

## U. P. IN BEST CONDITION

### California Tied Tight in Grip of Walkouts and State is Nearly Isolated

From a survey of general railroad conditions, which survey is obtained from Associated Press dispatches, reaching the Evening Observer office today, it is apparent that the Union Pacific Railroad from Portland through La Grande east is in the best shape of any railroad west of Omaha and, although trains are late, it is getting the trains through.

No tie-ups are reported on the main line of the U. P. and traffic is being carried on more successfully on its railroad than on any other line.

In La Grande there is no trouble or indication of trouble. Shipmen who are striking maintain the same attitude they have had from the beginning, which has been one of respect for law, and there is no desire to be found to do drastic things.

Whether Big Four men here will in time refuse to take out trains is a matter for the future to determine but up to now no refusals have been made and there is no immediate indication that the Big Four will walk out on this division.

That rolling stock is in need of repair all will admit, and that occasionally a locomotive dies on a run is a matter of general knowledge, but even with these conditions the reserve power is being used and the trains are being put over the hills on time that is considered good under present general conditions.

The Short Line trains suffer delay in getting into Huntington, which in turn delays the O. W. This combined with the troubles of the O. W. on its line have not caused the annulment of any passenger trains and they get through a few hours late.

California is isolated. (By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—Northern and Central California lost the only remaining rail line to the east as far as freight transportation is concerned early this morning and seem to be in fair way to lose this route for passengers also, as a result of the spread of the transportation strike and walkouts occurring from Roseville to Sacramento.

The principal line north was also lost to fast freight traffic when officials of the railroad declared an embargo on all perishables north of Gerber and east of Roseville.

This explained why meat traffic is impossible over the Shasta route to Portland and Ogden route east, creating a serious situation in fruit and live stock.

The Santa Fe system in the west is virtually paralyzed by walkouts at Needles, Seligman, Ashfork, Williams and Winslow, Arizona.

The Union Pacific from Salt Lake to Los Angeles is blocked solidly by refusal of Brotherhood men to move trains.

The Western Pacific between San Francisco and Salt Lake is also blocked completely by the walkouts at Oroville and Oakland and Stockton. Announcement has been made that traffic is suspended indefinitely.

Unions Meeting Today. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Chief interest in the possibility of settlement of the rapidly spreading railroad strike centered today in a meeting of the union leaders here.

Little hope is entertained anywhere that any action of the meeting might result in a substantial relief of the present demoralized situation of the transportation business.

Railroad chiefs are on their way here following publication of their answer to President Harding's peace offer.

No further mediatory step was in immediate prospect this afternoon. The railroads' answer to the president was "conditional acceptance," which is regarded certain to encounter the disapproval of the strikers.

Official Says S. P. All Right. (By Associated Press.)

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 14.—Not a passenger train on the Southern Pacific to the north was stalled and none has been annulled, General Manager Dyer declared this afternoon. Tickets are being sold to all points of destination, he contended. An embargo exists only on fruit and livestock.

### ROAD TO KAMELA IS NOW GOOD

With the building benches slowly being moved to the west side of the highway in the vicinity of the Bell bridge, the Oregon Trail from the river at La Grande to Glendale near Kameka on the east slope is now in excellent shape. There are one or two small detours to the old grade between La Grande and Hildards, but on the whole traffic is moving over the grade with perfect ease and comfort.

### DIGEST OF LEGION BIG BALL GAME WORK IS GIVEN BEING ARRANGED

#### The Dalles Convention Proved to be Productive of Many Suggestions.

That the American Legion not only stands for the better things but has the courage to speak out regarding them is demonstrated by the work accomplished at the The Dalles convention recently. A digest of that work follows.

That all aliens who have not become citizens six years from date of entry into America be deported.

That examination of immigrants for entry into this country be in the hands of bureau with power to regulate number.

That steps be taken to educate the immigrant in duties of citizenship and to prevent congregation of aliens in colonies in large cities.

That semi-annual report be filed in Oregon by employers of more than five persons segregating aliens from citizens.

That benefits Oregon State Aid Measures be extended to service men of allied armies who may qualify under residential and other requirements.

That Brigadier General Charles Sawyer be removed from position of co-ordinator of Federal Hospitalization board for best interests of disabled.

That "Stars and Stripes" be banned from legion homes until publication cleans columns of fake advertising and sex appeals.

That further decentralization in U. S. Veterans Bureau be carried out, permitting district offices to administer hospitals in their district.

That Veterans' Bureau purchase through war department Post Staves for use as neuro-psychiatric training center.

That the first Sunday in April every year be designated "American Legion Sunday."

That citizenship classes be established in all cities for foreigners, greater respect for flag taught and new citizens properly welcomed.

That only citizens of United States be employed on all public works.

That posts dedicate camp and park grounds near community to service men who gave life in world war.

That more county councils be formed in Oregon.

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### IF THINGS GO RIGHT, UNMARRIED MEN WILL PLAY MARRIED MEN ON THE LOCAL DIAMOND NEXT SUNDAY.

The hectic followers of the great national game of baseball will still have another contest to witness in La Grande if various plans work out. And although it won't be an Intermountain League affair or an inter-city affair it promises to make the fans tear their hair, swallow their gum and chew their cigars to unrecognizable bits—and maybe swallow said bits.

If the sweethearts of the single men and the wives of the married men will permit their enamored ones to tangle horns on the diamond, one of the mightiest conflicts ever staged on the local fairgrounds will take place next Sunday afternoon. A married team versus a single team! Sounds interesting, doesn't it? And, what's more it will be interesting.

The unmarried youngsters in almost every city have the idea that they have it all over the older birds who have bowed their necks to the marital yoke—and maybe they are right, but that remains to be proved. The men who pull in double harness think otherwise and they claim "age has wisdom."

Needless to say, the married men and the other aggregation both have some classy ball players. McInnis, Crowe, McGee and several other mangers of the married globe belong to the former class and Theis, Rosenbaum, Knight and all the rest of the boys who are enrolled under the "better make several women happy than one unhappy" class are mean masters of the great game.

The game, if it can be arranged, will be the usual nine-inning affair and comply with the rules in every respect. Just one thing will bother the boys on both sides—shall the umpire be married or unmarried. It has been suggested that one umpire of one class be used the first half of the game and then put in another umpire.

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### ASH BROS. HAVE A FINE STORE

#### Old Firm is Pleased with New Location in the Foley Hotel Building.

"We fully believe that our new location will enable us to serve the public more efficiently than before," stated Ash Brothers, clothing, this morning. They have just completed moving their fixtures and placing their stock in their new location, formerly occupied by the La Grande Investment company in the Foley Hotel building. The new site has been arranged in a much more efficient and tasteful manner than before and with a new shoe department located in the rear and the men's furnishings in the front part of the store, the efficiency of the store is greatly improved.

Two new show windows, done in gray and darker gray, and the interior color scheme in gray, dark green and a cream colored ceiling, gives the store a light and pleasing interior.

The modern front installed by the Foley Hotel company under direction of Ash Brothers is attracting much favorable comment for it adds greatly to the appearance of that side of the street. When the building was erected it was quite the proper thing to have a heavy stone as a sill, which caused everyone to step up. But Ash Brothers held to the belief that this step was a hindrance to people entering and in its plans for remodeling the stone step was taken out and the floor of the store room was lowered to a level with the sidewalk.

With a new stock arriving daily the old pioneer clothing firm is arranging a store that is even better than they formerly had on Depot street.

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### DEMAND KEEPS UP FOR LUMBER

#### American Lumberman Sees a Good Future with Firm Prices for Product.

The lumber market remains in a very healthy condition so far as demand is concerned. The volume of lumber for which orders were actually booked by manufacturers in the last week for which statistics are available was 7 per cent below the amount of actual production, but as the manufacturers turned down a considerable quantity of business, actual demand continues to be in excess of production. Therefore it can be readily understood that prices are firm, and that those items in greatest demand have an unmistakable upward tendency. The railroad situation is not encouraging, according to the American Lumberman. Producers of lumber, in the South particularly, already feel the effects of car shortage. Buyers, on the other hand, are experiencing considerable difficulty in getting shipments through, so are often badly in need of stock. It is noted that producers in regions close to consuming centers are booking a larger percentage of business than are mills in districts further away. For example, orders for North Carolina pine were only 2 per cent less than production, as compared with 7 per cent below for the entire country. Orders booked by members of the Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturers' Association were 15 per cent greater than production. Mills reporting to both these associations operate in producing sections close to large centers of consumption. Production, however, has not caught up with orders. Actual orders booked the first thirty weeks of this year called for 7 per cent more lumber than has been produced during that period. As manufacturers have good sized order files, there is a growing scarcity of railroad equipment that makes it difficult to get shipments through, a very strong market for some time is confidently predicted.

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### Union County Gets Return of School Property from Baker

NORTH POWDER, Aug. 14.—Action on the part of the local school board brought to bear on the decision of J. L. Dodson, county judge of Baker county, brought a decided victory for the North Powder district.

The action consisted of removing property formerly belonging to this district and making it a part of District No. 6, of Baker county. The property in question is owned by Charles Hutchinson. Judge Dodson took it upon himself to do this without concurring with the Union county board, which has been found contrary to the Oregon school laws, with the result that it was ordered placed back in this district.

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