

CHERRY TREES WELL LOADED WITH FRUIT

Cove One of Busiest Sections in Northwest Now.

BIGGEST CROP IN YEARS HARVESTED

Good Profit for Farmers This Year; Many Carloads Being Shipped to Canneries.

Cove is in the midst of her busy season and she is happy in her work. A trip to that part of the county last evening by a representative of the Evening Observer disclosed one of the busiest sections of the entire northwest.

Cherry pickers have gathered at Cove from Milton and Freewater, Walla Walla and other sections where the fruit crop has been already cared for and the little city across the valley bears the appearance of a camp-mooring in full swing.

The pickers did not come in vain for this year Cove has something to pick. Never before in the past fifteen years have the trees been so heavily loaded with the cherries that take the world's prize at every national and international exposition. One of the largest crops Cove has ever produced is now in full process of being picked, packed and shipped.

All Warehouses Busy. The several fruit warehouses in Cove are veritable bee hives as the box makers, packers and freight handlers hurry back and forth. Cars stand at the doors ready to be loaded and several were on the track last night already loaded and billed out.

One express car was loaded with choice cherries and properly lined ready to make the run to Chicago. When asked what the express charge would be on the car, John Decker, a veteran cherry raiser and buyer, said it would reach in the neighborhood of \$700.

Car a Day to The Dalles. Libby, McNeil & Libby, the largest canning firm with their new factory at The Dalles, is buying heavily this year in Cove. Mr. Decker is their local representative and they are shipping a carload a day from that part of the valley to The Dalles cannery.

They are also loading at La Grande and Union and the tonnage of fruit which they convey will take from this valley this year is very large.

Growers get good profit. Cherries are bringing about seven cents a pound this season, and the cost of picking will run from a cent and a half to two cents. This shows a fine margin for the grower and every cherry tree is making good for the grower and at the same time has received. One tree netted \$35.50 to the grower and the older trees in full bearing will hit along this average, according to men well posted in cherry culture.

The new orchards are coming on and every owner of an orchard that is just coming into bearing is mighty proud of his possession.

Had Some Lean Years. For several years the cherry crop has been lean in the Cove country and now with this exceptional year, the bins have been emptied and the grower has perked up and is strictly in the game.

"If we could have a crop like this every year," said one man who has stuck to the game through thick and thin, "a cherry orchard would be the best property on earth for it is possible to receive a gross income this year of \$1500 from an acre of good cherry orchard."

GOVERNORS' AID ASKED BY MR. HARDING

Makes Plea for Ending Coal Strike in Telegrams Sent to Governors of Coal States.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 19.—In the name of the common welfare and the paramount need of the American people for the production and transportation of a fuel supply, President Harding Tuesday night, through telegrams called upon the governors of 28 coal states to furnish protection and safeguards to men and employees willing to resume work in the industry, notwithstanding the mine workers' strike. To the efforts of the states in this direction, he said, "the federal government pledges to you every assistance at its command."

Behind the telegrams there loomed the definite indication of a government decision to obtain the resumption of transportation and mining, both hampered today by labor walk-outs which high government officials consider interconnected and associated.

Replying to a question late Tuesday, Attorney General Daugherty said: "Naturally there's a relationship between the railroad and coal situations, whether inspired or conspired I am not saying."

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, disclosed the president's message to the governors "merely a gesture which will not produce coal in any substantial quantity," and asserted that the mine workers' strike would be continued.

Earlier in the day, before the telegrams had been dispatched, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, predicted in a statement that President Harding's invitation to the operators to resume operations would result in no appreciable increase in production. He added that "when a half million men are unemployed in a poor time, indeed, for the roll of drums, the rattling of sabers and the pounding of the muffled fist."

President Harding in his telegrams explained in detail the negotiations and conferences with union officials and mine operators, and the offer of existing wage scales to the striking miners, all of which had ended, he said, in failure to reach a voluntary adjustment and left no recourse to invite the mine operators to return to their mines and resume operations. For this last endeavor, he asked the assistance of the states.

GIVES PRAISE TO THE FISH EXHIBIT

"I have never seen such a display of fish as I beheld in the window of the Eastern Oregon Hardware and Implement company prior to the fish show which the sportsmen gave," remarked a stranger today who is in the city looking over the exhibit, and has spent several days here.

"No state could heat that exhibit," continued the speaker, "and there should have been some way of photographing that exhibit so that it might have become a part of the history of eastern Oregon. While the trout were especially attractive in the manner in which they were displayed was carefully done and withal it was one of the most delightful exhibits to one who enjoys the out-of-doors that I have ever seen."

POISON RUMOR DENIED

(By Associated Press.) WIGA, July 19.—An official contradiction of a rumor, coming through Scandinavian channels, that Premier Lenin of soviet Russia had been poisoned, was issued by the soviet embassy here Tuesday.

Market News

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, July 19.—Cattle were slow today and hogs were steady. Sheep were slow. Butter and eggs were steady. Wheat was \$1.07 to \$1.12.

Last Strike Causes Helper Engines to Be Pulled In; Helpers Now Run From Here

SUPPORT OF WORKERS IS REQUESTED

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 19.—An appeal was issued today by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor to "all workers everywhere to support the railroad workers in their efforts to secure a just settlement in the railroad shops trade dispute."

Organized labor is specifically asked in the federation's appeal to refrain from doing any work formerly done by men now striking and strikers are urged to conduct themselves in a law-abiding manner.

GRABLE SAYS HIS MEN WILL STAY AT WORK

CHICAGO, July 19.—With E. F. Grable, president of the maintenance of way union, asserting that he did not expect his men to leave their work, conferences looking toward a peaceful settlement of the shopmen's strike continued Tuesday.

Mr. Grable issued a statement Tuesday night asserting that "the path to an early adjustment is open" so far as the 400,000 members of his organization are concerned. Referring to his conference with President Harding last week Mr. Grable said he had received assurance that Chairman Commons of the senate investigating committee would be largely satisfied with the plan to obtain the use of a vacant piece of land in near the central part of town as possible and about a checking system whereby automobiles would be put in the parking space exactly as one checks same. Guards could be provided day and night to prevent theft of auto part.

The committee on arrangements is making public announcement through the Pacific Northwest to the effect that there will be no going of visitors by restaurants, soft drinks or any of the other lines of business that will be largely patronized by those who come to town. The committee felt that it is not La Grande's way, and that there would be no disposition among any one to raise prices even so little for this event. As a consequence of this confidence of the business men the committee has already broadcast a guarantee that there will be no increase in prices.

In order that local business houses may be as harmoniously decorated as possible the general committee last night posted two prices for the best decorated windows during the week of the convention. These windows must be ready by Monday morning and must be kept up until after the close of the convention. The judging will take place on Thursday. There is a wide latitude in this regard, the only requirement that they must be of Dikie type. The colors of the order are gold and royal purple and emblematic of the colors of the high desert scene, semitars, cactuses, canes and palm trees. This contest applies only to window decorations and has nothing to do with exterior decorations.

TRUCK INJURES PLAYING CHILD

While playing at the edge of the alley back of the Hotel In-Harry, Harry Hess, the eight-year-old child, was struck and injured by a truck driven by Tom Wilson, coming out of the alley. The boy tried to cross the street in front of the truck and the driver used every means possible to escape hitting the boy, driving his truck into a gravel pit but hitting the lad, nevertheless.

Wilson immediately picked up the injured lad and took him to the hospital, but there it was found that he was only scratched about the face and one of his legs was injured.

FIREMEN'S STRIKE IS EFFECTIVE

The strike committee reports that the strike of the stationary firemen and engineers and others resulted in only two men remaining at work and about 50 going out on the second division. The men reported as remaining at work were Wesley Harrison and Claire Scriber. From Riech it is reported that all went out and from Telecast it is reported that the strike was also 100 per cent. One fireman stayed there, but he is reported as refusing to do any of the work of his men. Dead engines are reported to be on the increase, although the superintendent's office denies such reports.

COMMITTEES TO HANDLE DOKIE MEETING NAMED

A list of details pertaining to the Dokie convention which is to be held in La Grande, September 1st and 2nd, were given out in a general meeting of all committees held at the Ad Club headquarters last evening. In order to centralize responsibility and scatter the work, the program committee headed by C. K. McCormick, has appointed much of its manifold duties to specific special committees. These committees include:

Band and drum corps competitive committee, Chris Mays.

Stunt program, C. W. McCormick.

Competitive patrol exhibition, H. E. Dixon.

Side for visitors, entertainment committee of the Ad Club.

Ceremonial arrangements, W. D. McCarthy.

March band, entertainment committee of the Ad Club.

Timing facilities committee, Claude Cooper.

Auto checking and parking, Clint Hays.

A revision of the budget of expenses attached to the convention was made last night so that the total sum of a little more than \$4,000 would be needed to successfully finance the event.

BENEFIT DANCE THIS EVENING

A dance will be given this evening in the Rex hall by the management with the music furnished by Loney's orchestra for the benefit of the strikers. In recognition, the Imperial Pop Orchestra will not give their regular Wednesday night dance at the Eastern hall.

A large crowd is expected to be present as all are cordially invited to come and dance with the strikers.

New York Editor Dies Tuesday After Two Months' Illness

NEW YORK, July 19.—Charles R. Miller, 40 years old, editor of the New York Times, died here Tuesday after an illness of several months. He was 73 years of age.

Mr. Miller's entire newspaper career was with the Times, except for three years spent on the staff of the Springfield Republican, after his graduation from Dartmouth in 1872.

He was recognized as one of the best editorial writers in the country and held honorary degrees from Dartmouth and Columbia and decorations from the French and Belgian governments. He was a member of the Club of Metropolitan and Piping Rock clubs of New York.

BANKERS WANT TO CANCEL ALL DEBTS OF WAR

American Institute of Banking Meeting in Portland Debates on Mutual Cancellation.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., July 19.—Today's session of the annual convention of the American Institute of Banking was featured by a debate on the question "Resolved that the United States enter into an agreement for the mutual cancellation of war inter-allied war debts." The alternative was taken by the New York chapter of the institute and the negative by the Seattle chapter. The New York team was composed of J. V. D. Stryker, C. E. Schuch, and E. A. Lahn, with John Golden as alternative. Seattle's debaters were Allen P. Hall, Cooper W. Clark, and Herbert C. Bryant, with W. C. Phillips as alternative.

The afternoon program included an address by Governor Charles R. Mabey of Utah, on "Patriotic Obligations of Peace," and an industry talk by George S. Lonn, Tacoma timberman.

Departmental conferences today included talks by P. H. Detweiler, Philadelphia, S. G. Sucher, Los Angeles, E. L. Jenkins, Spokane, R. P. Holdsworth, Boston, Percy B. Menagh, Newark, N. J., Charles Schacht, St. Louis, Harry R. Gosling, New York, Ralph Schaefer, Portland, Ore., George E. Maine, Seattle, Norman T. Hayes, Philadelphia, Clarence R. Chaney, Minneapolis, Frank M. Hoston, Cleveland, William A. Kramer, Milwaukee, Miss. Adolphe R. Lester, Brooklyn, N. Y., Stephen G. Endered, Utica, N. Y., George W. Wright, New York, Arthur W. Sauer, Brooklyn.

At the chapter president's conference today the program included addresses by J. Kesler James, Omaha, E. B. Detweiler, Philadelphia, H. Raymond Lee, Richmond, Va., and Frank N. Tatton, New York.

ANTON KROHN HAS PASSED ON

Anton Krohn passed on this morning at about two o'clock at the end of an extended illness. He was forty-six years of age at the time of his death and is survived by one brother, John A. Krohn, of Omsk, Wisconsin. The deceased was an employee of the D. W. and had made his home in La Grande for many years.

The remains are at the Bohnenkamp Undertaking Parlor pending funeral arrangements.

UNION PIONEER HAS PASSED ON

UNION, July 19.—Mrs. Babette Levy, one of Union county's pioneer women, died at her home last evening at the close of an extended illness. Mrs. Levy had been a resident of Union for many years and her death comes as a sad shock to her host of friends.

Progressive Named For Senator Today By a Large Vote

(By Associated Press.) OMAHA, July 19.—R. B. Howell, progressive republican, was apparently nominated at yesterday's state senate vote for the United States senate over Congressman Albert W. Jeffries, conservative. Howell, who declared for the farm bloc and against the ship subsidy, received 24,542 precincts reported, compared with 15,000 votes when 813 of the state's 1914 300 for Jeffries.

Eastern Oregon Doctors will Meet on Thursday

The annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Medical Society will be held tomorrow in Baker, the meeting taking place in the Baker library, in charge of President T. J. Higgins. Practically all of the local physicians and surgeons will be in attendance as well as those from the counties enrolled in the society: Wasco, Sherman, Wheeler, Crook, Harney, Grant, Gilliam, Malheur, Baker, Umatilla, Union, Morrow and Wallowa counties all claiming membership.

The day's program will commence at 9:30 when Dr. Roy W. Matson, of Portland, will speak on the diagnosis of Early Tuberculosis, which will be followed by a talk on Pre-Epidemiologic Lesions of the Skin, by Dr. Lyle Kingery, of Portland.

After luncheon Dr. R. C. Coffey, of Portland, will address the society, followed by Dr. Guy Strohm, of Portland. At four o'clock a demonstration of some rare conditions will close the program.

The physicians and surgeons present will hold an open discussion of all subjects and are invited to prepare their arguments and take part in the discussions.

CONFIDENCE EXPRESSED BY GOVERNMENT

Presidents' Coal Attitude Takes Well With Officials.

MINING MAY BE RESUMED SOON

Plans Being Made to Keep Protection Pledge of President Announced Today.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 19.—Replies from the governors of the coal producing states called on yesterday by the president to cooperate with the federal government in protecting the miners and mines where operations were resumed, today poured into the White House. Most of the governors said they would support the federal policy if any emergency should arise and outlined plans.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 19.—Administration officials, awaited with confidence today the response of state executives and coal operators and miners to the government's determination to secure resumption of coal production. Plans went forward to put the government in a position to fulfill its pledge of "every assistance at its command" given by the president in telegrams to the governors of 28 states last night in which they were called upon by the executives to give the necessary safeguards to the men willing to resume work.

TOTAL SAVINGS ARE ENORMOUS

Total savings deposits in banks in the United States amount to slightly more than \$16,500,000,000, according to an exhaustive study just completed by the American Bankers association in its savings bank division under the direction of Deputy Manager Leo Day Woodworth. This total is in conflict, Mr. Woodworth points out, with the estimates recently framed by the United States government bureau, placing the total savings for the country at \$22,000,000,000, a figure which is based on mutual savings bank deposits and outstanding United States bonds. The present figure of sixteen and a half billions includes savings deposits, certificates of deposit of thirty days and over, and postal savings, for which the most complete data yet compiled has been obtained through a special nationwide inquiry made in cooperation with Comptroller of the Currency Crisinger, the supervisor of state banks, and individual banks.

The diversity of saving bank practices throughout the country, and differences in social conditions from section to section, make complete data and safe inter-sectional comparisons difficult, Mr. Woodworth says, adding: "The variety of methods under which savings are deposited offers further proof of the fact that the vast bulk of the people's savings is entirely beyond control of any effective grouping of financiers which can be conceived."

Schooner Goes Down Off Point Chehalis But Crew Is Saved

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—The schooner King Cyrus from Honolulu to Gray's Harbor was stranded on Point Chehalis, Washington. Captain A. E. Bosendale and 11 members of the crew were removed by life savers at Westport, according to word received by the Gardiner Mill company, owners of the vessel. The ship went ashore while in town of the tug John Cuthbert and may be a total loss.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press.) SHANGHAI, China, July 19.—David Lightner, arrested here a few days ago on Portland, Oregon, charges that he visited the narrow lane, today cut his way through the ceiling and roof of the American consulate prison and escaped.

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, July 19.—Cancellation of six Northern Pacific trains effective today between Spokane and Lewiston, Idaho; Walla Walla to Pasco, Washington; and Pasco to Pendleton was a strike development here today.

Surveyors are at Work On the New Cove Road

There is rejoicing in Cove and the eastern part of the valley for the surveyors are at work on the new La Grande-Cove road. Stakes appear all along the right-of-way and it is understood that surveyors are at work now compiling their field notes, which will take about a week to complete.

This is the road that was designated in the Union county bond issue and is one of the main highways which that campaign called for owing to

serious causes, the work has been delayed until now, but it looks very bright for the road work has started with a good healthy start. Just what type of road will be laid has not been determined. The favorite type among the people of the Eastern part of the county seems to be one-half concrete and the other crushed rock, giving a hard surface road for year-round travel with the crushed rock part for turnouts and parking purposes.



Tonight and Thursday fair.