

RAILROAD WAGES

Shall they be determined by
*Industrial Warfare or
Federal Inquiry?*

To the American Public:

Do you believe in arbitration or industrial warfare?

The train employees on all the railroads are voting whether they will give their leaders authority to tie up the commerce of the country to enforce their demands for a 100 million dollar wage increase.

The railroads are in the public service—your service. This army of employees is in the public service—your service.

You pay for rail transportation 3 billion dollars a year, and 44 cents out of every dollar from you goes to the employees.

On all the Western railroads in 1915, seventy-five per cent of the train employees earned these wages (lowest, highest and average of all) as shown by the pay rolls—

	Passenger		Freight		Yard	
	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average
Engineers	\$1747 3094	\$2195	\$1537 3076	\$2071	\$1056 2445	\$1378
Conductors	1543 2789	1878	1454 2933	1935	1151 2045	1355
Firemen	0 3 2078	1317	751 2059	1181	418 1552	973
Brakemen	854 1719	967	874 1961	1135	862 1821	1107

The average yearly wage payments to all Western train employees (including those who worked only part of the year) as shown by the 1915 payrolls were—

	Passenger	Freight	Yard
Engineers	\$2038	\$1737	\$1218
Conductors	1772	1624	1292
Firemen	1218	973	832
Brakemen	921	1000	1026

A 100 million dollar wage increase for men in freight and yard service (less than one-fifth of all employees) is equal to a 5 per cent advance in all freight rates.

The managers of the railroads, as trustees for the public, have no right to place this burden on the cost of transportation to you without a clear mandate from a public tribunal speaking for you.

The railroads have proposed the settlement of this controversy either under the existing national arbitration law, or by reference to the Interstate Commerce Commission. This offer has been refused by the employees' representatives.

Shall a nation-wide strike or an investigation under the Government determine this issue?

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LOCAL NEWS

Summer school closed at the Normal today.

Miss Leona Sloper is visiting on Salt Creek.

Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler were in Portland this week.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a cooked food sale, Sat. July 29.

Buy Tilt Shoes of Kramer. There is comfort and long wear in them.

J. A. Bowley took an auto load of Independence people to Newport this week.

Rev. P. R. Bennett of McMinnville visited his daughters in Independence this week.

No Independence resident was numbered among the first 1000 in the Colville land drawing.

R. R. DeArmond and G. G. Walker autored to Newport, Sun-

day, returning the same day. Mrs. M. B. Jaques and daughter, Stella, have returned from Corvallis and Wells where they spent a week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hodges of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Scheldt of San Francisco visited Mrs. Hodges' sister, Mrs. C. J. Taylor, this week.

The W. C. T. U. will hold an institute at the Christian church next Tuesday. There will be an afternoon session at 2:50 and one in the evening at 8:00. A special program has been prepared for the evening.

The American Restaurant is now under new management. Strictly high class in every respect. Short orders and 25c. meals. \$5.25 meal ticket for \$4.50. A trial is all we ask.

C. E. Stewart & Son, Props.

We want to sell you work gloves. Mule skin 25c and 50c. Horse hide \$1 and \$1.50. Cloth 10c and 15c. O. A. Kramer.

Mrs. W. A. Sloper was taken back to a Portland hospital on Sunday, where she was operated upon again. She is doing nicely.

Miss Frances Patterson returned to her home in Portland, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McIntosh taking her in their auto.

Light weight auto caps and hats, sport hats and caps, 50c and \$1.00. Style and shapes to suit all. You should see them. Conkey & Walker.

A son was born, on Monday, to Mrs. F. J. McKee, who is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McLeod, in Independence.

Mrs. M. A. Robinson, who has been in a Portland hospital for some time, where she was operated upon, returned to her home in this city, Tuesday.

Hanna Bros. have purchased a third interest in the Skinner Garage and machine shop. Extensive improvements will be made in the already well equipped machine shop and plans are under way to meet the demands of a large business.

Warm weather is here and everyone has been anxious to see it. So it is only a few days now until you can go bathing. Then you will find a large supply of bathing suits, caps, and shoes awaiting you at very reasonable low prices. Caps and shoes, 25c and 50c. Suits 25c to \$3.00. Conkey & Walker.

Cooked Food Sale

The ladies of the Christian church will serve the public to their monthly cooked food sale at their old stand, Calbreath & Jones' grocery, on Saturday, August 5. See the splendid display of choice receipt books.

Card of Thanks

We desire to thank our friends of Independence for their kind expressions of sympathy, and for the many floral offerings at the funeral of our beloved mother.

Mrs. Sherman Hays
Mrs. Florence Whiteaker
Mrs. C. W. Irvine.

FOR SALE

Six head of Durham cattle consisting of four milch cows, a 2 year old roan bull and a nine months steer calf. Also three cows just fresh and one dry cow. Will sell at lower price if taken altogether. Phone Farm 1311.

S. E. Carmack.

A good pair of reading glasses for \$1.00 at O. A. Kremer's.

COURT PAYS TO SETTLE CASE.

Judge Gives Plaintiff \$10 In Order to Save County Expense.

Enterprise, Ore.—To give Wallawa county the expense of trying a lawsuit in which the plaintiffs were only \$10 apart Judge J. W. Knowles in the circuit court paid over that amount to the plaintiff out of his own pocket, and the suit was dismissed. The suit was brought by J. A. Burleigh against Lillian Spicer. Burleigh appeared on his own behalf in the circuit court, but Mrs. Spicer was represented by an attorney. When the case was called Judge Knowles interrupted. "I have been informed," he said, "that plaintiff and defendant are only \$10 apart in this case." The lawyers replied that was correct. "Then I will give the plaintiff \$10 to settle the suit," the judge said, "and we can proceed to something important and avert the expense of a trial."

Old Ox Shoe Found.

Centralia, Kan.—An ox shoe has been unearthed in the J. P. Dorman garden. It had probably laid there for fifty years. Mrs. Dorman, who is a primary teacher, used the shoe to illustrate stories to the children of the early days in Kansas, when people rode behind axes instead of in automobiles.

For painting and paper-hanging, call Main 6912.

H. Sauer.

MEMORIAL TO IRISH POETS.

Remarkable Scene in New York For Victims of Dublin Revolt.

New York.—A remarkable scene took place on the knoll of the meadow in Central park recently. Three Irish poets, Patrick H. Pearse, Thomas MacDonagh and Joseph Plunkett, who were executed in the recent Dublin revolution, were memorialized in poetry and purpose by leading American poets.

The dean of American poetry, Edwin Markham, presided. Mr. Wilton Lackaye, a native of Dublin, recited the last poems of Pearse. Miss Eleanor Rogers Cox delivered a poem written by her for the occasion, entitled "A Song For Ireland's Martyred Poets."

A sympathetic letter was read from William Dean Howells, the famous author, and poems appropriate to the occasion were read by the poets Joyce Kilmer, William Hamilton Hayne, Edwin Markham, Margaret Widener, Harold Johnson, Theresa Braxton, Daniel Burnet, George Sterling, Seanus O'Sheel, Anna Hempstead, Corinne Roosevelt Robinson and Peter Golden. Resolutions were adopted to be sent to the families of the dead poets declaring respect and sympathy for the cause for which they died.

MAKES \$1,954 BY MISTAKE.

Mrs. Trepel Did Not Read Liability Warning on Bathing Envelope.

New York.—Because Mrs. Jack Trepel did not read the warning on an envelope for valuables supplied to her by the Deauville Bathing company, Supreme Court Justice Erlanger has granted a motion awarding her \$1,979 instead of the \$25 which the bathing concern stated on their envelope was the limit of their liability for lost property.

When Mrs. Trepel went for a swim one day last summer she slipped her rings into the envelope, sealed it and left it with the company for safe keeping, after signing her name just above the restricted liability clause.

She did not get back her jewelry and sued for its value. Justice Erlanger said there was no proof Mrs. Trepel had seen the warning and so agreed to the proprietor's limit on responsibility.

WOMAN SHOTS BULL.

Wife Saves Her Husband's Life From Enraged Animal.

Thief River Falls, Minn.—Mike Zimney, a farmer, living east of here, was saved from being trampled to death by an enraged bull by the courage and prompt action of his wife.

The animal took offense at the flapping of Mr. Zimney's rain coat and attacked him, throwing him to the ground and breaking several ribs and his collar bone.

Mrs. Zimney, seeing the plight of her husband, quickly secured a shotgun and some shells. While she had never attempted to use firearms of any kind, she managed to load the gun and shoot the animal, stunning him sufficiently to enable her to drag her unconscious husband out of danger. Mr. Zimney was brought to the hospital here for treatment.

FINED FOR CHOPPING TREES.

Penalty For Cutting Down Historic Oaks Is \$25 Each.

Beloit, Kan.—At a jury trial in this city recently C. F. Abraham, proprietor of the Wagona Springs sanitarium, and Harry Lashley of Kirwin were each fined \$25 for cutting down some of the historic oak trees at Lincoln Park, near Cawker City.

Mr. Abraham bought a large building in the park owned by the State W. C. T. U. association and cut down some trees to make a path to the high way for the building. The building was taken to Wagona Springs. The real trouble seemed to be that the Lincoln Park Religious and Educational association, the plaintiff in the case, did not want the W. C. T. U. to sell the building.

HUSBAND TOO ATTRACTIVE.

In Order to Marry His Beauty Wife Burns Out Both Eyes.

Sherman, Tex.—Because she regarded her husband as too attractive to other women Mrs. L. P. Cathright poured a quart of concentrated lye on his face and body while he slept, burning out both eyes and badly burning and disfiguring his body.

"I did not want to kill him, but I did want to put his eyes out and spoil his handsome face so he would not be attractive to other women," she told the sheriff.

Gatright is forty-five years of age. He owned a restaurant. It is said he will recover, but will be blind. He requested that his wife be not arrested.

NOVEL WAY TO PROPOSE.

He "Pops" Question on Phonograph Record; She Answers Same Way.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Girls is a kiss less and hugless proposal better than none? If you cannot answer ask the future Mrs. A. B. Manning of this city. She got the idea question on a phonograph record, husband expecting being too timid to propose in person. Soon he got a record back. It contained one word—"Yes." So the k. and b. proposal seemed O. K. to one girl.

Dances Jig at Ninety-eight. Youngstown, O.—Mrs. Melinda Knight, ninety-eight years old, Youngstown's oldest woman, celebrated her birthday recently by playing popular music on the piano and doing a jig. In spite of her age she is active on her feet and is able to dance some of the modern steps.

EX-PEDDLER RICH.

After Thirty Years He Distributes \$15,000 Among Employees.

BEGAN WITH NINETEEN CENTS

New Yorker Invested That Sum in Suspensives and Sold Them on the Bowery—Now is Able to Share Success With Those Who Helped to Make It.

New York.—Bernard Bittzer of a gas and electric appliance company in this city arrived in New York from Austria thirty years ago with 19 cents in his pocket. He invested his 19 cents in suspensives and sold them on the Bowery. He eventually distributed more than \$15,000 among the twenty-seven kinds of departments and salesmen employed by the firm of which he is the president.

Mr. Bittzer told the story of his life as a diamond in the rough peddler, given by him to the traveling salesmen.

"I came to America from Austria," said Mr. Bittzer, "when about eighteen years old, and when I landed I had but 19 cents. I met an Austrian friend who ran a small hotel near the Battery, and he offered me a room and meals on credit until I was able to pay for them. I accepted his kindness, and with my 19 cents I bought a few pairs of suspensives, which I peddled. When they were sold I put my principal and profit into suspensives and peddled again. I kept this up, always putting every cent of profit into more stock. Until I rose to the proud position of peddler-in-chief. In those days a peddler-in-chief was one who had a cart and paid a man \$1 a day to push it while he sold merchandise."

After a time Mr. Bittzer was able to pay his landlord in full, and some time later he was able to marry. From peddling merchandise he went to work for the gas company of New York, and there he had his opportunity and his idea.

"I saw the possibilities of manufacturing and selling lighting fixtures," he told the salesmen. "I investigated and found that thousands upon thousands of New York homes were without electricity. I realized that sooner or later every home in New York would have one or the other, that many new homes would be built and that fixtures would be necessary wherever gas or electricity went. So I determined to go into the business of manufacturing and selling lighting fixtures. I took all of the money I had saved—it wasn't very much, but it gave me a start—and I persuaded my brother-in-law, now the secretary-treasurer of our company, Charles A. Gottsman, to put in all of his money, and together we began business at 138 Bovey. This was in 1903. Our place was small, and our business was little at first. I was the salesman, and Mr. Gottsman was packer, shipper, credit man, store manager and a dozen other things.

"It was slow going at first, but we were headed in the right direction. People began to use electricity and gas more and more, and we began to sell more and more fixtures. The rest of the story is simply one of steady growth, each year being better than the year before and last year being the best of all.

"And now I think we have got to the position where we can begin to share our success with the men who have helped us make it. We are therefore presenting a little gift to each man, and I wish to announce that in the future the profits of the firm will be shared with those who help make the profits."

At a dinner given previously to the heads of departments checks were distributed to the guests.

GIRL KILLS 7,200 FLIES.

Joliet (Ill.) Child Makes Record Slaughter in Two Days.

Joliet, Ill.—Joliet is a flyless city, due to the efforts of 3,000 school children who killed nearly a million flies by actual count during three weeks.

Elizabeth Louch, ten years old, is the champion fly swatter of the city. In two days she killed 7,200 flies. She holds the record for fatalities for one day, ranging in 5,500 as a result of six hours' work.

For every 100 flies turned in a ticket to the movies was given in exchange.

Dr. E. J. Higgins, health commissioner, estimated that the million flies killed in the early part of the year prevented 200,000,000 living later in the summer.

TWO WRONGS MADE A RIGHT.

Woman Falls, Dislocates Knee; Falls Again, Limb Gets Set.

New Martinsville, W. Va.—Mrs. Everett Shepherd of Clinton street was recently the victim of two accidents, in which one righted the damage done by the other.

She fell on the sidewalk and dislocated her knee. Her husband was near by and after assisting her to her feet started to carry his wife home. As he mounted the steps to the porch he too slipped and fell. The fall resulted in Mrs. Shepherd's dislocated knee as the limb slipped into place again.

Rather Save Birds. Stevens Point, Wis.—It is, Pope, near Wisconsin, has allowed his manure spreader to be his this season because a robin family has taken up quarters in the spokes of a rear wheel.

LOCAL NEWS

Beautiful neckties, 25c and 50c at Kramer's

Mrs. A. L. Thomas has returned from Newport.

Miss Ada Ketchum is at Newport this week.

W. W. Butler and son are home from Newport.

Judge Paddock was a Portland visitor this week.

Dr. R. E. Duganne, dentist, National Bank Building.

W. J. Clark and family returned from Newport Tuesday.

Buy Duchess Trousers of Kramer. They are extra good.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Cosper visited in Portland last Saturday.

Miss Bertha Collins has returned to her home in Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clark and Mrs. A. Nelson went to Portland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cary are visiting in the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. J. E. Hubbard returned Sunday, from a week's visit in Portland.

Mrs. J. W. Richardson entertained the W. C. T. U. Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Carl Rowe, of Enterprise, is visiting relatives and friends in this city.

Misses Maud and Frances Patterson returned from Newport Saturday.

Miss Ella Robinson has resumed her position at Conkey & Walker's store.

Try a pair of our \$3.75 work shoes. Extra good for the money. O. A. Kramer.

Miss Thelma Toney is spending a week's vacation at McMinnville and Portland.

Homer Wood and Clyde Ecker hiked to Albany last night and then hiked back again.

Mrs. Agnes Houser was successfully operated upon in a Portland hospital Tuesday.

Dr. J. B. Grider, dentist, successor to Dr. Allen, Cooper Building, Phone Main 1021.

Mark Weatherford, of Albany, candidate for congress, was in Independence Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hibbs, who have been at Newport for several weeks, returned home Monday.

Miss Anna Addison, of White Salmon, Wash., is visiting her parents and other relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickett, of Waitsburg, Wash., are at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Butler.

Mrs. F. H. Robinson, of Corvallis, was a visitor at the home of her brother, Homer Weed, the first of the week.

S. C. Halladay and family autored over from Portland, Monday, and spent the day with Independence friends.

George Lewis, a hop dealer, purchased a fine new Haines touring car last week from the local dealer, G. C. Skinner.

The Presbyterian Sunday school had a picnic in the park Tuesday afternoon with a six-o'clock luncheon in the evening.

Who said there wasn't any more Coates' crochet thread? Just the same there is plenty to be had of all sizes at Conkey & Walker's.

Dr. Purdy and Mr. Skinner made a trip to Portland Monday and returned Tuesday in a beautiful seven passenger Hupmobile, which the Doctor purchased through Mr. Skinner's agency.