

CONCILIATION BOARD AGAINST LONGER DAY

Eight-Hour Basis Favored for Klamath District.

OPERATORS NOT UPHELD

Report Says Mutual Concessions Must Be Granted to Meet Competition of California.

Increase of the working day from eight hours for the lumber industry centering around Klamath Falls was held inadvisable in the report of the investigation signed last night by the members of the state board of conciliation, William F. Woodward, Otto R. Hartwig and John K. Flynn.

After a probe extending over a period of nearly two months, during part of which time the employees of the mills in Klamath county were on strike, the board decided, according to its report, that the "investigation has not borne out to satisfaction the contention that the pine industry in Klamath county cannot function profitably under an eight-hour day plus a reasonable wage schedule in accordance with living costs.

Increase Held Mistake. "After carefully reviewing the testimony offered the board believes that at this time it would be a serious mistake to recommend or endorse an increase in the working day from eight to nine hours. It concedes the unusual conditions attaching to the pine industry in Klamath county, that it operates under a handicap by virtue of its location, with competition calling for careful and sympathetic co-operation by employer and employee alike. Entire willingness of the employees to accept a reduction in their wage scale evidences this attitude on their part.

It is clear from evidence submitted that the present scale for unskilled labor will admit of no reduction with living costs as they are at present, below a minimum wage of 32 a day, and it is clear that unskilled labor should not be penalized in the same ratio as applies to the skilled and higher paid employees.

Operators Not Upheld. "The board does not concur with the operators' statement that it would be impossible or even difficult to secure sufficient unskilled labor on an eight-hour day schedule at the wage which would necessarily attach thereto; that the men would seek competing plants in northern California, where the longer day in some cases reflects larger earning power. Further statements by the operators that the industry is facing at this time a depression likely to continue are not confirmed by trade reports.

The board cannot subscribe to the contention that an industry so vital to our material interests which has established a basic working day of eight hours should now, because of local conditions, undergo a work which has engaged the sympathetic attitude of capital and labor alike, the creation of a status which makes for better citizens and homes, a finer and greater degree of efficiency by the worker.

Concessions Are Urged. "To acknowledge that the eight-hour day is a mistake, that labor cannot efficiently function nor industry be maintained on this basis is to concede error by a majority of the industrial leaders within our state and nation. We believe the issue of Klamath can and should be settled without an increase in the working day, mutual concessions in the matter of the wage scale constituting the true remedy for conditions as set out.

The controversy between the mill owners and employees was due to a notice given employees by the Big Lakes Box company, the Growers' Trucking and Wholesaling association, Klamath Lumber & Box company, Algoma Lumber company, Pelican Bay Lumber company and the Evans Box company to the effect that a nine-hour day would go into effect on March 1. This employees ceased work on February 28 and have since refused to return to their mills.

Competition Is Blamed. The operators contended that stiff competition with California mills where the nine and ten-hour day was in effect, in addition to more favorable location and accessibility to shipping points, made it impossible to operate on a eight-hour day basis. Their complaints to the board regarding this disadvantage were not borne out by financial statements called for and only partially returned, according to the report.

A recommendation was made by the board that operators and employees adjust their differences on the eight-hour basis and inaugurate a system of compensation for overtime in accordance with the exigencies of the situation.

Mill on Eight-Hour Basis. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Pending the decision of the state conciliation board, the Krause mill near Swan Lake has started on an eight-hour basis. About 200 men are employed. Employer and workers have agreed to abide by the conciliation board's decision.

EUGENE ATTORNEY FINED

Walter N. Jones, ex-Senator, Punished for Contempt. EUGENE, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Walter N. Jones, Eugene attorney and state senator for six years, tonight was fined \$100 by Judge Coke on a charge of contempt of court. Judge Coke in a trial several weeks ago found Jones guilty and came to Eugene last night for Portland for the purpose of sentencing him. Jones' attorneys tonight filed a motion for a new trial on the alleged ground that the affidavit charging Jones with the offense was insufficient, but Judge Coke overruled the motion and pronounced sentence.

Jones' attorneys immediately gave notice of appeal to the supreme court. Jones was accused of giving money to Mrs. Edith Latak to send her two daughters, who were witnesses in a criminal case, out of the state. Jones was attorney for a man found guilty of contributing to the delinquency of these girls.

JURORS TETSED ON KLAN

Veniremen in Liquor Case Asked if They Are Members. MEDFORD, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Selection of a jury in the trial of Ernest S. (Dud) Wolgamott, charged with the sale of intoxicating liquor,

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ASTORIA, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—After a quiet week, following the murder of Go Yet, a Hip Sing tongman on Tuesday night of last week, another act in the Chinese tong war was staged about 10:30 this morning when Ah Quong, a cannery worker and also a member of the Hip Sing, was shot and slightly wounded in his right forearm. Go Wong, a Hip Sing-King-Bog Leong tongman, has been arrested by Chief Carlson.

Ah Quong was crossing the intersection on Bond and Eighth streets on his way from the postoffice, when four rifle shots suddenly rang out. One of the bullets struck Ah Quong in the right arm, inflicting a flesh wound. Two other bullets, which were copper-jacketed, hit the pavement and ricocheted through a second-story window in a building across the street and went within a couple feet of Mrs. Nellie Tutin who was lying on her bed.

A comparison of the shoes worn by Go Wong with the imprints left in the dirt back of the gambling den where the shooting occurred, tallied exactly, so Chief Carlson stated. The shoes had a peculiarly designed rubber sole easily traced.

This afternoon, in an effort to put a stop to further warfare, the police and sheriff's departments raided all the gambling and opium joints in the Chinese quarter, removed all the paraphernalia and these places are to be kept closed.

A. J. WESTON SENTENCED

CONVICTED SLAYER PLEADS CASE BEFORE COURT.

Innocence Is Maintained and "Frame-Up" Alleged—Life Imprisonment Meted Out.

BEND, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—The court and a crowd of hundreds which packed the courtroom and overflowed into the halls were addressed by A. J. Weston, convicted last night as the murderer of R. H. Krug of Sisters. He spoke for nearly an hour this afternoon before Judge Duffy sentenced him to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

At the words "that you be confined in the penitentiary for the remainder of your natural life," Weston bowed his head in assent and resumed his seat. His wife and daughter, Mrs. A. J. Moore, went as Judge Duffy declared the crime to be "one of the most atrocious in the history of central Oregon, almost beyond comprehension of the human mind."

Weston maintained that a "frame-up" was charged for his conviction and responsible for the shooting. Circulating false rumors concerning him to "poison the mind of the public." He assured the trial judge that he had been misled and misjudged. He sketched events for two years previous to his arrest and sought to show that personal enmity on the part of the police and sheriff's department had been responsible for his arrest and for the evidence produced against him.

In his cell this morning Weston declared his absolute innocence of the crime charged.

House, Barn and Store Burned.

SCAPOOSE, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—The dwelling house, barn and general merchandise store belonging to Tony Daneso of Spitzenberg was completely wiped out by fire last night. The loss may be \$7000. Daneso was away from home at the time and his wife and children were asleep upstairs. On hearing the crackling noise of the fire they quickly clothed themselves and got downstairs. The fire was so far advanced that they were unable to save anything or keep it from spreading to the other buildings. No cause for the fire is known. Residents could not be summoned quickly enough and it is several miles to town.

Students Present Operetta.

STAYTON, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—The operetta "Miss Cherryblossom" was presented here Monday night by the high school students. A large and appreciative audience was present, the operetta being a success in every detail. Those taking the main parts were: Dorothy Daise, Cheryl, Clyde Hoffer, George Melke, Floyd Day, Chris Nestling, Sara Caldwell and The Misanth. The cast also included a group of gelsia girls, and a chorus of American boys. The operetta, which was directed by Clyde Hoffer, will be presented in Lyons in the near future.

Investors Organize Company.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—C. O. Nicoud and R. S. Gourley, who have patented a new chemical process for treating battery separators, have formed a \$10,000 corporation and on completion of their factory will commence manufacture June 1. The claim is made that the local process is the best in existence. The factory will turn out 15,000 separators on each working shift.

White Salmon Road Aided.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 26.—The White Salmon, Tumalo and Trout lakes road in Kittitas county, Washington, will receive \$50,000 of federal aid funds for this year's improvement of 15 miles of highway. It was announced today by the bureau of public roads.

Albany Man to Celebrate.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—William T. Cochran, who was born in 1874 on his father's donation land claim north of this city, on May 6 will celebrate his 71st birthday. He is now a resident of Albany, but spent most of his life on the homestead. His father, William Cochran, was a pioneer of 1847.

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Human influence is immortal and therefore it behooves each person to mark his pathway carefully each day for fear that he might cause another to go wrong, declared Dr. George Wood Anderson last night at the United gospel crusade tabernacle.

To those who do not believe in the immortality of influence he asked how they would like to live in this world if all the great men like Dante, Shakespeare, Angelo, Raphael, Murillo, John Wesley, John Knox, Phillips Brooks, William Booth, Mendelssohn and Beethoven were allowed to return to earth long enough to remove all their great works and destroy their influence.

"No man has ever been able to measure the power or understand the mystery of human influence," Dr. Anderson said.

Masonic Bodies Guests.

The Masonic bodies of the city headed by the Knights Templar were the special guests at the service, occupying a reserved section of the tabernacle. Special music was furnished by the chorus choir under the leadership of Walter R. Jenkins with Bentley D. Ackley at the piano.

Human Influence Topic.

"How wonderful is human influence," Dr. Anderson exclaimed during his sermon last night. "It is as silent and all pervasive as gravitation, holding governments in its unseen grasp and with the power determining the course of history through the centuries. It is as potent as the sunbeam which warms and touches the atmosphere that surrounds each individual makes it luminous, revealing the vision of life and the pathway of service. It is as untiring and unmeasurable as the electric power, expressing itself in a multitude of ways.

Color Book Is Praised.

Enthusiastic indorsement of the Invisible Color Book, the new feature for children started last Sunday in the Oregonian, is given by parent-teacher workers and mothers, who find this booklet of magic both instructive and entertaining for boys and girls.

McKinley's Tomb

The stately monument at Canton, O., does more than simply offer protection to the sleeping form of our martyred McKinley, once our president. It stands, too, as a beautiful expression of respect and affection that the people held for him.

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POLICE GET BOGUS CALL

ROBBERS REPORTED WORKING IN DOWNTOWN THEATER.

Officers Make Record Run Through of False Alarm.

Once again the "nut" who persists in sending in "fake" police and fire calls chalked up a run against the police department on a telephone call which sent two automobile loads of police and detectives, with sirens wide open, through the congested traffic to the Hippodrome Theater, Broadway at Yamhill street.

R. D. HINES JURY IS OUT

Ex-President of Refunct Bank Is Charged With Falsely Reporting.

MEDFORD, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of R. D. Hines, ex-vice-president of the defunct bank of Jacksonville, charged with making a false report of the bank's condition, to the state bank examiner, went out at 2:30 this afternoon.

115 Cars Broccoli Shipped.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—One hundred and fifteen carloads of broccoli were shipped out of the county this season. The last car for the year was shipped out this morning. It is estimated that the crop will bring returns of about \$1.75 a crate and the total value of the crop will be in excess of \$100,000. The success of this season will cause an increased acreage next year.

Oddfellows Celebrate Anniversary.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—The 104th anniversary of the Odd Fellows was celebrated today by a picnic given by the Douglas county Odd Fellows' association at Myrtle creek. This is the annual county picnic and hundreds of lodge members from all parts of the county were in attendance. An all-day session was held.

Albany Legion Post Fills Vacancy.

ALBANY, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Frank C. Stelmacher, veteran of both the Spanish-American and world wars and commissioned officer of the Oregon national guard for several years, was elected vice-commander of Alfred E. Babcock post of the American Legion of this city this week. He succeeds Robert L. Stewart, who resigned because of his removal to Colgate Grove, Or.

Game Preserve Created.

SALEM, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—The colony farm, a tract in Polk county which is under state lease, today was established as a game preserve. Hunting on the property will be prohibited under the law creating game preserves.



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Advertisement for United States National Bank. Text: "It Frequently Happens A Little Story in Five Chapters Chapter Two In Which Dad Thinks It Over DAD scratched his head. The long column of figures didn't seem to total right. He checked them again with the bank book. Yes, the figures were right, but the total seemed too big. No one of the entries was large, but there were a lot of them, and there it was—a good-sized savings account. Dad had never told Mother about his saving. She would have—well, why bother her about it anyway? But now he'd have to speak to her about finances. Things weren't going so well at the office. The savings account which he had thought so small would help now! The good old U. S. National! They had encouraged him to save! And the children?—they're chapter three."