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## PRESIDENT TAKES STEP IN STRIKE

May Simmon, Chairman Hooper to Washington to Discuss Situation.

## EXECUTIVES FAIL TO SETTLE ISSUES

Seniority Rules Said to be One of Stumbling Blocks to Which Executives of Rail Line Refuse to Give In.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, July 21.—President Harding was said to administration advisers, who conferred with him today, to contemplate as the next move in the railroad strike the summoning to Washington of Chairman Hooper of the railroad labor board for full discussion of the questions at issue.

Railway executives who conferred last night with members of the senate interstate commerce committee refused to restore strikers' seniority rights, which held a big point at issue.

Samuel Gompers in a statement today invited the government to urge striking coal miners and striking railroad workers and their respective employers to inaugurate direct negotiations.

As a last step toward turning the country's coal supply to the most essential consuming interests, the interstate commerce commission and the commerce department today drew up a scheme for diverting coal to railroads now verging on a shortage.

## TROOPS ON MOVE

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 21.—Pennsylvania cavalrymen and machine gunners are moving into coal fields of the southwestern part of the state to prevent disorder when the coal mines re-open. The wheels of the state government is being massed behind them.

## LOCAL THEME IN PLAY TONIGHT

The Broadway Players, known to La Grande audiences as the Kelly Comedians, is offering for tonight's show one of the best and funniest farce comedies before the American public, according to the publicity agent for the Garden.

The story centers in the difficulties of a La Grande girl on her first trip to Europe, the comedy situations being so well timed that the audience is continually on its toes from the first curtain until the last curtain of the last act.

Miss Brocchi as the girl from La Grande will make local folks proud of their representative among Europe's elite. It is her first effort here in light comedy and her first opportunity to show her versatility. Meet La Grande girls would choose the same course and pursue the same tactics when first brought into contact with European nobility.

Eddie Mar in the role of Sir Blakesley Beresford, a bluff Englishman, is doing a part particularly well adapted to his magnetic personality.

Melba Palmer as Priscilla Peabody, also from La Grande, while she does not have much opportunity to show her talent, she handles the part to the best advantage. Miss Palmer is directing "The Girl from La Grande," which gives her plenty to do.

Peggy Wallace, doing Lady Violet, expects to add new laurels to her crown of curly hair. Miss Wallace apparently has lost none of her popularity in the three weeks she has been away.

There have been some new additions to the cast which have strengthened the show materially. George South, who made his first appearance in "When the Law" has just completed a long engagement in pictures, and seems very glad to get back into legitimate fields. Mr. South is one of the cleverest performers in the line of the northwest and for years before entering pictures was well known in stock fields all the way from Frisco to Vancouver.

Jack Charters, another addition and a decided asset, is first from a long engagement in Victoria. Jack was expected to join the show some time ago but was unable to terminate his engagement sooner.

Henry MacDonald is joining from the Taylor Brothers show and will make his appearance in "The Girl from La Grande."



Tonight and Saturday Fair

## MANY CHERRIES SHIPPED FROM HERE THIS YEAR

La Grande, as Well as Cove, One of Eastern Oregon's Big Fruit Shipping Centers.

For the past two weeks cherries, mostly Royal Anns, Bing and Lambert, have been coming into La Grande, which is the natural shipping center in this section, from Eagle Valley, Imbler, Bign, Pumpkin Ridge and from local fruit growers, in ever-increasing amounts. The greater share of the cherry crop in this section is being shipped to Libby, MeNeil and Taylor & The Dalles. A. J. Webster being in charge here, with George Gilson handling the cherries going to The Dalles at Cove.

Practically all of the cherries grown and shipped here are going through the hands of Harley Smith at the Bunting Warehouse, and about twelve carloads of cherries, averaging about \$2500 to the car, has already been sent from La Grande to other points. Nearly all of the black cherries are being sent to Cove by trucks, where they are packed and forwarded to New York.

Eagle valley has been sending in two trucks of cherries every morning and the final shipments arrive tomorrow. The cherries are being shipped out of Eagle valley early in the evening and arrive here about ten o'clock the following morning, the trucks then returning for another load. About fifteen tons of cherries have been received from this source, practically all being the highest grade, which is bringing seven cents per pound.

Elgin and Imbler are both sending a large quantity of cherries in each evening on the branch line train and Pumpkin Ridge, which is near Summerville, has sent in over eighteen tons.

Although there are not so many large orchards in the immediate vicinity of La Grande, the crop around here amounts to a considerable quantity. A. W. Leffell and Jack McFarland are among the largest cherry raisers in this section, about 16 tons and 20 tons being the respective yields of their ranches. The trees average about 150 pounds, the best quality selling at seven cents and the lower grades cheaper. Pickers are being paid one and one-half cents per pound on the average and there has been no scarcity of pickers this season. Quite a number have been shipped in from The Dalles, Umattila and other cities.

Mr. Leffell has about nine acres in cherries and, with a bumper crop this year, is doing quite well. He is receiving about \$140 per ton and he estimates that the entire expense per ton, including shipping, picking, cultivating, etc., amounts to about \$50 leaving nearly \$1800 profit on nine acres.

Another local farm that has an enormous yield, considering the number of trees, is that owned by Berry and Shiff. The cherries, called the New Giants, a cross between Lambert and Bing, are of a good size and high quality, bringing the best price, and are bearing exceedingly heavy. On only a few trees, the crop amounted to over ten tons.

The crop of Royal Anns is practically harvested but the Bing, Lambert and others that mature a little later are just at their best now.

## STOCK SPREAD OVER BIG AREA

A new system of selecting salt grounds has been adopted by the forest service in the last few years that has many superior advantages over the older plan. Formerly, it was customary to place the salt near the source of drinking water and the stock would come to drink and lick the salt and would congregate and probably rest in the immediate vicinity instead of grazing over a larger territory.

However, the forest service has adopted a new plan which provides for the placing of the grounds between one-quarter and one-half a mile distant from the drinking source, thus spreading the stock over a larger range and not causing the combined salt lick and watering place to become a gathering place for members of the bovine and equine species.

## BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) LONDON, July 21.—Limerick has been captured by the Irish National army, says a Dublin dispatch. The nationalists took many prisoners together with arms and ammunition.

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, July 21.—A message from Nenagh, passed by the military censor, reported that the Limerick situation was very grave. Over 20 were killed and 40 wounded in the fighting there.

ASSASSIN HUNGER STRIKER. TOKIO.—Nakasaki, the young Japanese student who assassinated Premier Inaba, started a hunger strike in prison, but resumed eating after two days.

## ARBITRATION OF DISPUTE IS AGREED ON

Tacna-Arica Question May Be Settled Amicably After Many Years.

## SECRETARY HUGHES HAILS ACHIEVEMENT

Declaration Made That Settlement Arrived at is One of Biggest Peace Accomplishments in Years.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, July 21.—Agreement of Chile and Peru to arbitrate the Tacna-Arica controversy was signed by the plenipotentiaries of the two governments here today at the final session of the Chilean and Peruvian conference.

The agreement to settle the old dispute by arbitration was hailed by Secretary of State Hughes in his speech at the closing session of the conference as a sweeping victory for the "conference plan of international negotiations." He declared the settlement as the greatest accomplishment of a generation in the direction of peace in the western hemisphere.

## MARKET ROADS TO BE IMPROVED

The county will not commence work on the market roads until in September, announced Judge U. G. Couch today. No work is being done on the market roads at present as they are in fair condition, being somewhat above the average, due to the late spring which has not given the roads sufficient time to get into a condition where they are full of ruts and deep dust.

In September work will be commenced on three important roads in Union county and probably on some of the minor ones, although the latter part is indefinite. The road from Cove to Union will be thoroughly gone over, grading and graveling being the main part of the contemplated work. The road near Elgin and the road near North Powder will also receive their share of improvement.

ANOTHER BROKER BROKE. NEW YORK, July 21.—Allen A. Ryan, prominent Wall Street broker, 83 of Thomas Ryan, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy today. His liabilities are placed at approximately \$2,500,000 and his assets, excluding \$1,000,000. Two years ago he figured in the famous corner of the Stutz.

## MARRIED LOSE JOBS.

SOUTHEND, Eng.—Unmarried teachers are to replace all married instructors in the local schools.

## 'Henry and Me' are at Outs

Kansas Governor Orders Arrest of Famous Editor of Emporia.

(By Associated Press) TOPEKA, Kan., July 21.—Governor Henry J. Allen Thursday night authorized the arrest of William Allen White, editor of the Emporia Gazette, for alleged violation of the anti-picketing provision of the Kansas industrial court and issued a statement. The warrant probably will be issued Friday, it was believed.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 21.—"Henry and me," the one Governor Henry J. Allen and the other William Allen White, close friends for many years, fellow travelers, both with national reputations as publicists and editors, co-workers overseas during the World War, and two of the chief political leaders of Kansas, Thursday differed materially. The Kansas court of industrial relations, of which Governor Allen was the chief sponsor, was the point of discussion.

## NO POLITICS ON SAYS GOVERNOR

Chief Executive While in La Grande Said he was Not Talking About State Issues.

When asked by a reporter for the Evening Observer yesterday what the political situation may be in the state, Governor Ben W. Olcott who was here with the highway commission, said he did not know.

"I have been out three weeks seeing Oregon first," said the chief executive, "and let me say that I have seen a most wonderful state. None of us realize what a great place we have unless we get out and see the grandeur of it. No, I have not the least information on what the politics of the state are. I know, there has been a recent proceeding brought by Mr. Hall and I know that I have answered his charges, but really there has been no political whatsoever indulged in on this trip. We have been having a fine time and I wish every citizen of Oregon could go over the country that I have gone over with the commission."

## STEAL SHIRTS, GET INTO JAIL

Joe Williams and Joe Brown were arrested this morning on a charge of petty larceny in a store and are being held in the city jail until the case is disposed of.

The alleged theft occurred this morning when the two men went into Westerner & Gilbert's clothing and outfitting store for men and took two silk shirts. The manager discovered the theft and notified the police, who promptly located and arrested the accused men.

## DISTRIBUTION PLANS BEING FORMULATED

Coal Problem is Occupying Attention of High Government Officials Today.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, July 21.—Distribution of coal during the strike emergency through a special commission is understood today to be the administration plan to make certain the full supply necessary to continued railroad operation. The matter was discussed at today's cabinet meeting and later it was understood that Secretary Hoover, acting for the president, has undertaken the formation of a commission.

## HUNTING GOOD, IS REPORT MADE

The sagehen season is well on the way of its two weeks progress and with nearly a week spent already, the hunting is still excellent in some sections. According to local sportsmen who have been journeying over a good share of hills adjacent to La Grande the hill this side of Medical Springs is the most favorable spot for the sagehen this year.

Several of the La Grande men have been bringing in the limit of five. E. T. Andrews and E. O. Herzinger both left a few days ago for the Medical Springs district and returned with their bags filled with the five birds the law allows them to kill. They stated that the birds were plentiful where they went but that it was almost necessary to have a good dog along because the birds are being close to the ground this year and many sportsmen can testify who went out without a good bird dog. Nine times out of ten them came back without a single sage hen.

The sagehens are plump and of a nice size this year, very few birds being shot that are not of a full size. The feeding has been good and with a good dog, a trusty gun and a little ambition, the hunter can be fairly sure of lagging, if not the limit, more than one, at any rate. The season closes on the evening of July 31.

## WORK ON HOME STARTED TODAY

The carpenters commenced work this morning on a modern style bungalow and bath bungalow that is being built on M. and First for Mary J. McLaughlin by the La Grande Investment Co. The house will be completed in a few weeks.

The building is of the most modern construction, having several new features that will aid in the living comfort and general appearance. A basement has been constructed and from now on the work will progress with rapidity.

## SCENIC HIGHWAY ROUTE IS TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE OLD OREGON TRAIL

## OLCOTT WINS FIRST ROUND IN RECOUNT

Circuit Judges in Salem Rule in Favor of Contentions of Governor's Attorneys.

SALEM, July 21.—Circuit Judges Bingham and Kelly, sitting en banc in the Hall-Olcott case, in which the governor's attorneys sought to have two points stricken from the recount complaint of Charles Hall, defeated candidates for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in the recent primary election, Thursday sustained Olcott's motion to eliminate the point pertaining to re-registration at the polls on election day.

The decision was explained as meaning that a voter affiliated with one party before the actual date of election, may change his party affiliation on election day.

The judges pointed out that section 490, Oregon laws, reads, "It shall be the duty of all official registers and election boards before whom such re-registrations are made to send the county clerk of the county in which the election is held."

It will now be necessary for the Olcott forces to file an answer to the other six specifications by next Tuesday.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon attorneys for Mr. Hall, candidate for governor at the recent primaries, closed their argument by expressing the belief that no voter, previously registered, may legally change his party at the polls.

"This is not a matter of preventing a man from exercising his right to vote," John Collier, Portland attorney, appearing for Mr. Hall, declared. "You must not, however, to allow a man from one family to enter another family circle and run its affairs." Mr. Collier added that, in his opinion, any registered voter who changed his party at the polls without previously canceling his earlier registration was an illegal voter and that, in consequence, his ballot would not be entitled to the secret which, under ordinary circumstances, would attach to it.

Explains Contentions. "I wish to make it plain that I am referring to those who had previously registered," Collier explained. "This matter may prove favorable to either side, and the irregularity may have occurred on both sides."

Considerable time was given by attorneys for Hall in discussing the circumstances under which "Form A" and "Form B" to be used by voters in registering—might be used. Gus C. Moore, for Hall, insisted that "A" was to be used only by an unregistered voter at the polls, and that "B" was to be used prior to election day, at the county clerk's office, by a registered voter who wishes to change his party.

The Hall faction, W. S. U'Ren declared, is ready to bring into court no less than 1000 persons, originally registered as Democrats or Independents, who in primary election day obtained Republican ballots and votes for Governor Olcott.

This practice, attorneys for Mr. Olcott contended was entirely regular.

Stark Allegations. Only two of the eleven allegations set forth in the Hall petition for a recount were attacked by attorneys for the governor, who asked that those having to do with registration and with a voter's ballot outside his precinct be stricken from the complaint. During the argument yesterday the point having to do with balloting in precincts in which voters were not registered was scarcely touched on.

Jay Bowerman, who, with Roy Shields, appeared as attorney for Governor Olcott, declared that any voter, whether registered or not, is a legal voter, and declared that party affiliation since the closing of the books thirty days prior to the election date and who are willing to take oath regarding their good faith in such action. He insisted that the casting of votes by unregistered citizens does not constitute a basis for a recount.

## FOOD COSTS UP.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The retail cost of food to the average family in the United States increased 1 per cent in the month from May 15 to June 15, according to a report Thursday by the bureau of statistics of the department of labor.

## State Highway Commission Met With Local Officials Yesterday.

## OTHER PROJECTS WILL NOT SUFFER

Members of Commission on Tour of Inspection of State Highways Entertained at Country Club.

It was apparent from the attitude of the state highway commission at the luncheon yesterday at the Country Club that the Oro Dell crossing will be installed in due time, but that no other roads in Union county will suffer in order to complete the Oro Dell section.

It will do no good to become impatient, but everyone present left the meeting with the belief that as quickly as possible and that Oregon Trail will not be left with the gap of road running by way of the stock yards out of La Grande as many had feared.

The overland party consisting of Commissioners Booth, Yeon and Barrett, Governor Ben W. Olcott, Engineer R. H. Baldoek, Secretary to the Commission R. A. Klein, H. L. Frye of the Portland Telegram, Johnnie Kelley of the Oregonian and Bob Johnson of the Journal dined with an excellent party of La Grande citizens at the Country Club and a full and thorough discussion of the Oro Dell matter followed.

Union County Does Her Part. Speaking for the commission R. A. Booth, the chairman, spoke at length on the manner in which Union county has discharged her duty in the state-wide road program.

"You have done your share; you have done more than a great many counties; you should be asked to do no more," were the words of Mr. Booth and then he told of the last five years of road building. "It is our intention now to close the gaps," he said. "For we have tried to start construction at all the principal centers thus giving people the use of the roads as much as we could before we could finally close the gaps which we are now doing making the highways complete. Of course there is a lot to be done yet. Take for instance in Klamath and Lake counties—a fine piece of Oregon peopled with an excellent people—we are trying to build them roads so that they will remain in Oregon instead of trading in California and going to that state for their social entertainment. In many of the sparsely populated counties we have had to do much which the counties could not do. We may have made some mistakes, perhaps we have, but we have done our very best with our hearts beating for the state that we all love. On the Roosevelt highway we have spent four million dollars and we have spent eight million dollars more on the roads connecting the Roosevelt highway with the Pacific highway, which is the clearing house of all. This is not a mistake. There is no road building a mistake for good roads are economy. I have it from a government official of the bureau of roads that the savings in traveling over good roads as compared with poor roads in an automobile is five cents per mile. Think of what this will mean when the stream of machines use Oregon highways as they are sure to do. And then the saving on freight traffic will be tremendous, so that I am positive the money we are spending for highways is money well spent."

G. L. Larson acted as chairman of the meeting and brought to the attention of the commission the different topics in which Union county is interested.

## Governor Talks.

Before adjournment Governor Ben W. Olcott was called upon for a talk and the chief executive, after assuring everyone he was delighted to be present reviewed the trip which he had just completed for the highway commission extending from California's north line, on to Bend and then through the John Day country to Ontario, back to Baker, thence to Enterprise and from Enterprise to La Grande.

"I think Wallawa lake is one of the finest spots I have ever seen," said the governor, "and the great we passed in the Grande Ronde is prize winning wheat and no mistake. It is better than Illinois ever raised I am sure and I am from Illinois."

All members of the party were delighted with the Country Club and its surroundings and the meeting was a community gathering in a most neighborly way.

## BLESSING OF PEACE.

LONDON.—The return of German beer to a famous London hotel was hailed by an artist dining there as "one of the blessings of peace."

## MY, OH MY! AREN'T THEY THE CHEERFUL LITTLE FELLOWS?

