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## STARTS FIGHT ON THE COAL PROFITEERS

Henry Ford Says There Is Plenty of Coal, but is in Hands of Brokers.

### FLIVVER MAKER IS POSITIVE

Ford Factories Shut Down Rather than Cater to Demands of Those Who Are Holding Coal for Big Profits.

(By Associated Press.)  
DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 29.—Henry Ford, in announcing Saturday that his plants would be closed September 16 because of conditions in the coal industry, began a fight for what he believes is a great principle. The Associated Press was informed, in sources close to the manufacturer.

Mr. Ford, it was said, has started what he declares is a fight against all profiteering in coal and he believes he is in a better position perhaps to do so than any one else. He feels, it was said, that by taking up the fight he is doing every other manufacturer, as well as working men throughout the country, a real service.

Coal Shortage Denied.  
Mr. Ford denies there is a coal shortage. The investigations of his representatives have convinced him, it was said, that coal brokers of the country have an enormous supply of coal on hand. The Ford Motor company could obtain enough coal to cover a tract of 10 acres square if it would submit to being victimized by profiteers, it was declared.

For several weeks, it was asserted, the Ford offices at Dearborn have been flooded with offers of coal with delivery guaranteed. It was declared that the prices asked ranged from 100 to 800 per cent above the normal cost.

The Detroit manufacturer believes that if he yields to what he terms "the holdup" of the coal brokers, every other manufacturer will have to follow suit and that coal prices will reach an unprecedented figure. One source close to Mr. Ford said the manufacturer had "at the back of his mind" a picture of working men being unable to buy enough coal to keep their families warm because of the prices that eventually would be asked unless this profiteering was nipped in its incipient.

Mines Offered for Sale.  
The Ford company has recently received a large number of offers on the part of coal operators to sell mines. None of these offers have been seriously considered, however, because of the present transportation conditions. It was explained by persons close to Mr. Ford today that the offering of mines meant but little, "as they can be purchased now for almost nothing because of the large stocks of coal held by brokers."

The manufacturer still believes linking of the Louisville & Nashville and the Detroit, Toledo & Ironport railroads, the latter his own property, would solve not only the Ford company's problems, but those of every other coal user in the Lakes region.

## TWO CHANGES IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Cove and Imbler Will Have New Principals.

Few changes are being made among the superintendents and principals in Union county. La Grande, Union, Elgin and North Powder have all retained the same governing head while only Cove and Imbler have new principals to take charge of the schools this year. R. G. Dykstra, of Cove, will head the Imbler schools, and J. W. Price will supersede Dykstra as principal of the Cove schools.

The state superintendent's office has issued two new manuals, one a teachers' manual covering the study of Oregon history in the eighth grade and one dealing with agriculture for use in the elementary and high schools of Oregon.

### Little Japanese Boy Hit by Lumber Company Truck But Not Injured

A slight accident occurred this morning about eight o'clock at the intersection of Dupont and Jefferson when Ray Brown, driving truck for the Grande Lumber company, ran into a Japanese boy about eleven years of age, named Jinhosh, knocking him down but not injuring him except for a few bruises.

The boy was attempting to cross in front of the truck and apparently decided to run back across the street. The truck-driver slowed down but was unable to miss the boy, hitting him as the car was practically at a standstill, however.

## GODDESS OF LABOR CONTEST IS UNDER WAY

Six Contestants are competing for Honor; La Grande Band Will Make Trip; Prizes on Display.

Standing at 12 o'clock today:  
Leona Waldorf ..... 2377  
Nelle Swarts ..... 2211  
Marie Bowman ..... 1550  
Pearl Cyr ..... 1501  
Evelyn Smith ..... 1500  
Roberta Smith ..... 519

The contest for the Goddess of Labor and her two maids, who will make the trip to Pendleton on Labor Day, representing La Grande in the celebration is now well underway and with six contestants already in the field and more assured, the contest promises to be tense with competition for the next week.

Prizes on Display.  
The Labor Council heartily invites the citizens of La Grande and the Ad club to be with them at Pendleton en masse and are preparing for a strong La Grande representation. As in past years, the big parade will find many La Grande floats in the line. The machinists are preparing a double float, the labor council will prepare one and practically all of the organizations will fall in line within the next few days.

The three prizes to be presented to the Goddess of Labor and her two maids are now on display. The Sator watch, valued at \$75, is shown in Birnie's, the Good Luck Bracelet, worth \$25, is on display at Siegrist's and the Silver Chatelaine bag, valued at \$25, is shown at Peares'. And to all contestants who bring in more than \$50, a reward will be presented.

The Labor Council announces that the array for the Goddess of Labor will be provided by them but that the maids will have to furnish their own equipment. All three will receive the trip to Pendleton with all expenses furnished.

La Grande Band Going.  
The La Grande Municipal Band, under the directorship of Andrew Louvy, hailed as the greatest band this side of Portland in the state of Oregon, will be at the celebration. They have donated their services gratis to the Labor Council and are preparing an excellent repertoire for the occasion.

## RESCUE WORK FOR MINERS IS CONTINUED

Hope Yet Exists that Men Entombed in Argonaut Mine May Be Saved.

### BUREAU OF MINES IS ON THE JOB

Flames Below the 2700-Foot Level Rage and Gradually Climbing to the Upper Levels.

(By Associated Press.)  
JACKSON, Calif., Aug. 29.—Hope for rescue of the entombed miners who are now said to number forty-seven, trapped since midnight Sunday by fire in Argonaut mine, was announced today when it was announced that crews digging away the tunnel obstructions between the Kennedy and Argonaut main shafts are making better progress than was expected.

Ten men from the United States bureau of mines are engaged in the rescue work. The rescue crews have been going down in relays. Thus far the work has consisted largely of making observation.

This morning they reached the 2700-foot level from which place the crew was driven last night when 500 gallons of water was released in the shaft.

The smoke is very intense at the 2700-foot level and the fire is raging freely below that point and is gradually creeping upward.

MANY DROWNED OFF CHILE  
(By Associated Press.)  
SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 29.—The Chilean steamship Itata, sank today off the Chilean coast near Coronado. All passengers, numbering 150, and a crew of 70 members were lost, except two.

## DEAD MAN MAY BE CURRY OF UNION COUNTY

Citizen of Elgin by Name of J. C. Currey Said to Answer Description.

### LEFT ELGIN TO GO TO PENDLETON

Had Two Companions with Him; Currey Engaged in Road Work; Pendleton Working Hard to Find Clues.

PENDLETON, Aug. 29.—With several possible solutions of the identity of the man found west of Pendleton presented, none of which have solved the mystery of who the man was, the officers are still following other clues which are thought may possibly show the name of the stranger.

The possibility that he might be a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brodie, of Scio, Oregon, dissolved in mist Sunday when the couple arrived in Pendleton. After looking at the body, they declared that the dead man is not their son, from whom they have heard only once during the past six

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## WAGE ADVANCE IS WANTED BY NEW WORKERS

"Strike Breakers" New Organization Believes They Have Raise in Pay Slated for September.

That the wage question will not down and that it is one of the great issues of today in all lines of work, is thoroughly demonstrated by a recent circular issued from the new men who took the pieces of the striking shopmen on the Union Pacific system.

These men had organized into what is known as the Shop Employees Association and at a recent meeting in Salt Lake they took up the wage question with the railroad company. Among the things mentioned in a circular sent out to the members of the organization, included: "In addition to advances previously given you, we desire that you should know that at today's conference negotiations with the management were nearly completed on rates and rates of pay, and we have succeeded effective as of September 15, 1922, in securing a rule which assures us regularity of employment, and also in establishing rates from 2 to 15 cents an hour above rates established by the U. S. Railroad Labor Board for work which we have defined as skilled work and for leading mechanics 75 cents to 225 cents an hour increase."

The report is signed by C. E. Anderson and seven other men.

## HARDING'S COAL SCHEME DITCHED

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Abandonment of President Harding's proposal for the Federal coal agency with capital to buy, sell and distribute coal, was announced today by Chairman Winslow of the interstate commerce committee of the senate. Winslow said the president acquiesced in the change.

MR. ELLIOTT HONORED.  
SALEM, Aug. 29.—F. A. Elliott, state forester, was today notified of his election as vice president of the National Association of State Foresters.

The election took place at a convention August 9 to 13 in Minnesota. Elliott succeeds M. P. Pratt, state forester of California.

Mr. Elliott is a relative of A. T. Hill of La Grande and is well known here.

THE WEATHER.  
(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—Wednesday will be unsettled with probable showers and thunderstorms in the western portion of the state. Cooler tonight in Eastern Oregon.

MENARY AMENDMENT CARRIES  
(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The senate approved the McNary amendment to the bonus bill by a vote of 43 to 25 today.

## EXTRA

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—Federal Judge Wolverton today found guilty and sentenced three of the fourteen shopmen accused of violation of the picketing injunction, and released eleven others. Robert Green and George Shermann were sentenced to sixty days in jail and fined \$100 each. Martin Chutuck was fined \$50.

The court allowed ten days stay of execution in which to prepare an appeal or motion for retrial, fixing bail of the men at \$1000 for Shermann and Green and \$250 for Chutuck.

Judge Wolverton did not explain the reason for his decision of guilty in the cases of the three, but told exactly why the others had been released.

Three of them were not shown to have been served with injunction papers. In the case of the eight others, it had not been proven beyond a considerable doubt, the court said, that they were on the picketing line to which the complaining O-W. R. & N. company brought the objection.

The testimony does not show clearly that the complainant was injured by the action of the men outside the gate and therefore the plaintiff is not entitled to any remedial damages, said the court.

## NEW COAST FARM BANK OPERATING

The recent organization, by some of the leading banking interests of the Pacific coast, for the joint stock bank for the purpose of providing capital to develop the agricultural resources of the Pacific slope has occasioned much favorable comment.

These banks, which will each bear the name of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank, will be located in Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City. The banks are operating under federal charter and make loans similar to those of the federal farm loan banks. The main feature of the joint stock bank is its ability to loan on broader terms.

W. J. Meyer, cashier of the La Grande National Bank, is a stockholder in the newly organized banks, and applications for loans on farms in Union and Wallowa counties are being made through the local institution. In speaking of the new banks Mr. Meyer said:

To Aid Farmers.  
"We joined in this enterprise in order to be able to give our customers and the farmers of this part of the state more easy access to the very favorable loans offered by the joint stock banks. These banks can loan up to \$40,000 over a long period of years. The loans will be amortized, and it is possible to liquidate the principal and interest by the payment of 6 per cent over a period of thirty-three years.

"These banks can afford to the farmer the excellent terms and low interest rates because they are permitted by the government to issue tax exempt bonds against mortgages made by them. For the present, applications will not be received for loans less than \$5000 since it is the special purpose of these banks to take care of the business which cannot be handled by the federal farm loan banks and the state school fund loans. The borrower from these banks is not required to purchase stock, assume any obligations or pay any commissions. His only expenses are those ordinarily incident to the preparation and examination of the title and the property."

Johnnie Montgomery of Pendleton is one of the appraisers for the new bank and recent was in La Grande making up several farm loans which had been put up to the institution.

## COUNTY COUNCIL HAVING SUCCESS

Four posts were represented at the American Legion County Council meeting yesterday evening at Elgin. Cove and North Powder delegates were unable to attend but Union, La Grande, Imbler and Elgin were all well represented. The meeting was held around a table well loaded with delicious chicken, served in the Elgin Hotel, and was a success, according to the local delegates.

All posts present expressed their hearty co-operation with the La Grande post in the celebration of Armistice day in La Grande on November 11. Imbler, the smallest post present, stated that she would attend 100 per cent strong. North Powder and Cove are both heartily in line with the others.

The completion of the arrangements for the formation of the "46-8" society was attended to and the charter will be sent away within a week and by that time should bear over thirty names.

The list showed that 21 had already enrolled as charter members and several others who were unable to attend have signified their intentions of enrolling. Only fifteen are required to secure a charter so all this is left now is to get away the papers and await the arrival of the charter.

## "LIVING WAGE" GRABLE ASKS

Labor Board Refuses to Go on Record Defining Important Matter.

### LABOR APPEALS TO CONGRESS

Maintenance of Way Investigation Goes Over Until Tomorrow Pending Reply of Living Wage Question.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—The United States Railroad Labor Board today denied the motion of W. Jett Lauck, labor statistician, asking that the labor board immediately define the principle of a "living wage" in the case of the Maintenance of Way employes asking for an increase in the minimum rate of pay.

At request of President Grable of the Maintenance organization, the hearing then adjourned until tomorrow. Grable announced that he was telegraphing President Harding and congress asking that an amendment be made to the transportation act making it mandatory that the Labor Board shall enunciate the principle of a "living wage."

## UNION JUDGE AT WORK ON THE RECOUNT

Hon. J. W. Knowles Takes Hold of the Multnomah County Muddle and Sets Program for Procedure.

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—Primary election contests brought by John B. Coffey and W. W. Banks reached the recount stage early yesterday.

Banks, who is contesting the Republican nomination of W. J. H. Clarke for joint state senator from Multnomah, Clackamas, and Columbia counties, was allowed by Circuit Judge Knowles this morning to amend his complaint so that all 426 precincts in Multnomah county will be reviewed.

Judge Knowles overruled a demurrer brought by Attorney L. E. Schmidt, representing Louis Kerkwood and E. R. Campbell in the Coffey contest, with the result that a single recount will be made to embrace four defendants.

Coffey's action is brought against R. J. Kirkwood, Herbert Gordon, Campbell and Keuhn, but is particularly directed against Kirkwood, as there was only ninety votes between Kirkwood and Coffey in the official count.

## CONCERT TO HAVE NEW FEATURES

Besides Superb Program by Band Miss Schilke will Render Two Vocal Numbers.

Two beautiful and familiar songs will be sung tonight by Miss Fredricka Schilke in connection with the band concert at the intersection of G and 2nd. This is an innovation, and will no doubt be a very popular one. Miss Schilke has a strong voice and with hand accompaniment should have splendid success with her two numbers. The program that will be given tonight is as follows:

March, "Entry of the Gladiators," Fuchs; "Salut d'Amour" (Love Greeting), Edward Elgar; "Dancing Fool" (Fox Trot), Ted Snyder; Tabu solo, "The Mighty Deed," Jude, by Mr. Oscar Humphries; selection, "Romance and Juliet," Ch. Couand; "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," Stiles, and "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," Arthur Tate, by Miss Fredricka Schilke; overture, "Crown Diamonds," Auber.

ANOTHER ONE FOR RUTH.  
(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Babe Ruth took another home run today.

BOUNT BOOD LOOP LET.  
(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—The state highway commission today let the last contract for surfacing the Mt. Hood Loop. They also sold a million and a half dollars worth of bonds at a premium of \$4,050.

WHEAT MARKET.  
(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—Wheat sold at \$1.02 to \$1.07 today.

## LA GRANDE IS HIDING UNDER HEAVY SHOWER

Gala City Receiving Drenching; Jupiter Pluvius Has All Forces Mustered; Is Heaviest Rainfall in Some Time.

La Grande, arrayed in her finest raiment in preparation for the arrival of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan, is receiving a face washing that will be long remembered. Despite the festive attire, no harm is being done as the gala banners are not fading but are staying true to their colors.

Apparently the shower is but a passing one, despite its intensity, as throughout the few hours the sun has occasionally shown for a minute or so. Jupiter Pluvius apparently decided that La Grande should be cleaned thoroughly for the arrival of the Knights, and he is certainly doing a good job of the matter.

As the Evening Observer goes to press the city of La Grande is being thoroughly drenched under one of the heaviest showers experienced here in some time. The downpour commenced about 12:30 o'clock and has continued intermittently since then, making it practically impossible to go about the city on foot unless clothed in waterproofed garments.

Gutters Are Flooded.  
The rainfall is so heavy that it is impossible for the gutters to carry off the surplus as fast as it is falling. Gutters throughout the city are either crowded to capacity or are overflowing. Members of the street department are over-worked in handling the matter.

## PRESIDENT IS DESIROUS OF MORE POWER

Mr. Harding Still Believes Congress Should Make Such Grant.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—President Harding still believes congress should grant him immediate authority to take over the railroads and mining properties, it was said today at the White House. But he has awarded the congressional spokesman that only the grimmest public necessity would move him to exercise such powers if they are granted.

The president does not, however, intend to make a formal demand for the powers if congress shows an unwillingness to enact the necessary legislation. He believes there is no precedent necessary for this action.

## RAILROADS AND MINES ARE GOAL

Grimmest Public Emergency is Only Time He Would Use Such Power, According to White House Statement.

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## CAPPER LINES UP FOR BONUS

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Announcing his support of the bonus measure as nothing more than a square deal for the boys who did the fighting, Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas told the senate today that "war and peace profiteers owe this bonus to the soldiers."

## THREE STEAMERS ARE AROUND

SEATTLE, Aug. 29.—The freighter Wabash and the whaling steamer Gray grounded in the heavy fog in the straits of Juan de Fuca today.

The steamer Nika, which grounded near Cape Hattery yesterday, was freed still aground today.

## GRANGE BILL IS ATTACKED WITH OTHERS

Fraud Charged in Initiating Measures for the Coming Election.

### SUIT STARTED DOWN AT SALEM

Notaries and Those who Circulated Petitions Under Fire and Charge is Made that Names were Forged.

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—Flagrant abuse of the provisions of the initiative law is alleged in a legal attack launched against measures by which the graduated income tax bill of the state grange has been initiated. The attack takes the form of a suit filed Monday in circuit court of Marion county at Salem, alleging insufficiency of signatures to the initiative petition under which the bill was filed.

Basically, the complaint focuses upon the questionable methods of petition circulation and notaries. Fraud on the part of several such persons is alleged. These charges are backed by specific cases of persons whose names appear on the petition. Scores of these persons will appear as witnesses, it is said, to testify that they did not sign the petition or were induced to sign, though ineligible.

400 May Be Called.  
It is estimated that close to 400 persons will be called, if the case goes to court as expected, to testify to irregularities in the petition. Some, it was said, will be minors, others aliens and still others non-residents.

The suit filed yesterday was brought in the name of John H. Carson, as district attorney of Marion county, and names Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, as defendant. It is demanded that Secretary of State Koser be restrained from putting the income tax measure on the ballot next November because of the alleged frauds in preparing and filing the supporting petition.

Though the suit was filed in Marion county, in which the secretary of state must be served with the papers, it is directed by the law firm of McCamant & Thompson of Portland. The investigators of this firm worked exclusively in Multnomah county and the irregularities they aver they have uncovered center almost entirely in Portland. For this reason it is thought that the action may be held in Multnomah county. It must be promptly tried before expiration of the time when measures may no longer be removed from the November ballot.

## FARMERS AND HUNTERS AGREE

Cooperation Between Farmers and Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club Assured.

The plan of co-operation between the farmers and the members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club in an effort to get together in regards to shooting on the farmers' property is proving to be very successful. Although the sportsmen have not started active solicitation yet, about fifteen farmers have been interviewed and all are willing to co-operate fully with the club.

The plan is to furnish the hunters who are members of the club with credentials that will be presented to the farmers with a request to hunt on their property. With the knowledge that the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club will pay for any damage perpetrated, the farmers are willing to let the above members use their grounds for hunting purposes. The club announces that only those sportsmen who are true hunters, not hogchoppers or irresponsible, will be given credentials, and every precaution will be taken to refrain from damaging or injuring any of the farmers' stock or fixtures.

"We are not trying to crowd out hunters," one of the farmers announced. "What we want is to know who is on our property and to be assured that they will not include in wanton destruction or be guilty of carelessness. With the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club taking action in the above manner, we are willing to co-operate with them."

A. E. Burghdoff, state game commissioner, wrote to the club members stating that he was fully in accord with the plan, stating that it was the only possible means of ending the farmer-sportsman feud that has been in vogue for years.

## AGENT SAVES TRAIN

BEND, Aug. 29.—The station agent at Redmond last night ditched sixteen runaway freight cars by turning the switch, thus saving a passenger train which passed a little later. A railway speeder today collided with one of the ditched cars exploding a tank and four Japanese section men were burned.