

TEST OF FIREMEN'S LABOR DESCRIBED

Workman Receives \$6.04 for Handling 26 Tons of Coal, Says Witness.

DAY IS 14 HOURS LONG

Efficiency of Hand and Mechanical Methods Discussed in Wage Hearing—Oil Burner Said to Have Reduced Work.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Efficiency of mechanical methods of feeding fuel to locomotives as compared with "hand firing" was discussed today before the board of arbitration that is considering wage demands of locomotive firemen and engineers. Harry Clewer, of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, testified that the two chief jobs of a fireman on an oil-burning locomotive were to regulate the spraying of oil on the fire and to keep awake. A. N. Willis, chairman of the fuel economy committee of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, explained that greater coal consumption on mechanically-fed engines was because screenings were used. He added that mechanical stokers gave less black smoke and that there was better fuel consumption because of the light and steady feeding.

Hand-Firing Seldom Necessary.
He denied the contention of the unions that hand-firing was necessary to supplement the machines, excepting the cases when "holes" burned through a thin fire, admit cold air to the firebox. In such cases a few scoops of coal must be thrown on the fire by hand, he said.

Mr. Willis described 31 "test trips" which were made the basis of figures already submitted as to the labor of firing engines. The tests took place in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota and on them each movement of the fireman was timed. On one of these the fireman was on duty 14 hours and 15 minutes, receiving \$6.04 for handling 26 tons of coal, the witness said. His hardest hour involved throwing 296 scoops of fuel. "He didn't straighten up in that hour at all," remarked Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Scoops Five to Minute.
"Oh, yes," said the witness. "Well, he put in almost five scoops to the minute," persisted Mr. Stone.

"Yes, but that could be done in 30 seconds," said Mr. Willis. Messrs. Stone and Willis sparred a bit as to conditions when both were working on locomotives some years back. "I never joined a union because they were not in style then," the witness said. He acknowledged that styles have changed.

BAKER CLUB PLANS CUT

WESTERN TRI-STATE PAYROLL TO BE \$400 LESS MONTHLY.

Directors Decide to Do Away With One Pitcher and Otherwise Retrench if League is Reorganized.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special)—A cut of \$400 will be made in the monthly payroll of the Baker club in the Western Tri-State League, if the league is reorganized, according to the contracts which have been sent out by President Clifford and Manager Fernald. The salary limit last year was \$1200 a month. By doing away with one pitcher and otherwise trimming, the directors have decided to reduce expenses or not try to engage in league baseball this year.

Phil Nadeau, who was one of last year's players, did not return his contract, but wrote a diplomatic letter, applying for the managership of the club. The old Coast League star was one of the men scheduled to draw a cut in his stipend.

Both Clifford and Fernald, however, have decided that Karl K. King, the former Vancouver, Wash., player is good enough for another trial. The managership has been offered to him at only a slight cut in salary and full authority in handling Baker's baseball affairs will be given to him.

WOMAN, 60, KILLS SELF

Mrs. Katie Wines, Gladstone Property Owner, Believed Suicide.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special)—Mrs. Katie Wines, 60, was found dead at her home at Gladstone at noon yesterday by neighbors. Coroner Hermonstead has reached the conclusion that she took carbolic acid late Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Wines died last May and the nearest relative of the dead woman is a niece living in Florida. Until communication is established with her, no arrangements to dispose of the body will be made.

The motive for the apparent suicide is a mystery to Coroner Hermonstead. Mrs. Wines was well-to-do and owned her own home. She was last seen by neighbors Saturday.

PIPE CAUSES ROW IN HOUSE

Paper Mill Official Sued by Wife, Charging Violent Temper.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special)—Harley Hutchinson, assistant superintendent of the Hawley, Trip and Paper Company, yesterday was made defendant in a divorce suit filed by Ida T. Hutchinson. Cruel and inhuman treatment is alleged.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson were married December 11, 1888, at Franklin, O., but have lived in this state several years. Three children were born to the couple: Edith Hutchinson, aged 24 years, and Colby and Kenneth Hutchinson, both minors. The mother asks for the custody of the younger children. Mrs. Hutchinson says she flew into a rage because she moved his pipe from a table to a window sill.

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Ends 10 P. M. Sat., Feb. 13th

The new management of the reorganized PEOPLES CLOTHING CO. doffs its hat to the people of Portland and announces this monstrous four-day TRADE-BUILDING SALE.

The sole object of the sale is for the purpose of advertising this store under NEW MANAGEMENT. We are out to make THIS the greatest men's store in the West.

We want our first impression to be a lasting one, that's why we conceived, planned and launched this wonderful four days' sale, which will go down in history as the greatest ever known.

This will not be a store of sales, but when we do hold a sale it must be a thriller, for when we strike we strike hard, as demonstrated in this, OUR FIRST CHOICE OF THE HOUSE SALE. (It positively will not be repeated for one year.)

At 9 o'clock today this most important selling event starts. Yesterday hundreds of people crowded around our windows. Expressions of wonder and amazement were heard on all sides.

\$1 Is All the Money You Need to Share in This Sale

If you haven't \$9.50 that you can spare now, you can pay a small deposit on your selection and we will hold it until you have.



Choice of Store
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BOYS' SUITS
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Mothers and fathers, here, too, is a four-day sale of boys' suits that's unparalleled. Every conceivable fabric, all sizes, represented.

See These Splendid Garments on Display in Our Windows

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"WATCHFUL WAITING" for the hands of the clock to reach the appointed hour of the opening of the sale now, as you read this, is the attitude of many. Some are taking their hat in hand and starting for the store now. You had better do the same, if it is to do no more than inspect and pass judgment on what we say is the greatest clothing sale in history.

CLOTHES MADE BY SUCH FIRMS AS STRATFORD, L. ADLER, OF ROCHESTER, MANDELBERG, ROSENWALD & WEL, CLOTHES OF QUALITY, ETC., ALL OF WHICH ARE MADE TO SELL AT \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35. The most fashionable fabrics, suits and overcoats by the thousands are here.

Every one of these garments should have a new home by the time the hands of the clock reach 10 P. M. Saturday, when this sale positively ends.

The stupendousness of this opportunity must be apparent to you. With the Spring season just at hand this sale, from the point of values, is positively unprecedented. No matter what are your individual measurements, be you short, stout or slim, we can fit you to your satisfaction in scores of models and colorings. THIS, TOO, IS AN UNUSUAL FEATURE OF THIS SALE.

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Again we repeat that \$9.50 buys any suit, overcoat or raincoat in the store. Not a garment worth less than \$20, and most of them \$25, \$30, \$35.

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