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STRIKE WILL GO TO A FINISH

MARION DAVIS CLAIMED BY DEATH TODAY

Mayor of Union, After Long Illness, Dies of Bright's Disease.

PROMINENT IN PUBLIC WORK

Twelve Years He Was Postmaster of Union, Past Supreme Representative and Past Grand Chancellor of K. of P. Lodge.

Surrounded by his only child, Miss Eleanor, his brother, Wilbur, and close friends, death came to Marion Davis, mayor of the city of Union, this morning at 7:30 o'clock.

Long illness had left him weak of late and unable to get out of bed. Bright's disease, which had so firmly fastened its clutches upon him and which had for months been slowly taking him nearer the end.

Of late he had been living at Hot Lake, realizing that his condition was past medical aid, but for the purpose of having the convenience and comforts of the institution.

The body was taken to Union today, where it will lie in state until the funeral arrangements for which have not as yet been made.

Marion Davis was a man of extraordinary prominence in Eastern Oregon. He was born 57 years ago in Frontenac county, Wisconsin, but came here when a young man and his active life has been given to the development of this section of the northwest.

For twelve years he was postmaster of the city of Union, taking part in everything of an upbuilding nature and acting as leader in many functions that were destined to help his home city and the Grande Ronde valley. Two years ago he was elected mayor of that city, which office he held at the time of his death.

Lodge Work was Pleasure. Among the pleasures that Marion Davis got out of life was his lodge work. He was past supreme representative, past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Oregon and held a veteran's jewel in the grand lodge, which is yet more valuable than a veteran's jewel in a subordinate lodge.

Mr. Davis received this unique distinction last October at the Grand Lodge held in Portland and when presentation was made he delivered what was considered by lodgemen one of the greatest impromptu speeches ever made on this coast. Several members of the Knights of Pythias from La Grande were present and heard this speech.

Stable and Substantial. His community work was of the stable and substantial kind. Always practical, but never too conservative, Mr. Davis has rendered great assistance to every public enterprise that this valley has undertaken.

During the last few years he has been dealing in Catherine creek timber and from sales of large tracts he made a comfortable little fortune.

He leaves a daughter, Miss Eleanor, and a brother, Wilbur Davis, of Union.

Dokies Will Miss Mr. Davis. The death of Marion Davis will cast some gloom over the great northwest Dokie convention, which will meet in La Grande on September 1st and 2nd, for he was prominent in that order.

As an impersonator of the character of Saruk in the dramatic lectures of Dokiedom he held a reputation as peer of similar impersonators in the whole west. Thousands of Dokies have listened to Mr. Davis in this lecture with wrapped interest and enjoyment.

MAYOR'S DEATH IS MOURNED (Special to The Observer)

UNION, Aug. 25.—The death of Mayor Marion Davis, which occurred this morning, is greatly mourned by the entire city of Union. He was looked upon as one of the leading citizens, having always been connected with public work here. As postmaster he was very popular and as mayor of the city he has made an excellent record.

HAD 15 GALLONS WITH HIM (Special to The Observer)

PENDLETON, Aug. 25.—A mail box gave his name as W. E. Hardy, and his home as Portland, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff J. J. Martin just above Pendleton on the Oregon-Washington "Walla" which leads from Walla Walla to Pendleton on a charge of illegal possession of liquor. The man was in a Ford coupe, new model, and the officers declare they found 12 gallons of moonshine in his possession.

BAND GIVES LABOR BOYS ITS SERVICE

Central Labor Council Well Pleased at Offer of La Grande Musicians to Lead Section in Pendleton.

Following the decision made some time ago to attend Labor Day celebrations at Pendleton this year, the Central Labor Council met last night to start arrangements for La Grande's part in the big event which will take in all labor organizations in Eastern Oregon.

J. C. Murphy was made the general chairman. The goddess of labor cost him this city was reported on in full swing and the first, second and third prize winners will be taken to Pendleton as labor's guests. The winner of the first prize will also be allowed a reasonable amount for her gown expense.

Band Donates Services. A thing that had perplexed labor boys quite a little was how to raise money to take La Grande's Municipal band to the event in Pendleton. This was solved last night when the band sent word to the council that it would attend the celebration and donate its services. There was joy unconfined in the council chambers when the word was received and a vote of thanks was immediately registered upon the minutes.

"Will Make 'Em Sit Up." One of the labor leaders today said, regarding the band's generous offer: "We are mighty happy over the band's generous offer. In fact, we are more than happy for when we march down the streets of Pendleton with this band playing the class of music it plays, I am telling you and the rest of the world that those people are going to sit up and take notice. There are bands and bands, but there is only one La Grande band and there is only one band leader who can make a volunteer band play the good stuff that the professionals play and get away with it, and that leader is Mr. Loney."

The council last night also took notice of several Spokane printing firms which have non-union printing shops and asked the business men and professional men of La Grande in the name of organized labor to patronize only printing houses which are fair to labor.

Word was received from Congressman Nick Simont and Senator McHenry stating they were standing firm on House Resolution which prevents railroad companies from contracting shop labor.

NORMAN FREES IS KING OF TENNIS

The Union County Tennis Tournament completed yesterday when Norman Frees won the senior singles and the silver loving cup which was offered as a prize, by defeating Lyle Wilson, last year's champion and favorite this year, in two straight sets, winning the first 6-3 and the second 7-5.

The men were about evenly matched but Frees played a faster game than his opponent, winning the first match without much difficulty and taking the second match despite Wilson's attempts to come back.

The champions for this year are: Norman Frees, senior singles; Grant Goddes, junior singles.

STAKE PRIESTS MEET SUNDAY

The regular monthly stake priesthood meeting will convene at the L. B. S. Tabernacle at La Grande Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Delegates from various branches of the Mormon churches from this section of the state will be in attendance and the local members are expecting a rousing meeting.

OLD RELIC FALLS BEFORE FIRE

TONOPAH, Nev., Aug. 25.—Another relic of the Western mining boom days was wiped out yesterday, when flames swept four blocks in the heart of the Tonopah-Tenderloin district, reducing to ashes the famous Casino Calaret. The Casino was a landmark locally and was known to thousands of gold hunters as a place where palmier days roulette wheels hummed and the cards were dealt for high stakes.

The fire, thought to have been of incendiary origin, also destroyed a dozen other buildings, including two hotels and six cafes and resorts in lower Tonopah. Property damage was estimated at \$1,000,000. More than 250 persons were made homeless.

CONGRESS IS CONSIDERING DRASTIC MOVE

Government Seizure of Railroads and Mines Before Tribunal.

HARDING STAND IS DISCUSSED

Borah Says Governors of States Must Deal with Problems Within Their Borders, not Federal Government.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The president of the United States would be authorized to acquire and operate any or all coal mines under an amendment to the Borah-Cost Commission bill as proposed today by Senator Edge of New Jersey.

Under a Washington, D. C., dateline Grafton Wilcox, through the Chicago Tribune leased wire to syndicate newspapers, gives the following account of failure of settling the shipmen's strike and the emergency that is now before congress:

The industrial crisis, through failure of negotiations to settle the railroad and anthracite coal strikes, found its way back to the administration doorstep and caused an upheaval in the senate.

Collapsing of the mediation efforts in both of the strikes precipitated turbulent debate in which strong sentiment developed for government seizure of the railroads and anthracite mines. The discussion was the first real manifestation by congress of an appreciation of the gravity of the situation and may be a forerunner of an authorization the president to assume control of roads and hard coal mines, sending a settlement of the labor controversy.

Harding Policy Not Changed. The president, so far as is known, has not changed his policy outlined in his message to congress, which demanded that the law be enforced in the strikes, but recommended legislation relative to them. Today's senate debate, it was believed in some quarters might result in a change of administration policy should the strikes continue. At the conclusion of the debate the government ownership

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LEGION COUNCIL MEET AT ELGIN

The American Legion Union County Council will hold a meeting at Elgin Monday, August 28, at a dinner that will be served at seven o'clock. All members are urged to attend, as the "40-8" society and the plans for armistice day, as well as regular business will be taken up at this time.

The formation of the 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveux will be the important part of the meeting. At the local legion meeting here last Monday several members from La Grande signed up as charter members, as well as several members from other county posts.

The preparations for the celebration of Armistice Day in La Grande on November 11 will also be taken up at this time. All of the posts in the county will co-operate with the local post in making this one of the best holidays in many years.

MOUNTAINEERS INVADE BAKER

Whether the class of baseball played in the eastern part of Oregon is superior to that displayed in Idaho will be definitely decided tomorrow and Sunday afternoons at Baker, when the Boise Mountaineers meet the Baker Colts in the final two games of the Oregon-Idaho championship series.

Although the stakes were swamped 7 to 1 and 10 to 1 last Saturday and Sunday at Boise, the Colts hope to take the visitors down the line this week on their own home grounds and under better conditions.

Arrangements were that both teams will play their regular line-ups in the series and I expect to see the same faces on the Colts' nine at Baker," exclaimed Manager E. Rosenheim of the Boise Mountaineers just before taking the train for Baker yesterday afternoon. "But if they do decide to bolster up their batting line-up I will be in to begin with the 375 hitters and go clear down the line."

Thus the manager-speakers to the Idaho Statesman, Manager Hunt of Baker thinks, however, that the Colts will make a much better showing and expect to make the Mountaineers hustle if they win the series.

Quite a number of local fans are going to make the trip and are prepared to root for the Colts, despite the fact that it was the Colts who eliminated the Pirates from the finals in one of the hardest games that occasionally occur on the diamond.

SHERIFF HAS BOOZE

PAIRIE CITY, Ore., Aug. 25.—Confronted with four gallons of moonshine and 1200 pounds of corn meal seized on his premises, Deputy Sheriff W. G. Gibbs of Bates appeared before Justice J. H. Allen Monday and entered a plea of guilty to illegal possession of liquor. He was fined \$300 and given a sixty-day suspended jail sentence.

Conference of Rail Heads and Strike Representatives Fails in a Settlement

ENGINE HITS STONE CAUSE OF BAD WRECK

Engineer Jones Killed; Escaping Steam Scalds Him to Death.

FIVE COACHES ARE DERAILED

Cars Slightly Damaged but Only Few Passengers were Bruised and They are not Badly Injured.

(By Associated Press) ELLENBURG, Aug. 25.—Three persons were killed and the fourth seriously injured when westbound Northern Pacific Coast Limited train struck a boulder in the Yakima river canyon twenty miles southwest of here today.

The dead are E. F. Jones, engineer; Sam Shafter of Tacoma who was stealing a ride, and an unidentified tramp.

Fred Arnold, fireman, of Ellenburg, was seriously hurt but will recover.

Five coaches including the mail car were derailed.

Cars were slightly damaged but only a few passengers were reported bruised and these to no danger point. Jones was scalded to death by escaping steam, and Arnold was also burned by steam.

GROWERS WANT FLAT PRICE

SALEM, Aug. 25.—A large gathering of loganberry growers in the Liberty district near here, have adopted a resolution looking to organization of the growers of the entire Willamette Valley to fix a minimum of 6 cents a pound on the berries, beginning next season. Failure of the growers to make a profit on their crops this season and last precipitated the movement.

CONVICTS FIGHT WITH OFFICERS

(By Associated Press) SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Aug. 25.—Four convicts who escaped from the penitentiary here on August 17th, fought a posse near Sanford, South Dakota this morning. They mortally wounded State Attorney Parish and Sheriff Babcock is reported wounded also. The prisoners stole an automobile and headed toward the Bad Lands.

RIETH MAN BUYS HOME IN CITY

Although he is working at Reith, Clay Woods, son of Joseph Woods of this city, contemplates returning to La Grande to live so strongly that he today purchased through George H. Curry the C. E. Veatch residence property on T avenue. Mr. Veatch may locate in California.

LOTS OF FISH AND GOOD TIME

Ed. Ford, Arthur Van Fleet and Dr. Harry Bouvy returned to La Grande last evening at the end of a hunting and fishing trip that covered quite a bit of eastern Oregon territory. While they were not lucky enough to bag a deer they caught fish in great quantities and had the time of their lives.

The three men left La Grande the fore part of the week and went into the national forest north of Enterprise where they found the conditions ideal for camping, hunting and fishing. At one time they were three miles from the Oregon-Washington border.

"We went over some of the finest roads we ever found in forests of any kind," stated Ed. Ford today. "Imagine our surprise to find a macadam paved road winding through the forests that was of the finest texture and quality."

BLOW UP HOTEL IN CHICAGO

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 25.—United States deputy marshals are patrolling the railroad yards following an explosion which they believe was intended to wreck the Illinois hotel, headquarters of the non-union Chicago and Alton railroad shopworkers.

CLEAN UP ALL IN CORK COUNTY

BELFAST, Aug. 25.—The National Army troops today captured the town of Kinsale and Dunmahon which are the last two positions held by the Irish irregulars in Cork county.

WHEAT REMAINS SAME

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—Wheat sold for \$1.94 to \$1.19 today.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Hort M. Jewell, head of the state-craft's organization, in a statement this afternoon said "we do not blame the more reasonable executives who evidently yielded to pressure. Now that we are compelled to fight to victory we will bring with it victory on all issues."

The railroad executives issued a lengthy statement also this afternoon.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Attempts to end the shipmen's strike by separate settlement with individual railroads failed today.

Conferences have been broken off and railroad executives who on Wednesday decided to continue negotiations were today preparing to leave town.

Announcing the breaking off of negotiations, David Williams, head of the eastern strike committee, said "nothing else could have happened."

FIGHT TO A FINISH.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—While it was said that negotiations were ended for the present it was not officially stated whether there was any prospect of a conference being resumed.

Brotherhood men acting as mediators withdrew from the conference at noon and met the shop craft heads.

At labor headquarters it was said the unions were preparing for a "fight to the finish."

Telegrams are being sent all over the country this afternoon calling upon the strikers to renew their struggle with redoubled vigor.

"We know where we stand now," said one of the leader.

HARDING IS DONE.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The administration has no intention of making any move at least for the present in the railstrike which resulted in failure of settlement in the New York conference, said a cabinet officer, and he added that the President was firm for standing by his pronouncement to congress last week.

COUNTY WILL START ROAD WORK SOON

The program for the graveling and repairing of county roads was announced today by County Judge C. G. Couch. Work will be started in September on three different roads: the Catherine creek road, above Union; the Elgin-Indian creek road and the Cove-Union road being the three roads.

The graveling on the Catherine creek road, which was commenced a couple of years ago and has been completed about two miles out of Union, will be done by the county and through the co-operation of farmers along the road, the work being scheduled on a 50-50 basis. The farmers will haul the gravel and otherwise aid in the graveling of this section which will embrace about one-half mile of the road.

The graveling on the Cove to Union road will commence at about the same time as the work on the Elgin-Indian creek stretch, some time in September and will probably continue until winter begins unless the work is completed before that time.

Washington Miners Go Back to Digging Coal

Weather
PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—Tonight and Saturday will be fair.

YEA, VERILY, IT'S A HARD JOURNEY

