

\$18 MINIMUM FOR WOMEN AGREED ON

Washington Conference Acts on Hotel-Restaurant Scale.

REPORT IS UNANIMOUS

Time and Conditions of Labor Outlined in Message to Industrial Welfare Commission.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 4.—(Special.)—A minimum wage of \$18 a week for women employed in the hotel and restaurant business was recommended by the conferees to the industrial welfare commission at the close of the two days' conference here today. The report of the conferees was unanimous and was signed by Otto H. Wolf of Seattle, Louis F. Davenport of Spokane and James W. Robinson of Pullman, representing the employers; Mrs. Harriet Woods, Mrs. Lillian Mehan of Seattle and Mrs. Nellie Axtell of Tacoma, representing the employees; Horace C. Mason of Seattle, N. D. Showalter of Cheney and Mrs. Lola Mendenhall of Tacoma, representing the public.

Action rejecting or accepting the recommendations of the conference will be taken by the industrial welfare commission within the next ten days. It is believed the report will be adopted by the commission.

Week's Work Limited.
The recommendations of the conferees, in addition to fixing the minimum wage for women employed in hotel and restaurant work, limits such employment to one-half hour a week. Other conditions of employment recommended are:

That no person, firm or corporation shall employ in any occupation in the housekeeping industry throughout the state more than five hours without a rest period of one-half hour; that a schedule of hours be posted in all cases; that where a uniform be required it must be furnished and laundered by the employer; that when meals are furnished to employees the time used in eating may be deducted in arranging the schedule; that if the kitchen is not equipped with sanitary facilities, that there must be separate toilets for women and a suitable room provided for change of clothing and for eating lunches; that women shall not be employed as "bell boys" nor serve as elevator operators after 12 o'clock at night; that when board is furnished \$1 per day may be deducted; that 25 cents may be deducted for breakfast, 45 cents for lunch and 40 cents for dinner, and that in every case there shall be a definite agreement as to whether board and room shall or shall not be furnished.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND UP

DIRECTORS DISCUSS NEED, BUT TAKE NO ACTION.

Selection of High School Site in St. Johns to Come Before Meeting Thursday.

Need for a general city school playground, fully equipped with athletic field, grandstand and running track was cited yesterday at school board meeting. While all directors agreed upon the need, no proposition could be put up owing to lack of funds.

City Commissioner appeared at the meeting and stated that the city is considering equipping playgrounds at Franklin high, Creston, Richmond and Woodstock schools. He asked that the board aid in definitely choosing a high school site in St. Johns and this will be taken up at a special session next Thursday night, in order that the city may purchase a park location adjoining.

Problems of adult education will also be discussed next week. The Neighborhood house yesterday submitted a communication to the effect that it is no longer able to financially care for its American class of 40 beginners and asked aid of the board.

Permission was granted Superintendent Grant to request two representatives to attend the Inland Empire Teachers' association meeting March 31 in Spokane. Assistant Superintendent J. H. Whitney and Mrs. Jennie Richardson, president of the Grade Teachers' association, will go. Director O. M. Plummer has been invited to attend and address the gathering.

MARSHFIELD ELKS ELECT

Frank D. Cohan Chosen Exalted Ruler of Organization.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—Frank D. Cohan, formerly of Portland, was elected exalted ruler of the local Elks lodge, an organization of over 500 members and which is just completing a fine new temple on Second street. Installation will be held in April.

Other officers chosen were Peter Bue, leading knight; Ben S. Fisher, loyal knight; John C. Kendall, lecturing knight; W. H. Kennedy, secretary; Joe Williams, treasurer; W. J. Murphy, Tyler; trustees, Ben R. Chandler, delegate and alternate to grand lodge; T. S. Harvey and W. G. Chandler.

McDOWELL MADE MANAGER

Former Rose Festival Official to Be With Canning Company.

TACOMA, Wash., March 4.—(Special.)—Lloyd W. McDowell, formerly identified with the Portland Rose Festival, has been appointed manager of the advertising and publicity department of the Puyallup & Sumner Fruit Growers' Canning company. W. H. Paulhamus, president of the concern, made the announcement. Mr. McDowell also will have charge of the public relations department of the company, which maintains its headquarters at Puyallup.

Mr. McDowell will be for a number of years identified with the Great Northern publicity department.

JAPAN REGRETS FEELING

Ambassador Says Friendly Relations With U. S. Essential.

NEW YORK, March 4.—K. Shidehara, Japanese ambassador to the

United States, complained at a luncheon of the Fifth Avenue association today, of "a certain undertow of detraction of which Japan has recently been made the object."

"One of the most mischievous stories in wide circulation," he said, "is that Japan is under the influence of militarism. The accusation is wholly unjustified."

All political parties of Japan, he added, would certainly oppose any plan which would place undue importance on military necessity beyond what is absolutely essential to the maintenance of Japan's national safety.

The importance of the United States and Japan maintaining friendly relations, he said, was emphasized by the fact that Japan is fourth in countries to which American goods are exported and second in countries which export goods to the United States.

STORM HITS MIDDLE WEST

CHICAGO GETS FULL FORCE OF BLINDING BLIZZARD.

Nebraska, -Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas Also Caught in Cold Wave.

CHICAGO, March 4.—Sweeping out of the northwest with a 50-mile wind and a blinding snowstorm a blizzard struck Chicago at noon.

The thermometer fell 10 degrees between 11 o'clock and 1 P. M. The entire district from the Mississippi to the Rocky mountains and south to Dallas, Tex., felt the effects of the storm today. At Dallas, the thermometer dropped 50 degrees in 12 hours.

One death, directly attributable to the storm, was reported from Farmington, Minn., where two freight trains crashed head on during the blinding storm. The man killed was riding in an immigrant car.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 4.—The blizzard which spread over Nebraska last night and early today abated during the day. Snow ceased falling, but a high wind continued until nightfall, with low temperatures prevailing over most of the state. With the exception of the Billings, Mont., line of the Burlington railroad, trains reaching Lincoln are little delayed.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 4.—Weather conditions in the northwest improved somewhat tonight, although heavy winds in some sections were piling up drifts of snow and interfering seriously with railroad traffic.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 4.—Cold weather prevailed generally over Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and parts of Texas and Arkansas tonight. The northwest gale was diminishing tonight.

MAYOR VETOES ORDINANCE

Price of Property Declared High and Benefit Doubtful.

MEDEFORD, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—Invoking the veto for the first time in municipal history, Mayor Gates on Wednesday caused considerable excitement by returning without his approval an ordinance providing for the purchase of property for \$2500 to be used for the opening of King street.

The mayor declares the price of \$2500 exorbitant and the benefit doubtful. Property owners in the district announce they will petition the council to pass the measure over the mayor's veto.

DAUGHTERS MEET TODAY

Two-Day Conference Is to Be Held at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—Delegates from all sections of the state arrived here tonight to attend the seventh annual conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which will begin here tomorrow for a session of two days.

Preparatory to the conference, a meeting of the state board of managers, which consists of the state officers and chapter regents, was held at the Hotel Albany tonight.

Accident Fund Opinion Given.

SALEM, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—Sub-contractors are not required to pay contributions to the state industrial accident commission fund in case such contractors have so stipulated in their agreement with the original contractors, according to a legal opinion given by the attorney-general today. The opinion was asked by C. H. Gray, state labor commissioner. Negative answer also was given by the attorney-general to the question as to whether the contract between Rajotte, Fober & Winters and William Serfer & Co., in the case of the state employees, would require the payment of funds to the accident commission.

Douglas Candidate in Open.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—Ira B. Riddle, a native son of Douglas county, today announced his candidacy for nomination of county clerk on the republican ticket at the May primaries. Mr. Riddle was educated in the public schools of the county, later taking a business course at Portland, subsequently graduating in law and has since practiced in Roseburg. So far he has no opposition in republican circles and his nomination is conceded. He will oppose E. H. Lenox, present incumbent.

Insurance Companies File Report.

SALEM, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—More than 200 annual reports of insurance companies operating in Oregon have been received at the offices of the state insurance commissioner. There are about 50 more of these reports to be received before the commissioner can make up his final statement showing the number of insurance companies operating in the state, together with the amount of their resources and their annual business.

"BAYER CROSS" ON

GENUINE ASPIRIN



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Tailored-to-Order \$45 to \$75 Spring Suits

Time to Order Your New Spring Suit at the Brownsville Tailoring Department

The big Brownsville tailoring establishment is ready for spring business. Our stocks of woollens were never larger or finer. There is no shortage of materials here. Forearmed against the prevailing shortages, we are able to take care of our customers and to give them the benefit of our forehandness.

Here You Get Clothing of Real Class, Merit and Distinction

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Our prices are actually \$25 to \$50 under the market. You can get a fine suit tailored to your measure here, a suit guaranteed to fit, for less than some ready-to-wear clothing is selling for in Portland today.

Brownsville Woolen Mill Store

Mill-to-Man Clothiers
Third and Morrison Streets

PIANO FIRM WILL EXPAND

SHERMAN, CLAY & CO. SIGN EIGHT-YEAR LEASE.

Almost Entire Stearns Building to Be Utilized—Alterations Will Total \$50,000.

Enlargement of Sherman, Clay & Co., already one of the largest dealers in pianos and musical instruments on the coast, will be effected in the near future through the addition of about 9000 square feet of floor space and alterations of their present quarters, totaling \$50,000 in cost, according to J. H. Dundore, manager.

INDIANA GIRLS INQUIRE

Four Contemplate Spending Summer in Douglas County.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—County Farm Agent Hurd is in receipt of a communication from a quartet of Hoosier schoolgirls, to whom the lure of the west has become irresistible, and they will come to Douglas county just as soon as their schools close this spring if their inquiry is favorably answered.

The young women state they want to go into the country where they will accept employment in farm homes or are competent to work in other lines of industry. The girls wrote that they were brought up on farms and know what that sort of work means.

The county agent believes Douglas county's population will be increased by the coming of these four Indiana girls within a few weeks.

Merrill Election Postponed.

KLAMATH FALLS, March 4.—(Special.)—Non-appearance of judges appointed to conduct the election of city officers at Merrill, on the California line, resulted in a postponement of the election. It is probable the present mayor, recorder and city councilman, whose offices were up the ballot, will hold over until next year.

Fruit Dryer Again Operated.

MEDEFORD, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—The Hadovan fruit dryer has resumed operation after being closed down for several weeks by a fire which destroyed machinery and equipment valued at \$50,000. New machinery was installed a week ago and drying of apples is in full swing again.



Other Men's Shoes

THE RIGHT OF WAY

From Sir Gilbert Parker's Master Romance

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PLANT DAMAGED BY FIRE

LOSS INCURRED BY COMPANIES ESTIMATED AT \$2500.

Flame From Blow Torch Reached Quantity of Pitch Lying Too Close to Tank.

About \$2500 damage was done by a fire which started in the plant of the New York plating works at 68 North Tenth street yesterday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock, the flames spreading to the establishment of J. M. Walsh & Co., which has an assembling plant for light fixtures in the same building.

The fire was caused by a blowtorch being used in the construction of a tank in the plating works' plant, the flame catching on a quantity of pitch, kept on hand for chinking up the cracks in the tank.

From this beginning it spread rapidly, a large quantity of lacquer in the place feeding it and causing a somewhat spectacular blaze. There were numerous small explosions which blew out the windows of the building.

The structure, a two-story frame edifice owned by Ruby & Co., was damaged to the extent of about \$500. The loss to the plating company, of which J. J. Finn is proprietor and manager, amounted to about \$500, and about \$1500 loss was accredited to the J. M. Walsh & Co.

Fire truck 3 and engine 2, 11 and 3 responded to the call. Fire Chief Young was in charge. Captain Roberts represented the fire marshal's office.

Salem Woman Seeks Divorce.

SALEM, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth Long today filed proceedings for divorce in the circuit court here against her husband, James M. Long. Cruel and inhuman treatment are the chief allegations contained in the complaint. Mr. and Mrs. Long were married in Marion county in July, 1915. Mrs. Long asks that she be allowed to use her maiden name, Elizabeth Merrill.

WOOD BOOSTERS LINE UP

Roseburg Republicans Organize Presidential Club.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—At a meeting of republicans held in the city hall last night a number of boosters for General Leonard Wood for president formed a club among the membership of which are



STARTING SATURDAY

CHARLES RAY

IN "ALARM-CLOCK ANDY"

HE HAD THE FASTEST MAIN-SPRING THAT WAS EVER WOUND UP BUT HE ALWAYS RAN SLOW—UNTIL—WELL, YOU'D BETTER GET YOUR ALARM AND BE ON HAND

Peoples

LAST TIMES TODAY

ALICE JOYCE

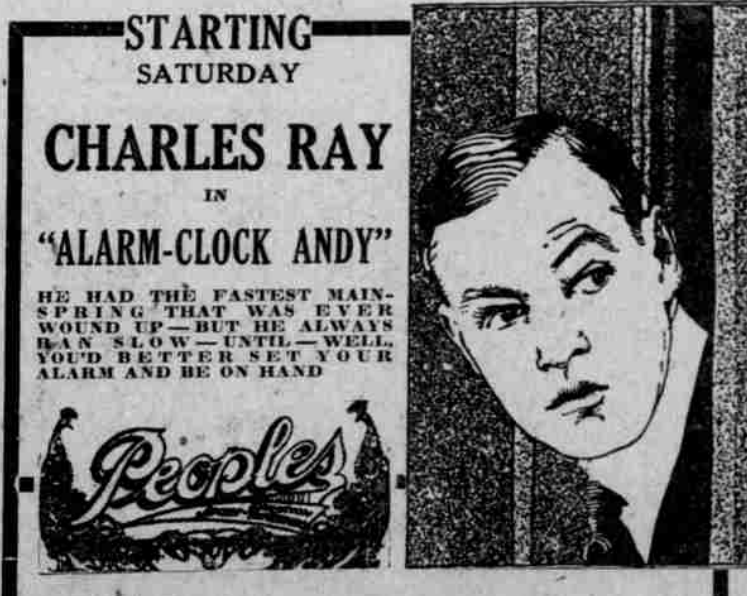
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ITALY MAKES NEW PLEA

OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER STATEMENT ASKED.

Request Made That Adriatic Settlement of December 9 Be Not Considered as Final.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Great Britain, in agreeing to the December 9 settlement of the Adriatic question, acceded to a request made by Italy that the other signatories consent to withhold publication of the note, that Italy be given an opportunity to reply and that the settlement be not regarded as final.

This is revealed in a telegram sent by Earl Curzon, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, to Sir Eyre Crowe, British representative on the supreme council.

A copy of the telegram, communicated to the American government yesterday for the first time, was made public today by the state department. The conditions for signature, Earl Curzon said, were requested by the Italian foreign minister.

When informed of the terms of the French-British-American proposal,

Foreign Minister Scialoja raised two main objections which, Earl Curzon said in the telegram, were: "That it was a mere reiteration of the Wilsonian position and made no concession to the Italian point of view about Fiume, and that while safeguarding the strategic position of Italy north of the Adriatic, yet, by leaving both Sebenico and Cattaro in the hands of the Jugo-Slav state, it exposed the native central and southern Adriatic flank of Italy to attack. Italy claimed neither of these points for herself, but did claim that both, or at least Sebenico, be demilitarized."

LIBERTY

DIRECTION OF JENSEN-ION HEBBERG

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WAR TAX PAID

Last Times Today

MARY PICKFORD

IN THE THIRD GREAT PICTURE FROM HER OWN STUDIO

"HEART O' THE HILLS"

"You dare to pull my hair," cries Mary Pickford, as the little mountain girl just starting to school. And Mary shows the boys she can fight with her fists for her rights. It is the inimitable Mary with her laughs and frowns and intrepid daring, in the story of the feudist fights of the old Kentucky mountaineers.

STARTING TOMORROW

The Liberty's Fastest, Peppiest Programme

WALLACE REID
in "SOME SPEED"

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