

OLD STORY; MORE PAY, SHORTER HOURS

Coal Miners Ask 15 Per Cent Increase and Shorter Working Day.

CANNOT AFFORD INCREASE

Operators Say They Have Already Granted Two Raises and Another Would Cause Them to Lose Money on Their Contracts.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Coal operators were asked today to agree to an increase in miners' wages that will average 15 per cent and to agree to a modification of the rule covering the working day that is declared by the operators to be equivalent to a reduction from eight to six or six and one-half hours. The schedule of wages the union asks was handed to the operators just before noon and it is improbable an answer will be returned for some time. The operators will figure out the effect of the increase in each mine. It is certain the operators will not agree to the full demands of the union. The big companies all have coal contracts that could be filled at the new wage schedule and the reduction in the working time would result in a curtailment of from 20 to 25 per cent of the output, something the trade will not stand.

Want Time for Lunch. At present an eight-hour day is granted by nearly all the mines of the state. Time is computed from the hour the miners reach the face of the workings and the day ends when they leave work. Eight hours' actual work in the mine is demanded. Under the new rule the United Mine Workers are attempting to enforce time contracts that would not reach the face of the workings and return, and to take advantage of the half-hour lunch concession. The demand of the union that this time be charged to the company means a loss of from 20 to 25 per cent of the work the miners accomplish. The miners failed last winter in an attempt to force through the Legislature to limit work to eight hours a day. The new wage scale presented by the miners' union is a compromise and a new grading of the mines in mine work. In some classes the proposed increase runs as high as 30 per cent, while on other men it is graded down to 10 per cent. From the new schedule it is figured the wage increase averages 15 per cent.

Cannot Afford an Increase.

Coal operators show that they have granted two voluntary wage increases this year. The last was a 20 per cent increase, effective June 1. To grant another 15 per cent increase would make it utterly impossible to fill important contracts. Operators are not apt to concede the two demands of the miners' union and they believe a compromise can be effected. It is probable the conference between the operators and the miners will be prolonged for a few days, but by that time the operators believe a compromise can be worked out. There is not much prospect that the operators will grant the full demands of the union. The big coal operators use the Pacific Coast Company mines as an illustration of their predicament. The Pacific Coast Company averages less than 20 per cent for the coal it produces. The percentage of high-priced domestic coal even in the best mines runs below 20 per cent and the contract prices for the great output of mine run and steam coal are such that the average price below \$3 a ton. It is figured by the operators that contracts on this basis would leave no margin above the cost of production if the miners' demands were granted.

BASED ON ILLEGAL DIVORCE Suit for Interest in Farm Hinges on Old Records.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Upon the contradictory evidence of an invalid service of summons by publication in a divorce suit between Mrs. Mary Hershberger and Jacob Hershberger, in 1875, and a journal entry upon the records of the court showing that service of summons was made by the Sheriff in Marion County, rests the question of whether or not Mrs. Hershberger, who was given a decree of divorce from her husband 22 years ago, in entirety, is entitled to the property of her deceased husband, valued at \$17,500. The property in dispute consists of the old Jacob Hershberger farm, situated near St. Louis, in Marion County, and consisting of 250 acres. Its value is estimated at \$70 per acre. Mrs. Hershberger, after supposedly divorcing her husband having died about a year ago and his real property having been purchased by Jenkins Harding) brought suit to establish a life estate in the property on the ground of the illegality of the divorce, setting up the contradictory evidence of service. In passing upon the case, Judge Barnett held that the publication service was invalid, but he could not dispute the journal entry of default against the defendant, Hershberger, hence he gave judgment in favor of Harding. It is expected that while both Mr. and Mrs. Hershberger regarded the divorce decree invalid, they lived separate and apart from the date of its granting. Upon the decision of the Supreme Court, therefore, will depend the validity of the transfer of the title to the farm without the consent of Mrs. Hershberger to the deed and a cash consideration of at least \$5800 weighs in the balance.

Railroads Obeying Orders.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Railroads generally in the state are responding in compliance without protest to the order of the Railroad Commission, dated July 18, prescribing a set of rules and regulations for the government of the sanitary conditions of passenger cars, coaches, depot stations, and certain hours for keeping waiting-rooms open, lighted and heated and platforms properly heated. The O. R. & N. Company has had large posters printed which set forth the rules adopted by the commission and approved by the signature of General Superintendent M. J. Buckley, with

instructions that they be posted conspicuously in all waiting-rooms and cars on the system. A like compliance with the order is made by Superintendent J. Maguire, of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad. A supplemental order issued today includes the Walla Walla Valley Traction Company in the list, with certain modifications to suit the case.

COUNTY FAIR TO BE SUCCESS Clackamas County Elects Officers for Fair Association.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Clackamas County is to have her first fair, and organization of the Clackamas County Fair Association was effected this afternoon by the election of officers and directors. The fair will take place in Clackamas Park in October and the board of directors has been elected with authority to make plans for the event and carry them out. The success of the preliminary plans and organization is due to the indefatigable work of Captain James P. Shaw, who has put in several weeks' time for the public good. He received a unanimous vote of thanks at today's meeting. The officers are: Richard Scott, Milwaukee, president; George Laselle, Mount Pleasant, vice-president; Charles E. Spence, Beaver Creek, secretary; Thomas F. Ryan, Oregon City, treasurer; County Judge Grant Dimick, Commissioner John



NEW LIBRARY BUILDING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON IS COMPLETED. The new library building at the University of Oregon, which will be completed within a few days, will be occupied by the library some time in September. The building will accommodate the library for some time, and still leave some room in the basement and upper story for recitation rooms. This will relieve partially the crowded conditions in the other college buildings. The library building is of cement and Newberg pressed brick. It is tan in color, and against the background of dark fir trees which surround it, the structure is one of the most attractive on the campus. The wood trimmings are of dark green. The inside of the building is finished in rough tinted plaster. The principal reading-room extends the length of the building and is well lighted, and ventilated. The principal interior woodwork is of fir.

LEWELLEN AND THOMAS B. KILLER, R. S. WILLIAM GRANT, J. W. GRANT, T. J. GARY, OF WILLAMETTE; A. J. LEWIS, OF MAPLE LAKE, AND ENOS CAHILL, OF NEW ERA, DIRECTORS.

completing the roads to grant greater favors to the men, bitterly denounce the Legislature's granters and special interests, who, they claim, have been robbing the roads and, indirectly, the employees. Coincident with this denunciation is an announcement that the railroad employees have tried uniting with other labor unions and the plan has failed. In the future the various railroad organizations will make their own campaign and the State Federation of Labor will have no help from the train crews. Every branch of railway service is recognized in the preliminary organization of the railroad employees and they insist that they can enlist the support of most of the 15,000 railroad voters in this state. Serving as committees in the railroad centers of the state are the following: Mat Sloan, J. McFeely, H. Duffer, F. W. Phelps, T. Collins, James Hough, Frank Ream, C. Judd, James Grant, J. W. Griffith, Sam Love, Beverly, J. B. Mother, C. H. Craycroft, J. W. Owen, Everett, Fred Sandy, Jesse Huatkin, Jack Quinn, J. B. Walker, Spokane; J. B. ext. Quin, Terhite, D. C. Clark, Ellensburg; F. H. Williams, T. H. H. Carter, T. H. T. Tekon; W. T. Terry, C. B. Kingsman, F. S. Martin, Frank Elliott, Bellingham; George Grage, F. M. Lindsey, E. Kirshoff, G. Baker, C. S. Elliott, H. Fisher, N. B. Nicol, Tacoma.

RUSH WORK ON THE ROAD Oregon City, Beaver Creek & Molalla May Run by April.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The Oregon City, Beaver Creek & Molalla Railroad, which is being promoted by County Judge Grant E. Dimick, Mayor E. G. Cannon, Judge Thomas F. Ryan, John Adams and J. W. Sherwood, may be constructed as far as Beaver Creek by April 1, 1908, and it is expected to have the first mile of the road completed this year. So far only local capital is interested in the project, but it is intended to obtain funds to extend the road on to Molalla and Soda Springs. The temporary terminal will be at Division street, at the head of Seventh street. The route of the road from Beaver Creek is down Buckner Creek, where there is a magnificent body of timber that it will take years to bring out.

KILLS HIMSELF WITH RIFLE Ralph Reed, Living Near Albany, Dies in Play.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 14.—Ralph Reed, 12-year-old son of Austin Reed, who resides near Knox's Butte, five miles east of here, last evening, took a 22-caliber rifle from its resting place in the house and went out on the front porch to play with it. Not having been warned that the weapon was loaded, the lad paid no attention to the how he handled it. He had been out on the porch but a short time when his mother heard the report of a shot. Rushing out to where the boy had been playing, she found him lying dead, an ugly wound in his left temple. Death was instant.

Many Take August Examinations. PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Teachers and would-be teachers are here from all parts of the county to take the August examinations, which began this morning at 9 o'clock. The fact that this is the last examination to be held under the old law has induced many who would otherwise have waited to apply for papers at this time. Two additional studies will be added to the list for first grade applicants February 1—English literature and physical geography. The Umatilla County examining board consists of President W. H. Bleaney, of the Pendleton Academy, and Principal L. W. Keeler, of the Echo schools.

UNION GETS FIGHT

Railroad Men's Twentieth-Century Club Formed.

AGAINST BOODLE LAWS

Political Organization Designed to Co-operate With Corporations for Mutual Protection — Not Connected With Any Unions.

SEATTLE, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—In their open letter to railroad employes the trainmen, who are organizing the Railroad Men's Twentieth Century Club, a political organization forming in this state to oppose anti-railroad legislation and to

those who furnish the physical force to keep it in motion. Railway employes have been, and are driven near to industrial bankruptcy in this state by vicious legislation, to a great extent the outcome of their own indifference and neglect. It is painfully true that railway employes, by their inaction and failure to stand bravely in defense of their rights, have encouraged the organization of legislation, boodling, which is permitted to continue to exist and threaten the destruction of much good property and the means of giving thousands good employment.

HORSE THIEVES ARE ACTIVE Pick Up Stray Horses and Add Them to Their Bands.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Extensive thefts of horses and cattle are reported by the ranchers of the Tilton Basin and of all the country lying between here and Chehalis. It is said that certain horsemen who have been driving bands of cattle over the hills to the Sound have acquired the habit of picking up all stray animals that cross their trail and that bands of 40 or 50 horses leaving here amount to 60 or 70 head by the time they reach Chehalis. Sheriff Edwards, of this county, says that he has received a great many complaints and that he has made inquiries which satisfy him that many animals have been stolen at 125 a head. He says that it is exceedingly difficult to secure the required testimony against the

WANT LAND EARLY

Crowds Wait All Night for Office to Open.

BRIBERY - NOT ALLOWED

Policemen Keep Order in Line and No One is Permitted to Take Another's Place — Attempts at Cheating All Fail.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Following the all-night watch of home-seekers waiting for the Land-Office to open at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, the local office force was kept busy during the entire day with persons waiting to file either on timber or homesteads in the Priest River reserve. When the office opened at 9 o'clock 400 policemen were on duty to see that order prevailed and that no one forced himself ahead of his number given the night before. At 10 o'clock the line had thinned so that three officers could keep them in line during the remainder of the day. Out of the 103 persons who went through the office, 68 persons were successful and that number of filings was put on record. Of the number 75 were timber filings, while the remainder were homesteads. Of the 15 who were unsuccessful, most of these were because of other filings. The applicants were taken to the office in crowds of 10, accompanied by an officer, whose duty it was to see that no one not provided with a number would find a place in the line. M. Beatty, an old lady 75 years of age, who remained in line during the greater part of the night, was successful in getting the claim a place in the line. Lewis H. Fox, who had waited since 6 o'clock Monday morning, was the first person to file and he was successful in getting the claim he desired. During the evening and after the applicants had been asked to leave the building, a crowd of men erected a scaffold in the rear of the building and gained an entrance. It was their intention to remain in the building until the office opened. They were detected, however, and their plans were unsuccessful. One of the officers who was on duty during the day had many offers from applicants who desired to get ahead of those in the line. One man, more generous than the others, offered \$50 for a desirable place at the head of the line. Another slipped his name and number to the officer. On the slip or paper was an offer to the policeman of \$10.

LOCATES NEW FOREST TRAIL Will Extend From Cowlitz Pass to Road in Cowlitz Valley.

NORTH YAKIMA, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—G. F. Allen, National Forest Supervisor, and W. H. B. Kent, Forest Inspector, reached this city today after a trip across the Cascades from the Big Bottom country. They made the journey with pack horses. The object of the journey was to locate the line of a new trail from Cowlitz Pass to the wagon road in the Cowlitz Valley. Mr. Allen says that the Government

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St. Louis, Mo., March 5th, 1907. Wertheimer-Swartz Shoe Co., St. Louis, Mo. Gentlemen: Being troubled with Rheumatism for a long time, and having sought relief through the means of medical aid, without any good results, I was told of the wonderful powers of the Wertheimer Shoe as to its curative properties, and finally purchased a pair and after wearing the same for two weeks, was so much benefited that I was able to move about with little or no difficulty and was freed from the Rheumatic pains in my feet. It is such an easy and simple remedy, and besides, the shoes are comfortable and stylish, and I was truly grateful for the benefits derived from the wearing of this shoe, and can recommend them to any one suffering from Rheumatic trouble. Sincerely, MRS. A. S. 4114-A Castleman Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

CHINESE GIRLS TO BE TRAINED Twenty Coming Next Month for American Education.

SEATTLE, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Twenty Chinese girls of prominent Shanghai families are coming to Seattle on the Hill liner Minnesota next month to enter school in this country. Most of them will go to Massachusetts to take special courses in finishing schools of that state. A few may remain in Seattle to join Chinese girls attending the University of Washington, and others will take a special professional course. Chinese in Seattle have been advised the 20 girls coming on the Minnesota are to be equipped to return to their home country either as teachers or as medical practitioners. It is probable most of them will be fitted as teachers to take charge of girls' schools in China. It is only recently that the Chinese government has permitted girls to complete a thorough education in the Chinese schools and all of the 20 have been given the advantage of as complete a training as any of the men in China get. Their special course in this country is planned to give them a thorough grounding in American ways and education. Though recruited almost entirely from Shanghai, the party of 20 is said to represent the highest families in that section of China. Some of the girls come from official families, while the others are daughters of wealthy merchants dealing in Canton province.

SHOULD GET AFTER BOODLERS. Employees engaged in this hazardous occupation, encountering the hardships, dangers, enduring the misery and suffering of this fearful trade, the really boodler who performs a service of value whatever. If railway employes were to direct their efforts against the real enemy, there is no worthier cause in the world to expend energy or prospective means or desire any unworthy class of ill-gotten gains than to concentrate their strength for the overthrow of this element. If this were done, many legislative enactments would be of a job and the employes would get more of the consideration that is due them from the employer.

Both Parties Must Combine. Business principle and business laws have both been violated and outraged. It is the hope of many employes that upon the ruins of the past folly a modern and more permanent institution may be built. Relief, if it comes, must be secured by practical methods through the ballot and concert of action between those who supply the cash and

Falls 700 Feet to Death. SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 14.—A report from Rossland, B. C. has been received containing the news of the death of John Covello. The man was a miner employed in the White Bear mine and fell 700 feet down the shaft. His mangled body was recovered but was beyond recognition, the head being almost severed. He was riding in the 200-foot level and dropped to the 1000-foot level. The man was a native of Italy.

A Substitute for Meat

Many of the prepared foods upon the market are to be condemned as absolutely unreliable. Prepared in a haphazard manner, are inadequate in their constituents for body nourishment, while

DR. PRICE'S WHEAT FLAKE CELERY FOOD

would support the body if there was no other article of diet obtainable; a substitute for meat.

already has engaged foremen who will commence on the construction of the trail just so soon as they can find the men they require. The trail will be built for the convenience of the forest officers and for the benefit of stockmen, prospectors and the public generally.

STEAMER CHITINA GOES FROM ABERCROMBIE RAPIDS TO COPPER CITY. SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Complete reports from Katalia show the steamer Chitina's trip from Abercrombie Rapids to Copper City was a success. This is the first boat to navigate the upper Copper River. It was built at the Supple shipyards, in Portland, sent piece-meal to Valdez and carried by the Winter trail to the river last winter. It was set up this summer and is now in operation. Guggenheim interests regard the trip as the most remarkable feature of their railroad undertaking.

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