQUA BOARD CALLS A MEETING

Organization Plans for This Year's Program Will Be Perfected.

Dr. R. F. Marbo, president of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua Association, has called a meeting of the people who underwrote the 1922 Chautauqua assembly.

The directors are quite pleased over the program this year. The various numbers are as follows:

- First Day—An Evening of Magic, Paul Fleming and Company. Second Day—Artists' Prelude, Stearns-Hellekson Trio, Lecture-Demonstration, "Danger Signals on the Road to Health," Edna Eugenia Lowe, special feature, Artists' Recital, Frances Ingram. Third Day—Musical entertainment, Patton Brothers Trio; Prelude, Patton Brothers Trio; Lecture, "Working Together for Billions," Norman Allan Lurie. Fourth Day—Popular Concert, Oceanic Quintet; Prelude, Oceanic Quintet; Lecture, "Human Nature and Politics," Opik Hend. Fifth Day—Musical Entertainment, The Watson Girls; the play, "Cappy Rickard," Percival Vivian Players. Sixth Day—Musical Entertainment, Prelude, Electra Platt and Vernon Stone; Lecture, "Life's Balance Sheet," J. C. Herberman; Prelude, Electra Platt and Vernon Stone; Lecture, "The Big Game," Dr. Elmer Lynn Williams. Seventh Day—Prelude, Gilvan Opera Company; Playground Festival and Conclusion of Junior Chautauqua; Grand Closing Concert, Gilvan Opera Company.

WARD EMIGH DIES SUDDENLY

Ward Emigh, brother of Jarvis Emigh of this city, died suddenly this morning in Walls Walls. The cause of his demise was said to be heart failure. No funeral arrangements have as yet been made.

WHY THEY STRIKE.

Today there is a strike of shopmen in La Grande, just as there is a similar strike throughout the nation. Are these men quitting work because they want to cease working?

No. Are they demanding increase of wages? No. Are they demanding different working conditions? No. Then, what is the trouble? Merely, that the ax of reduction fell upon them; the government's railroad labor board singled them out for the first cut, which means that other cuts in this and other railroad departments will follow.

And this in the face of living expenses advancing instead of declining; in the face of governmental advice of a general trend upward in commodities. Not an advance by the producer but by the broker; not an advance by the retailer, but by the jobber and wholesaler.

The government draws its knife on the wage earner but it has not drawn that knife upon the army of office men who neither toil for spin, but live in luxury on what is called "business", which to them means luxuriant offices, elegant homes, lives of almost complete idleness. In that class is where the slack in the rope exists; offices, buildings by the score in every city are tenanted by men whom society can well afford to get along without.

Our government probably has the best intentions when it says a start must be made in reducing railroad operating costs, and therefore the shopmen's department as designated as the first slash, but it is failing to get at the seat of the trouble.

Why reduce men who are not getting more than a fair living wage when the country is filled with those who do not work, but who live better than those who do?

Reduce the swollen ranks of the idlers, eliminate that part of so called "business" that enables a great army of loafers to keep Fatty Arbuckle luxuries and there will be no occasion to cut the wages of the man in the shops who is actually rendering a service to society; who is doing something in the great scheme of life that needs to be done; who only asks that he may earn sufficient by the sweat of his brow to have comforts of life; who only asks that his children may be educated; that his family may have things like other people.

Our government can lift the purple center of success if it will shrink the gulf between producer and consumer. It can render a service of lasting value if it will put its experts on the real problem of life rather than penalize the man who is willing and actually does work.

IT'S ENCOURAGING TO CALL ON THE NEIGHBORS OCCASIONALLY



ELGIN PLANS A BIG TIME ON THE FOURTH

Three-Day Celebration Has Been Arranged By Neighboring City For Next Week.

If any of the many readers of The Observer are under the impression that Elgin is to stage only a common place race meet and celebration July 3, 4 and 5, all they have to do is to spend a few hours in that little city to disabuse their minds of that impression.

A visit to the Elliott race course, which has undergone many improvements during recent weeks, reveals nearly every stall occupied by horses from all over the Northwest. At the present time there are over 70 head of horses in the stables and between 20 and 30 head are now on route to Elgin.

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JULY EIGHTH IS TO BE GALA DAY

July 8th will be a gala day for the farmers of the Grande Ronde valley. For that is the set time for an all-day picnic to be held at Riverside Park, beginning at 10 o'clock and continuing through the day and early evening, under the auspices of the organized farmers of the valley.

NEARLY 100 PER CENT OF SHOP CRAFT WORKERS ON PACIFIC COAST HAVE QUIT

Promptly at 10 This Morning Shop Men in All Sections of United States Dropped Their Tools and Left the Shops; Controversy was Over Slash in Wages, Restoration of Abolished Rates and Revocation of All Contracts for Farming Out Shop Work to Contracting Firms; Repairs are Entirely Suspended.

PORTLAND, July 1.—Approximately 500 Union Pacific shophmen walked out here and about 300 Southern Pacific men struck here. Between 400 and 500 are out on the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad here and at Vancouver, Washington. Reports from the Union Pacific in Eastern Oregon indicated that the strike was practically 100 per cent at all points.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—Strike orders were generally obeyed on the Pacific coast and in the Intermountain states. Reports from all points where shophmen are employed were that the walkout was practically complete in this territory.

STILL FOUND ON A RANCH

Another still was captured yesterday afternoon when Deputy Sheriff John Striker, accompanied by his deputy, raided the ranch belonging to Guy Day and Jack Taylor, six miles east of Linn, and discovered a complete still on the outskirts of the farm.

BODY OF MAN FOUND IN COLUMBIA RIVER; INVESTIGATION ON

THE DALLES, July 1.—An investigation is being made by Coroner Engel and Sheriff Christian to identify the body found in the Columbia river yesterday near the Gallo tunnel. The man was comparatively well dressed and was about 25 or 30 years old.

Forest Fires Are Raging in Kelso, Washington, Section

KELSO, Wash., July 1.—A dangerous forest fire is raging 10 miles north of here. The Janna Pusison Lumber company and the Long-Bell company sent crews to fight the menacing blaze. A dangerous fire is also reported on the Toadle river, 20 miles from Kelso.

TRAGEDY OF BALDNESS

TULSA, Okla.—The fact that he had become totally bald at 18 was preyed on the mind of Wilfred H. Edwards, that he committed suicide by hanging.

86 PER CENT IN FAVOR

CHICAGO, July 1.—Railroad shophmen in all sections of the country dropped their tools today in the nation-wide strike. Reports from east and south up to noon indicated that 86,000 had already joined the movement. Promptly at 10 o'clock the workers in various eastern shops quit.

Railroad officials declared that train movements would continue and for a time at least the public would scarcely be aware of the suspension. Train operating crafts are not involved in the present controversy, six hundred thousand maintenance of way men and stationary engineers postponed their walkout temporarily as the result of the railroad labor board conference yesterday.

Wages Cut Opposed

The shophmen seek cancellation of the \$100,000,000 wage cut, restoration of the abolished rates and revocation of all permission to railroads to contract their shop work. Crafts involved are machinists, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, metal workers, electricians, railway car men for repairing coaches and helpers and apprentices. The walkout means the suspension of repairs.

Auto Parts Trust Is Organized Today In Dayton, Ohio

DAYTON, O., July 1.—A \$80,000,000 consolidation of manufacturers of automobile trucks and auto parts, with factories in seven states, has been completed here under the name of Associated Motor Industries.

CONVENIENT MEMORY

CHICAGO.—When Hugh Brown was arrested for deserting his wife five years ago, he exclaimed: "Why, this is an outrage. I'm arrested just because I forgot to go home."

Weather

Tonight and Sunday, fair.