

## HALL FILES PETITION FOR A RECOUNT

Governor Olcott Given Seven Days To File An Answer.

### ALLEGED ERRORS CITED ARE MANY

Claims over 4,000 Plurality Over Governor; Petition Filed Late Yesterday.

(By Associated Press)  
SALEM, July 6.—Judge Bingham gave Governor Olcott seven days to appear to file and answer to the Hall recount petition filed late yesterday by the public defense league. After Olcott answers the judge will hear arguments and if the recount is ordered the judge will appoint a committee to do the work.

(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, July 6.—Charles Hall of Marshfield yesterday, through R. Coster, secretary of the public defense league, filed a petition in Marion county, contesting the Republican nomination of Ben W. Olcott, for governor.

According to the petition, which was very long and filled with detail, the allegation is made that Hall actually received 4,123 votes more than Olcott, although the official canvass by the secretary of state gave Olcott a lead of 321.

In the petition the assertion was set forth that Hall received a total of 44,833 and Olcott 46,710.

The difference between the official figures and those claimed in the petition were explained by alleging that there were miscounts of ballots, where Olcott was credited with more votes than he received; that Democrats wrote Olcott's name on their ballots and that those votes were erroneously counted for Olcott; that Democrats and others were permitted to register illegally on election day and vote; that illegal votes were cast by voters who were not citizens, and that votes for Hall were rejected erroneously.

The petition disclosed painstaking search of the election returns. The lawyers have found something in almost every county except Curry, Lane, Umatilla, Wallowa, Tillamook and Yamhill. There have been many times and money expended accumulating the data on which the petition is based.

Finances for the contest are being supplied by the public defense league. Mr. Hall declined to give the name of the president of the league, but explained that Mr. Coster is the secretary and the contest was filed in Coster's name. Anyone can become a member of the league, explained Mr. Hall, by making a contribution. The league is composed largely of Hall's primary supporters.

In Union county, it was alleged 103 votes in 16 precincts were erroneously counted. In 11 Union county precincts 44 ballots, it is alleged in the petition, were rejected for various causes which should have been counted for Hall.

Listed as illegal votes received and counted, the petition said that election boards gave ballots to voters not members of the republican party, and the petition charged, of course, that all these votes were for Olcott.

PORTLAND, July 6.—Political gossip has been busy the past week seeking to forecast what would happen following the filing of the petition for a recount of the republican gubernatorial vote by Chas. Hall.

If he fails in his ambition to unseat Rep. W. Olcott as the republican nominee political gossip says an independent candidate for governor will enter the race backed by the secret societies that (Continued on page three)

## White Pine Box Factory is Running Full Force

"One of the industries that is covering a large scope, from New Hampshire to Los Angeles, is the White Pine Box and Lumber Co., announced H. M. Maloney, secretary and one of the directors of the concern, today. "Although the factory has been operating for only a little over a week, we have orders on file that will necessitate our steady operation until bad weather closes the mill."

The White Pine Box and Lumber Co., with a new modern factory situated at Lone Tree, a short distance from La Grande, is now in full blast, employing about 60 men and with an output of 30,000 square feet of lumber per day, is a local concern with W. E. Moore as president and general manager, H. M. Maloney, secretary-treasurer and in charge of the mill work, and S. A. Bruce as foreman of the mill. The board of directors is composed of the three well-known lumber men of the city, W. E. Moore, S. T. Hill, and N. Kroese.

## More Water Coming into Reservoir now than Early in Year

### BROTHERHOODS MEET WITH THE SHOP STRIKERS

Meeting Declared Important But Action Not Announced: Shops Here Surrounded by Pickets.

The strike situation so far as the local situation is concerned, looks better today than at any time since last Saturday, the strike committee announced this morning. A meeting of the Big Four brotherhood officials was held at night last night which continued until early this morning. The strike committee was called into the meeting to consult with the brotherhoods. When asked this morning regarding the nature of the conference, Vice-Chairman G. H. Forwood told a reporter of the Observer that he could not discuss the result of the meeting but Mr. Forwood apparently was well pleased.

Pickets were posted around the property of the O-W, R. & N. this morning at seven o'clock and from now on pickets will be kept on the job continuously at all hours of the day and night.

Although reports were circulated last night that a considerable number of strikers were expected to go back to work this morning the pickets reported that only one striker, Walter Zweifel, a machinist, returned to his job this morning. One other striker was on his way and after stopping to talk with pickets he decided to stay out. After making the decision he shook hands with the pickets and drove away in his machine.

Last evening a telegram was received from Albina saying that 98 per cent of the men were out there and that there were no breaks in the ranks, the men being "out to win."

The special agent of the railroad company was reported, by five strikers who said they were eye-witnesses, to have used a pick handle in knocking a man off the engine of No. 17 this morning as the man was just starting to get off. The strikers declared that there was no provocation for beating the man.

The special deputy sheriff who are acting as guards are continuing to go about the streets armed while off duty and this is causing the only uneasiness among the strikers whose leaders have pledged themselves to tolerate no violence nor destruction of property. Sheriff Warnick did not attend the meeting yesterday afternoon at which the strike committee wanted to discuss the situation with him. Chief of Police Roy Flexer attended, however, and addressed the men.

It was reported yesterday afternoon that while two of the deputy sheriffs hired as railroad guards were in a drug store a crowd outside discussed their presence and some feared that remarks may possibly be made on such occasions that might cause guards who are too quick tempered to take action which might possibly lead to trouble. This is a condition that the strike committee believes may be remedied by a conference with the sheriff.

**HOOVERIZED INCORPORATED.**

SALEM, July 6.—The Baker Hooverized Grocery, Inc., of Baker, has filed articles of incorporation, capitalization being \$5,000. Those listed as incorporators are Mary A. Soule, John L. Soule and William H. Graves.

**WALLOWA BOY DROWNED.**

WALLOWA, July 6.—Ike Skelton, 22, was drowned in the city swimming pool in the west part of town Sunday. His parents and several brothers and sisters survive. He was the main support of the family as his father is an invalid.

## BELIEVES MEN WILL RETURN ON SATURDAY

Chief Clerk of Railroad Company Also Declares Several Men Now Back.

According to B. A. Jack, chief clerk of the O-W, a number of the older men who walked out Saturday at 10 o'clock are returning to their work. As to the exact number who have returned he is not certain, but states that they expect the greater share of the strikers back on the job before Saturday at 8 o'clock, in compliance with the ultimatum issued by the railroads. The places still left vacant by the strikers will be filled by other labor after the set time Saturday, he announced.

W. Boltons, superintendent of the division, returned from Rich this morning on No. 24 and he announces that the strike conditions in both Rich and Huntington are practically the same as here. No trouble is being experienced and the trains are being run on schedule time without any difficulty. As here, a few men are returning to work, the number increasing gradually.

Otherwise the strike conditions in La Grande remain the same as yesterday, according to Mr. Jack. The shops have a sufficient number of men, including those who remained loyal, those who returned, and railroad men working in the shops whom the strike did not affect. Practically no strikebreakers have been hired and in regard to the number of guards that were said to have arrived yesterday, Mr. Jack said he was not posted on this matter.

He is also contemplating moving the caretaker's quarters on the level with the lake where he will at all times be able to see logs that might escape a jam and keep his eye on the situation better than in the present location below the lake.

## INJURED WOMAN IS IMPROVING

The condition of Mrs. Minnie Allen, of Lostine, who was run over by a Ford car in Elgin on July 4th, is much improved. She was brought to La Grande last evening on the branch line train and is at the Grande Ronde hospital. The medical authorities expect a quick recovery although it appeared that she was dangerously injured at first. The accident occurred on the evening of the Fourth, when a Ford car owned by W. H. Whitlock, of Summerville, and driven by his son, Gerald, who was accompanied by Glen Gibson, of La Grande, was driven to the curb at a rate of speed between 12 and 15 miles per hour. The driver took his foot from the brake, expecting the curb to halt the car, and the Ford slid, ed the curb and after knocking down a newstand belonging to E. Vehrs, struck the lady, breaking her collarbone, three ribs and injuring her internally. The boys were arrested by Deputy Sheriff John Striker, who turned them over to the city of Elgin. They were fined \$10 for reckless driving.

According to witnesses who examined the car the brakes were not in working order and only slowed up the car instead of stopping it. The car was attached by Mr. Allen, for the amount of damages done to his wife and the report is that Whitlock is going to bring suit against Allen for the car.

## Olcott Orders His Attorney General To Take K.K.K. Cases

(By Associated Press)  
SALEM, July 6.—Governor Olcott has instructed Attorney General Van Winkle to take immediate charge of the alleged Ku Klux Klan outrage cases in Jackson county and push prosecution following failure of the local officials to take action against the alleged offenders.

## SUBWAY TRAIN AFIRE IN NEW YORK

Heroic Efforts Made To Save Passengers From Suffocation.

WAS 75 FEET UNDER STREET'S SURFACE

Firemen Bring Victims Up On Fire Ladders; Streets Lined For Blocks With The Injured.

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, July 6.—A hundred and fifty persons were overcome by smoke today when a subway express caught fire near Lexington avenue and Sixty-first street, about 75 feet underground.

The fire started in the motorman's box after a fuse blew out. A mad scramble resulted when the train filled with smoke. The injured were carried up fire ladders and were stretched on the sidewalks for several blocks. Fourteen patients were in operation. Many firemen were overcome and the rescue squad donned gas masks.

## FLOWERSTORE TO BE REFURNISHED

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cherry will leave this evening for a month's trip in the east during which time they will purchase refrigerators, show cases and plate glass panels along with other equipment to refurnish and modernize the flower store in the Foley hotel building.

Combining pleasure with business they will visit Kearney, Nebraska, where Mr. Cherry, thirty years ago, learned the jeweler's trade. \$8000 was on the trip and they will be made days on the trip and will go to Chicago for a stay of several days, where they buy the new equipment. They expect to return to La Grande about August 1st.

## POLL TAX OPPOSED

(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, July 6.—The tax investigation commission decided on no poll tax for Oregon, adopting a report of a subcommittee headed by Walter M. Pierce opposing the poll tax. The commission will report on July 24 to 29, visiting Medford, Roseburg, Eugene, Albany, Salem and McMinnville.

## IRREGULARS SURRENDER

DUBLIN, July 6.—The law of the irregulars in Sackville street surrendered last night.

## HOPPER SEES HOPE FOR A SETTLEMENT

Labor Member of Railroad Believes Speedy Ending of Strike is a Possibility.

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, July 6.—Hope for the speedy settlement of the countrywide strike of the railway shompen was seen Wednesday night in a statement issued by Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the United States railroad labor board, and E. M. Jewell, leader of the shop crafts, who ordered the walkout.

In reply to a letter from Mr. Hooper, which was regarded as conciliatory in tone, Mr. Jewell declared that the strikers were willing to consider any negotiations with anyone in authority for settlement of the strike.

"We are willing to confer with anybody authorized by the railroads to bring peace proposals to us," said Jewell. "I include or exclude nobody, but if the labor board, for instance, came to us with a definite proposition we would not hesitate to consider it."

Mr. Jewell then made public for the first time the exact figures on the strike vote taken by the 400,000 members of the six shop crafts. The vote was divided into three separate ballots; the first on accepting a \$50,000, 000 reduction in wages ordered by the labor board, second the restoration of seven working rules altered by the board, and third the abolishment of outside contracting by the roads.

A tabulation of the ballots, Mr. Jewell said, showed 94.7 per cent of the men had voted to strike on the question of wages. The heaviest vote for a strike was on the question of outside contract labor which polled 97.1 per cent of the vote cast. The ballot on rules came second with 95.2 for strike. Union leaders said that the vote indicated the relative importance attached to the three points at issue by their membership.

In railroad circles it was declared that the way already had been cleared for a full settlement of the gravest issue—that of contract work—by the agreement of 12 roads to abolish outside contracting. The agreement was made at the labor board meeting last Friday when Mr. Jewell ignored an order to appear and explain his strike order.

Mr. Jewell said that the intervention of the board had come too late and that the only way to prevent disorders was for him virtually to defy the board and thus let the rank and file of the six shop crafts organizations involved know that their leaders had their hands on the brakes and were in full control of the situation. He said that so far he had received no overtures looking toward a settlement and had made none. He added that the strike vote was the most representative ever taken.

Mr. Hooper in his letter to Mr. Jewell earlier in the day denied the latter's charge that the labor board was unfriendly to the employees or that it had "outlawed" the strikers. "It has only accepted your own statement that the striking men are not now employees of the carriers," the letter said. "It has not, however, used the rasping word 'outlaw' at any time."

## WILLING TO NEGOTIATE SAYS JEWELL

Chairman Hooper of The Labor Board Is Notified Today.

SIGNALMEN DEFER ACTION ON STRIKE

Final Meeting of Signalmen's Executive Committee Is Called For Saturday.

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, July 6.—Fourteen thousand signalmen in the country are not to be called out, for a time at least, D. W. Heit, president of their union announced today in calling a meeting of the executive committee for Saturday to take final action.

B. M. Jewell, shopmen's leader, replied to Chairman Hooper of the labor board, indicating his willingness to negotiate.

(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, July 6.—Five striking shompen were arrested today charged with disorderly conduct when a policeman claimed he saw them with rocks in their pockets. One striker was arrested last night and charged with throwing a table leg at an automobile carrying non-union men.

The Southern Pacific reported 85 per cent of the men working today. The S. P. & S. said that 20 men were back at work at the shops in Vancouver out of 300 and about half of the Portland forces. The Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company reported 400 out of 650 working. Union leaders declared there had not been a break in their ranks.

## TICKET SALE TO BE ORGANIZED

Underwriters of the 1922 chautauqua association program will meet tomorrow evening, Friday, at the City Hall to determine upon a policy of disposing of season tickets. President Murphy is very anxious to have every person who signed up last year for the guarantee of 1922 tickets to be on hand for the meeting, as the details of the program and other matters will come up. Under the agreement reached each signer of the petition is responsible for his quota of tickets and in order to harmonize and co-ordinate the campaign, the signers should be in attendance. The meeting is called for 8:30 o'clock.

## CIVILIZATION

PAST  
BIG BATTLE ON WESTERN FRONT  
MANY KILLED  
MANY CASUALTIES

PRESENT  
MANY KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS  
POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS  
BATTLE

FUTURE  
GOOD-BYE!  
TO THE WILDERNESS AND PEACE - SAFETY

WONT THIS WANTON DESTRUCTION EVER CEASE?

WATER

Weather

Tonight and Friday are cool and clear with...

## Cars Meet on Highway but none Badly Injured

One more serious accident that came very near being fatal, occurred on the Hot Lake-La Grande highway last evening about 5:10 o'clock when a Ford car driven by Mrs. A. N. Mayville, of La Grande, in attempting to pass a Ford car driven by Mrs. W. Halsey, of Union, caught the front wheel of the latter car with its hind wheel, turning the Ford driven by Mrs. Halsey completely over and landing it in the deep water by the side of the road. Mrs. Halsey was cut about the breast and knees and some of the party narrowly escaped drowning. The Mayville car was uninjured and remained on the road.

According to Dr. Mayville, who accompanied Mrs. Mayville, they left La Grande about 4:30 o'clock before for love or a professional call and between Lone Tree and Hot Lake they attempted to pass Mrs. Halsey, who was accompanied by her three children, Nevada, Howard and Norman, and a Mrs. Egan, of Union, after giving her group a ride when the car was caught and the accident occurred. The Mayville car was uninjured, but the driver was cut about the breast and knees and some of the party narrowly escaped drowning. The Mayville car was uninjured and remained on the road.

Dr. Mayville then took Mrs. Halsey and one of the children to Hot Lake and the rest of the party on to Union. Mrs. Halsey was not seriously injured.

Weather