

EIGHT BIG MILLS TO BE AT ABERDEEN

Lumber Strike Takes Sudden Turn and Becomes Serious as Peace Is Expected.

3500 MEN ARE SHUT OUT

Refusal of 25-Cent Advance in Day's Wage by Mill Operatives Leads Men to Abandon Places. Crisis at Hand.

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 2.—(Special.)—Not one of the eight big lumber mills in Aberdeen will be in operation tomorrow. They will remain closed indefinitely unless the 25-cent advance is thrown out of employment, according to action taken by the millowners at a special meeting held this afternoon.

But the millowners emphatically declare that they make no such concession, but that the strikers had suggested through Mayor Benn that they would agree to such a proposal. Before it could be accepted, however, the balance of the mill operatives in some of the plants walked out upon failure to secure a 25-cent increase, and accordingly the general lockout was declared today.

A meeting of the strikers has been called for tomorrow afternoon, at which time the latest phase in the situation will be talked over. Their leaders say that the lockout is only a bluff, but that the owners found it necessary to shut down because impossible to secure men to operate the mills.

400 VETERANS IN LINE MEMBERS G. A. R. MAKE GOOD SHOWING AT CORVALLIS.

Captain James P. Shaw Elected Department Commander by Acclamation—Flags Are Presented.

CORVALLIS, Or., June 2.—(Special.)—At the business session of the G. A. R. Encampment today, Astoria was chosen as the place for next year's gathering. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Department commander, Captain J. P. Shaw, of Milwaukie; senior vice-commander, W. G. Lane, of Corvallis; junior vice-commander, Sam Taylor, of Eugene; medical director, Dr. J. H. Hall; chaplain, Rev. Kerr, of Portland. Delegates to the National Encampment at Salt Lake City in August, S. Copple, Ernest Swann, W. Hartman and Daniel Webster.

Captain Shaw was elected commander by acclamation, and bears the distinction of being the first commander so selected in the history of the Oregon Department. Captain Shaw is editor of the Milwaukie Record. He saw military service at 17 years of age and now carries in his body some 6000 pounds less than a quarter pound of Confederate lead, as well as several sabre cuts.

The feature of today's activities was the parade this morning. This was made remarkable by the fact that 400 veterans in line, there being not less than 400 keeping step to the music of life and drum. Veterans who have attended all the conventions of recent years, say the showing in Corvallis today was far greater than at any time heretofore.

The Corvallis High School was presented with 250 feet of flag by the W. R. C. This was raised to the top of a 10-foot pole previously erected on the school grounds. A campfire tonight and a business session tomorrow will close the encampment.

'OLD JOHN' DIES AT EUGENE Colored Miner, Injured by Fire in Lone Cabin, Fails to Recover.

EUGENE, Or., June 2.—(Special.)—John Downer, an old colored miner of the Blue River district, and a familiar character in Eugene for many years, died at the Eugene General Hospital here today, after an illness of several months' duration.

"Old John," as he was called, was 70 years old. He was known as an honest, hard-working man. He owned a good claim in the Blue River district, which he worked himself, thus making his living. Some weeks ago he became sick in his lone cabin in the mountains. During his illness it burned down, and Downer was hurt in the fire. He was removed to the hospital, but was too weak to recover.

OFFICERS ATTEND DANCE Washington Entertains Visiting Naval Men at Seattle.

SEATTLE, June 2.—The principal social event of the week is the American and Japanese fleet with the military band given tonight in the State Armory by the National Guard of Washington, complimentary to the officers of the United States Army, the United States Navy and the officers of the Japanese training squadron. Nearly all the officers stationed at Fort Lawton and on the nine cruisers in the harbor attended and, with local society people, filled the grand hall, whose floor is large enough for an infantry regiment to maneuver upon.

MANY CONVENTIONS PLANNED Puget Sound and A.-Y.-P. Fair to Draw Many Delegations.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 2.—Twenty-one conventions will be held in Seattle during the month of June, and many of them will be participated in by residents of Oregon. June 21, 22 and 23 the American Institute of Banking will hold its annual convention, and Portland bankers are expected to send representatives to the meeting. The grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons will meet from June 15 to 17. The Pacific Coast Advertising Men's Association, of which many Portlanders are members, will hold meetings June 15, 16 and 17, and a heavy representation from all parts of the Pacific coast is expected. June 7 and 8 the Transcontinental Passenger Agents' Association will be in session, and prominent

GRANTS PASS SELECTS QUEEN FOR FESTIVAL FLOAT.

Miss Ethel Johnson.

GRANTS PASS, Or., June 3.—(Special.)—Miss Ethel Johnson has been selected by public vote to represent this city as Queen of the Grants Pass float at the Rose Carnival in Portland.

Miss Johnson enjoys a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and her general popularity among the young and old may be expressed in the handsome vote she received in the contest. She has lived here most of her life. Three other candidates were in the race, but by zealous work on the part of Miss Johnson's friends, she was able to control the outcome with apparent ease.

Department transportation men from all parts of the United States will gather here. The United Commercial Travelers, Jurisdiction of Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, is scheduled to convene in Seattle June 11, and another Washington Bankers' Association will meet with the banking organizations of Oregon and Idaho June 24, 25 and 26. The Western Bowling Congress, in which Portland has a number of entries, is now in progress at the pavilion at Madison Park. The tournament will come to a close June 5.

SMITH IS FLEET CHAMPION.

SEATTLE, June 2.—Gumboat Smith, of the cruiser Pennsylvania, knocked out Matt Turner, of the California, in the fifth round of a battle for the heavyweight championship of the Pacific fleet at a smoker held on the California last night, attended by most of the officers of the fleet and representatives of the Japanese fleet.

MCDONALD 'GETS EVEN'

SMASHES LIGHTS AT STATE-HOUSE FOR SPITE. Seeks Reward for Tracy-Merrill Chase, but Comes Two Years Too Late and Starts Row.

SALEM, Or., June 2.—(Special.)—There was great excitement at the Statehouse for a few moments this morning, when Donald McDonald, a Forland lumberjack named J. A. McDonald, tried to demolish all the electric lights and chandeliers in the lobby on the ground floor.

McDonald had a claim against the state in connection with the Tracy-Merrill matter of June, 1902, when a number of citizens took part in the pursuit of the two desperate convicts who made their escape from the Oregon Penitentiary. Warrant Clerk James Allison of the Secretary of State's office, looked up the matter and found that McDonald had a valid claim against the state, but under the terms of the law appropriating the money to pay the men who took part in the man hunt the balance remaining unpaid on December 31, 1906, reverted back to the State Treasury.

Allison tried to explain to McDonald that the latter was over two years too late to get his money, but the fellow refused to believe this and accused the employees of the department of putting the money in their pockets. Declaring that he would "get even with you fellows every one of you," McDonald left the office and went down stairs.

In the lobby of the first floor he removed his hat and swinging it above his head, began to demolish the electric lights. Janitor Rockwell saw him and yelled at him. McDonald took to his heels with C. N. McCarthy, H. H. Corry, J. M. Throne, W. Harvey Wells, Forland insurance solicitor, and Clifford Benson in pursuit. After circling the building a couple of times, with the clerks and officials in hot pursuit, McDonald started for town. Near the Postoffice he was captured and taken to jail. He appeared to be slightly demented or sobering up after a protracted spree.

SELL BERRIES AT TRAIN Roseburg Shows Travelers What It Can Do in Raising Good Fruit.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 2.—(Special.)—Douglas County strawberries are now selling to passengers of the trains passing through the city at 50 cents per box and the supply is not equal to the demand. Mr. Hargan, of this city, for the past three years has supported himself and wife from one-half acre of soil, and part of that is covered with the house, barn and other buildings. One of his principal revenues is a patch of strawberries on the side of a country dining-room, on which he annually clears from \$50 to \$60.

SERVICE SPOR Municipal Lighting System at Seattle Inefficient.

STREET LIGHTS OFTEN OUT City System Unable to Compete Successfully With Private Companies for Business of Private Consumers Generally.

SEATTLE, June 2.—(Special.)—It is only when a comparison is made with other cities that a real idea is gained of the efficiency of the municipal lighting plant which is costing the people of Seattle more than \$2,000,000. While Seattle is paying \$50 a year to the lighting department for each arc street lamp, Portland pays about the same. In no city in the Northwest has the service given the people been so unsatisfactory as in Seattle.

For whole weeks early last winter the lights went out from two hours to all night, in whole residential wards of the city, and frequently the whole city. While in some cases this was due to unavoidable accident, in other cases it was due to the power plant, or on the pipe line, at other times it was palpably due to the city's inability to supply the full load imposed on the system by the contractors. The city, by competition with the private lighting companies, had gained so much business in a rapidly growing field, that in order to supply its private customers it was obliged to let some of its own streets go unlighted. And all this time citizens and high tax-payers criticized the citizens in the unlighted districts, and citizens alternately cursed the lighting department, blamed the police and agitated revolutionaries.

The city's lighting management shows less ability in the handling of its rates than do the private companies. While the city is cutting rates in order to land some heavy contracts downtown, residents in the outlying districts are not supplied with lighting except by private corporations, which, exclusive of the street lighting, control still 80 per cent of the lighting of the city.

Yet the city is in the position of having to fight hard for commercial business to steer clear of a deficit, the burden of which would fall on the taxpayers. So the citizens face the alternative of accepting this condition from the city lighting plant or voting more and more bonds or donating from their general fund to permit the city's plant to give the kind of service needed.

Private Companies Do Better.

Both private companies handle their business with more satisfaction to their consumers than does the municipal department. So far is this true that in the face of the hardest competition the city is able to give at the expense of the taxpayers a better commercial lighting and power for a private corporation to maintain, and in numerous private instances to increase their rates while their business increases faster than before the city entered the field.

To just what extent these conditions can be traced to the rapid growth of the city can only be guessed, but they indicate the ability of the companies to deal with the situation better than the city is doing. As showing one of the causes of complaint against the local municipal lighting system in the case of the Amherst Hotel is cited. Last November the city had a contract with this hotel on the basis of a connected load of 100 kilowatts, for about half the annual load. The result of this contract was to give the hotel a monthly minimum of \$25, whereas the private concerns would have made the minimum \$50. In the meantime householders were unable to obtain lighting from the city, although had this power been diverted to small users it would have been completed when the plant was established, it would have secured a higher rate and would have been more prosperous while coming nearer giving the people the service to which they are entitled.

EMPLOYES NOT EFFICIENT.

Another sore point in the minds of the citizens against the local municipal lighting system is the comparative inefficiency of the employees. The ambition which leads to hard work and faithful service on the part of employees of the private concerns seems to be entirely lacking on the part of the city service employees of the department. They feel sure of their jobs and their wages and the light eight-hour day appeals to them. They are less efficient than the employees of a private concern, who is subject directly to the man in charge of his department.

Recently the other day Arnold Zbinden, Councilman from the Sixth Ward, was kept in the office waiting 12 minutes to receive the attention which the clerks could give him whenever the spirit sufficiently moved them. To move the languid ones he would have to go before the civil service board and prefer charges. It might take weeks to get results, and the board is uncertain in its action on matters of this kind, as shown by the experience of the Chief of Police with inefficient in his department.

GETS AIR; LOSES WATCH Pullman Passenger Leaves Car Window Open for Thief.

OAKLAND, Or., June 2.—A daring robbery occurred on southbound Southern Pacific train No. 15 Wednesday morning, between here and Drain. A passenger on one of the Pullmans left his window up to admit air to the berth, and upon awaking he found his watch and a pocket full of money missing.

The watch was a hunting case, with elk head on back, and the clothes were dark brown. The train waits at Drain to couple on a second engine, and it is supposed that some tramp must have taken the opportunity to snatch them through the window and escape in the darkness. No trace of the thief has been found as yet. The watch was a hunting case, with elk head on back, and the clothes were dark brown.

CANADA TO GUARD FISH WILL ADD SECOND CRUISER TO COASTAL FLEET.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 3.—(Special.)—Incident to the rapid growth of fish poaching in the coastal waters of British Columbia and the proportion that industry has lately attained, the Canadian government is about to supplement the service rendered by the cruiser Kestrel by placing in commission another cruiser. Time being saved thereby and also money, a suitable vessel will be purchased from the imperial authorities out of the fleet of retired naval craft, and negotiations in this direction are now pending.

This cruiser, in addition to being used as a fishery cruiser, will incidentally serve as a training ship in connection with the projected Canadian navy, according to Rear-Admiral Kingsmill, who is in England in a few weeks to make selection of the vessel. The recent weeding out of ineffective sailing ships by the Admiralty has lessened the strain on the fleet from which choice can be made, the vessels offered being, as a rule, either too large or too small.

Pending delivery of the cruiser chosen, the tug William Joffe is to be rechartered and the Newington withdrawn from lighthouse service, both being placed on the fisheries patrol.

While at Prince Rupert recently, Admiral Kingsmill and Captain Macdonald, R. N., made a careful examination preliminary to reports as to requisite facilities for land and naval defense. The nature of their reports is necessarily official and confidential.

SHERIFF THORPE MISSING He Left Okanogan County, Washington, for Murderer Six Days Ago.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 2.—(Special.)—What has become of Sheriff Thorpe of Okanogan County, Washington, who left home six days ago to take back the triple murderer, Phillips, alias Benson, is greatly puzzling the British Columbia police, by whom the outlaw is being held for the arrival of the American officer. Augmenting the mystery, several telegrams of inquiry sent by Superintendent Hussey remain unanswered. Phillips, after murdering a Seattle police officer, Deputy Sheriff of Okanogan County, escaped to British Columbia, where he is strongly suspected of having taken part in a murder and robbery at Midway. Proof is wanted, however, and unless the Washington officer appears soon he will forfeit his freedom by habeas corpus proceedings. Although he had sworn death to any officer attempting his arrest, and there is a reward of \$50 for him, dead or alive, Commissioner of Quesselle, who captured him without a show of battle.

LOWER RATE IS REQUESTED Oregon Railroad Commission Favors Box Men Against S. P.

SALEM, Or., June 2.—(Special.)—The State Railroad Commission has taken up with the Southern Pacific the matter of rates on lumber. Because of the high price of lumber, the commission is proposing a higher freight rate from Oregon points to California points than rates on these products make the same rates on the Southern Pacific charges \$1 more. The Railroad Commission has requested that the rate be made the same as on lumber, and if this is not done the matter will be laid before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

OREGON FRUIT FOR EAST Carloads of Hood River Berries to Be Sent on Passenger Trains.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 2.—(Special.)—One thousand crates of the finest strawberries shipped this season were today with the price running from \$2.50 to \$4. To provide better service for express shipments going to the east, the train dropped here today, which was put on passenger trains. Carload shipments are expected to commence tomorrow.

WALLA WALLA SEES KIRKNESS.

WALLA WALLA, June 2.—(Special.)—Given under the auspices of the Women's Park Club of this city, the Kirkness being presented at a local theater under the direction of Miss Lella Stewart is thought but little interest has been taken in the voting contest. It is now assured that a lively fight will ensue as to whom the laurels shall fall. The result of last night's voting placed the Spanish dance far in the lead, but with some of the wealthiest people of the city backing the other dances the outcome is expected to be entirely different.

Hop Prices May Go Up.

SALEM, Or., June 2.—Word was received by some of the local hop dealers, by telephone yesterday afternoon, to the effect that Herman Kieber, of the firm of Klaber, Wolf & Netter, of Portland, lost 250 bales of hops, of the crops of 1906, 1907 and 1908, in the fire which destroyed a large warehouse at Fort Costa, Cal., last Monday night, in which a large quantity of hops went up in smoke. There is a great and growing demand in evidence now for spot hops, at a good price.

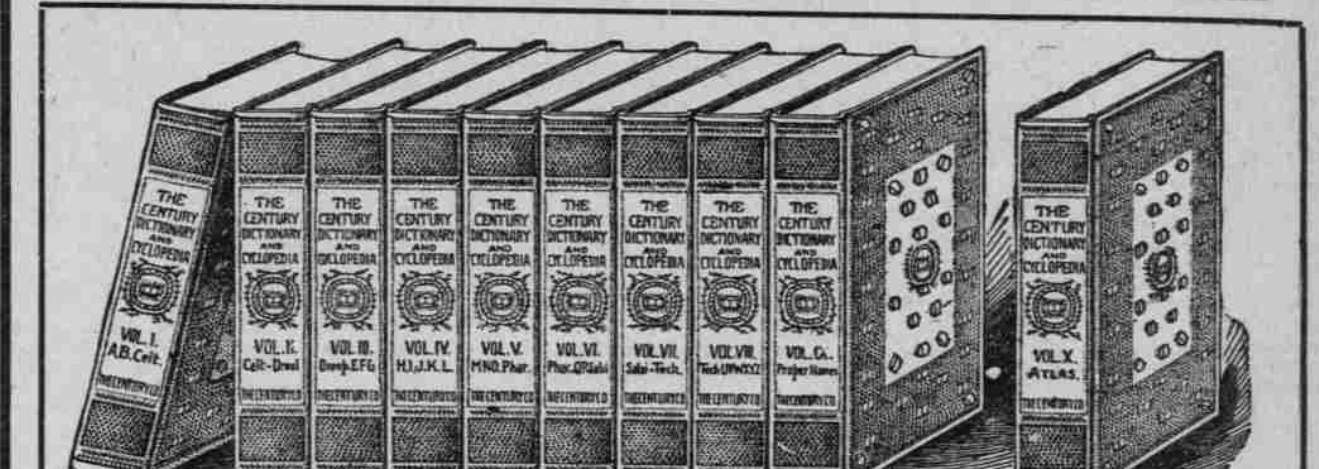
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based upon the unfavorable outlook for the 1909 crop, and this unfortunate incident will remove 200 or 300 tons of spot hops from the market and have a tendency, however slight, of adding increased buoyancy to the market. inches, .77 inches in excess of the normal, 2.66 inches. While the rainfall is above the normal since January, more rain would be welcomed by the farmers. However, the rains of the past week supplied what was necessary to advance the crops of Lane County. Douglas County cherries are now in the market, the first of the season being brought in on May 23. The quality will be extra fine this year, to some extent owing to the late frosts which thinned them to a small extent. Owing to the fact that the cherry crop of the Willamette will fall below half of the usual amount, the growers of this county expect to secure fancy prices for their fruit.

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