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RAIL STRIKE SHOULD BE SETTLED NOW—STONE UNIONS FACE OPPOSITION

President Will Maintain Transportation but Deplores Warfare on the Labor Unions of Land

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—President Harding addressed the joint session of Congress today at 12:15 o'clock making a definite announcement to republican leaders.

TO MAINTAIN TRANSPORTATION
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—President Harding today told Congress and the nation that he had resolved to use all powers of the government to maintain transportation and sustain the right of men to work.

The right of employees and employers alike to conduct their business must be recognized, the president said, and he deplored what he termed is a "warfare on union labor."

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—In declaring positively for the right of men to work, the President said that in both coal and the railroad strikes this right has been denied by "assault and violence," and in "some cases winked at by local authorities."

"It is fair to say," continued Mr. Harding, "that the great mass of organized workmen do not approve of such actions, but they seem helpless to hinder. These conditions must impress the Congress and the country. No hope of men and the country. No hope of men and the country. No hope of men and the country."

A national investigation for constructive recommendation to conduct the coal industry is imperative, according to the chief executive and he recommended a government commission to advise fair wages and working conditions.

He stated the bill establishing the Labor Board is inadequate, being with little power to enforce decisions. He asked that power be given to make the board's decisions enforceable and effective against both the carriers and employees alike.

Other than this recommendation the President did not suggest legislation to deal with the immediate strike which is now on.

"A government by law must and will be maintained," he proclaimed, "no matter what clouds may gather, no matter what hardships may attend, or what sacrifice may be necessary."

He stated that the sympathetic railroad strikes had developed and impaired inter-state commerce seriously. "Leaving trains deserted in the desert has revealed the cruelty and contempt for law on the part of some railway employees who conspired to paralyze transportation," was one of the statements by the President in his message today.

"This is a state of lawlessness shocking to every conception of American law and order," he continued, and then he said it is his intention to invoke laws, both civil and criminal, forbidding conspiracies that will hinder inter-state commerce and laws that will require safety in railway service.

BAND RENDERS FINE CONCERT

La Grande's Municipal Band rendered another of its excellent concerts last evening at Washington and eighth streets and a very large crowd was in attendance and appreciated the music.

Each concert seems to show the fine work of the leader as he pulls down any rough edges and blends his instruments in a most pleasing manner.

The program rendered last evening follows:

"March Militaire", P. Schubert; concert waltz, "Violet", (Fruhling-kind); waltz, selection, "Robin Hood"; R. de Goven; quartet from opera "Rigoletto"; Verdi; "The Boatsman"; an American absurdity, M. I. Lake; overture, "Hungarian Comedy", Keler Bela.

FRAUD ALLEGED BY SETTLERS

TWIN FALLS, Ida., Aug. 18.—Alleging that fraudulent inducements were made, former New York residents who made up the modern caravan led by William D. Scott, to take up farms on the Roseworth project southwest of Buhl, Walter C. McPherson and Herbert S. Roth, two of the 28 caravaners, Thursday instituted suits in district court here for recovery of \$5810.08 and \$6828.85, respectively, against E. T. Meredith, former secretary of agriculture; P. C. Meredith, his nephew and the Idaho Farm Development company, promoters of the Roseworth project.

Nineteen alleged fraudulent representations made to the caravaners are set forth in the complaint. Plaintiffs ask for recovery of their investments in land and improvements, and compensation for their time.

They allege, in addition to other grounds of fraud, that they were induced at West Yellowstone, Mont., to deliver power of attorney to O. H. Barber, Idaho immigration commissioner, who selected lands for them other than those they had drawn by lot in New York.

BILL WORKMAN HEADS SINGLES

Bill Workman will be at the helm of the bachelor's ship of state and Bob Smith will steer the other team on this eventful day. Each captain has a stalwart crew of slingers gathered about him who will make a terrible effort to down their adversaries.

The lineup of the single men's team was published recently and they who pull in double harness have now decided who will wear their uniforms. Bob Smith, captain, will have as supporters, Conley, Crews, McGee, Meserve, Hickey, Bickles, Slon, Murchison and possibly McInnis. A few others will be recruited to fill up a hole or two and to ornament the bench.

"We have nothing but bonafide La Grande baseball players," Smith remarked yesterday, "and we intend to show up the youngsters. The youngsters think differently which ought to make it a good contest. This will probably be the last time the followers of the great national game will get to see a baseball game in La Grande this season and a big turn out is expected."

Mr. and Mrs. Pike not Hurt as Badly in Auto Wreck as was Reported

Word was received late last evening from Seattle of the condition of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike, who were injured in an auto accident there several days ago.

The telegram was sent by Mr. Pike in person and states that they were not hurt as seriously as was reported, and are not in the hospital but are at the home of Mrs. Pike's mother in Seattle, expecting to return to La Grande the latter part of the week.

LA GRANDERS MAY HAVE TO DOUBLE UP

Beds for visiting Dokies in Homes of People will be Needed, is Verdict of the Committee.

That the people of La Grande may be required to adopt the common practice among residents of Pendleton when they house visitors to the Pendleton Round-Up, is predicted by James McMaisters, chairman of the housing committee of the local Dokie lodge. In Pendleton the residents put all their own beds on the market for guests and the home folks cuddle up in the basement, on the lawn or anywhere it is convenient.

Commencing tomorrow a systematic campaign will be made for rooms, solicitors going from house to house to list rooms, and to impress upon the housewives that it may be necessary to put up with inconveniences if the city's guests are properly housed. As has already been noted, the committee has no way of telling how many guests will require rooms, but that it is entirely likely the call will run up to 1500 or more. Some will sleep in Pullmans, some are bringing their own tents. Hence the entire uncertainty. All concerned with the convention recognize that the call may be entirely beyond the ability of the citizens to handle unless the home folks give up their own beds. On the other hand, it is possible that spare room space will suffice. Only one course is before the community, the committee state, and that is to register a great abundance of rooms, each family listing those that can conveniently be offered and also how many more can be handled by the home people putting themselves to inconveniences.

The stipulated charges for rooms has been fixed at the fair figure of \$1.50 for one, \$2.00 for two in the same bed. It is felt that all local people will abide by this arrangement.

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CLEAVER STARTS A NEW PARTY

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—Declaring that "political conditions in the United States fully warrants the re-organization of the Progressive voters of the country," Norman S. Richards, F. L. Gifford, H. P. Lee and George L. Cleaver of this city, have issued a call to all citizens interested in such a movement to meet at Central Library hall Saturday at 2:30 p. m. to form a third party.

TUBERCULOSIS UNION TO MEET

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Tuberculosis Union against tuberculosis, which has just closed its meeting in Brussels, announces that the 1926 meeting of the organization will be held in the United States in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial of Philadelphia. The next meeting in 1924 will be held in Berne, Switzerland. The president-elect for the American meeting is Dr. Theobald Smith, Director of the Rockefeller Foundation Animal Research Laboratory at Princeton, N. J., and discoverer of the bovine tubercle bacillus.

The National Tuberculosis Association also announces that its next annual meeting in 1927 will be held in Santa Barbara, Cal., June 18 to 25.

Fireman Has Eye Badly Injured When Water Glass is Blown Out

George Williams, a fireman on the O. W., met with an accident last night when a water glass of a locomotive blew out and hit him in the eye. Several pieces of glass were extracted from the eye today and he is uneasy for fear that he may not be able to have the sight of it again.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.
PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—Cattle were firm today, hogs nominally steady, eggs firm and butter steady.

Stone Says Brotherhoods Stand Ready to Aid in Any Manner to Settle Strike

Sandy McLain Comes to Tell of the Labor Day Event at Pendleton

Sandy McLain, president of the Labor Council of Pendleton, was in our city yesterday and conferred with representatives of the various labor organizations here in regard to Labor Day celebration to be held in Pendleton this year.

"Sandy" assures us that Pendleton is going to put on a real celebration backed by the usual Pendleton spirit which we know has never been found wanting.

Pendleton brought a large delegation to La Grande last year and arrangements are now under way for a return visit to our sister city. Just what entries will be arranged by the local organizations is not known but "Sandy" goes back to Pendleton with the message that we will be there with bells on.

F. W. King of May Park Is First with the Big Earliest of All Spuds

"Let me add a few words to the testimonials the Evening Observer has been running on the quality of Grande Ronde valley soil," said F. W. King of May Park as he entered the office today with three of the finest "Earliest of All" potatoes that have ever been shown in La Grande.

"These potatoes were irrigated only once," said King, "and believe me when I tell you they have quality." They surely look the part and if the Northern Pacific railroad ever got a squirt at the King Potatoes in May Park their dining car stewards would stick around trying to contract for the crop.

THE WEATHER.
PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—Tonight and Saturday will be unsettled with probable showers and cooler in eastern Oregon.

NORMA STEVENS GETS BIG FINE

Norma Stevens, who was arrested as a result of a raid by the sheriff's officers and the city police at the corner of Sixth and G streets recently, was brought before the county court yesterday for arraignment. She pleaded guilty and Judge U. G. Couch fined her \$250, the offense being the maintenance of a public nuisance within the city limits.

The raid took place Wednesday evening and when the officers of the law attempted to make their entrance Norma Stevens tried to impede their progress. Two others were found in the house but they were not implicated, according to the police. Four quarts of moonshine whiskey were found on the premises. This house was raided once before by the police but no evidence to justify an arrest was then found.

In attempting to keep the officers from entering the house Norma Stevens thrust her arm accidentally through the glass door and cut it painfully. The cuts were not serious. This raid was reported yesterday and the Evening Observer was given the name entirely different from Norma Stevens by a city official. Just whether there is an alias working or whether the name is now correct is not possible to determine. But the records of the case show the woman was arrested and fined as Norma Stevens.

BETHEL A. DAVIS DIED YESTERDAY

Bethel Allen Davis passed on at his home on W avenue at six o'clock last evening at the close of a week's illness, his death resulting from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. Davis is a well known citizen of La Grande and has made his home in Union county for the past 26 years. The funeral services will be held at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman Undertaking Parlors tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The deceased came to Oregon from Missouri in 1880, living for nine years near Eugene, Oregon, and then moving to Eastern Oregon, where he since made his home. He had always been favored by good health and his demise came as a sad shock to his friends and relatives. Mr. Davis leaves seven children, Mrs. McBeth of Willamette, Mrs. William Bryant, of North Powder; Mrs. William Walker, of La Grande; Bert, Clyde and Ed, of La Grande, and Thomas, who makes his home in The Dalles.

Milne Electric Store Will be Reopened for Business in La Grande

Decision of the creditors at a Portland meeting this week provides for reopening of the Milne Electrical store of La Grande, which business failed some time ago.

The creditors representing nearly \$25,000 in claims decided to ship the stocks of goods from Pendleton and Milton to this city and combine them with the La Grande stock. Manager Weinke, who had charge of the business here before the failure, has been employed to look after the business.

The store is expected to open again within a few days.

BOISE RESIDENT DIES.
BOISE, Aug. 18.—After a residence of 50 years in southern Idaho, William H. Ridenbaugh, 68, whose name has been closely identified with the development of the territory adjacent to Boise, died early Thursday morning at his home in South Boise, from heart disease.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—At 4:15 o'clock one of the leaders of the shopcrafts who would not permit his name to be used, said, after receiving a telephone message, that he believed the strike would soon be settled.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—"This strike of the railway crafts unions must be settled here," said General Chairman Stone today at an informal meeting before the mediation conference convened.

"It must be settled right here at these meetings," he continued. "The conditions over the country demand such a settlement at once. We are optimistic that it can be done soon. The five brotherhoods are ready to do anything to bring these conditions to an end."

NO AGREEMENT TODAY.
(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—It is believed that no definite agreement will be reached today by the railroads and the employees' representatives, according to a statement made by Stone before leaving the conference of brotherhood officials and the railroad executives at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

BOTH SIDES WANT TO QUIT.
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Senator Watson told President Harding that both sides of the strike question were "hopeful of a settlement today."

Discussions on the seniority question are based on the plan provided:

First, That men who did not go out on strike go ahead in the seniority list.

Second, That employees who went out July 1st or later be accorded their seniority status.

Third, That new men taken on during the strike rank below the returned men and be retained by the railroads wherever possible.

SENT SOUTH FOR TRIAL.
HILLSBORO, Aug. 18.—C. A. Hubbard, arrested here Monday on a warrant from Yreka, Cal., charging him with abandoning a man after striking him with an automobile, was returned to Yreka Wednesday. All Crosswell, the automobile victim, alleges the Hubbard sped away after striking him and crushing his leg. The prisoner is also said by the Yreka authorities to be wanted in Los Angeles on an auto theft charge.

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(By Associated Press)
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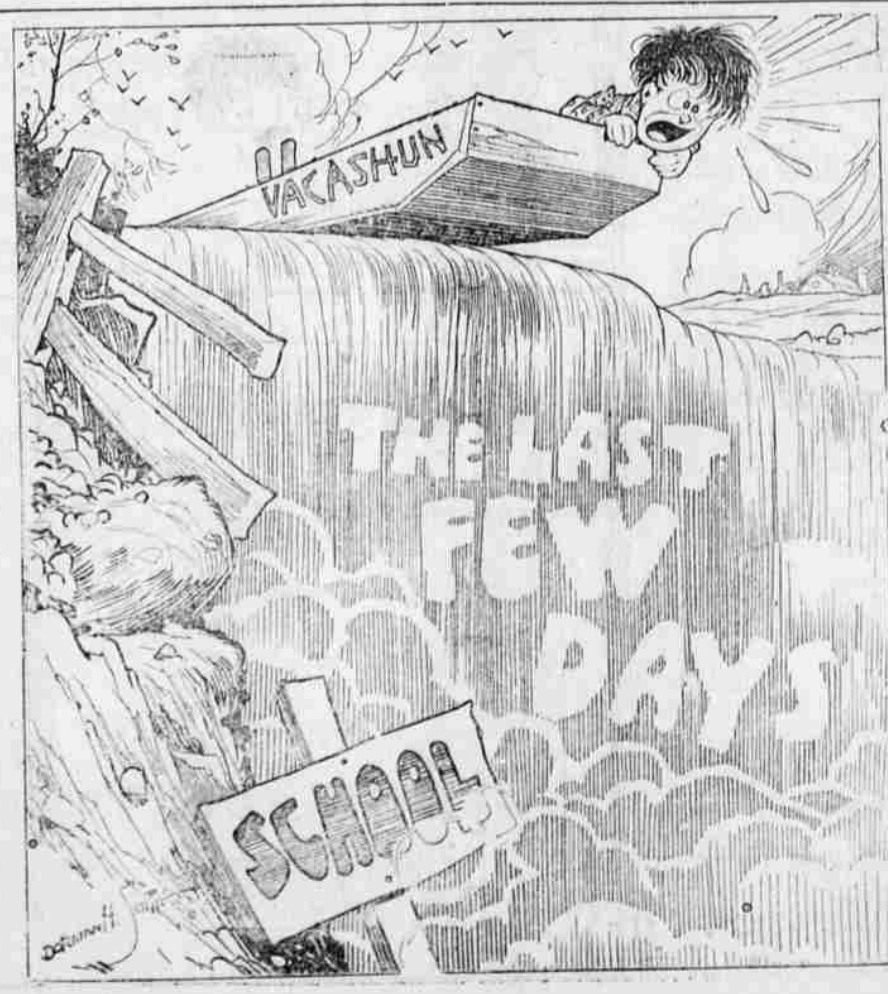
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