

CHIEF IS ANSWERED

89 Per Cent of Firemen Want Two Platoons, Writer Says.

20 CAPTAINS SIGN PETITION

Campaign Secretary Attacks Statement That "Older and Most Dependable Men" Are Opposed to the Proposed Plan.

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—(To the Editor.)—I note in your issue of October 24 a news item headed "Firemen Defy Chief Regarding Change," with following subheads: "Older and Most Dependable Declared Opposed to Trying for Double Platoon," and "More Days Off Desired." "Battalion Chief Holden Says Unloading of Fire and Water Bureaus Is Storing Up Trouble, and Agitators Are Working."

As secretary for the Firemen's Two-Platoon Committee, I believe this statement, credited to Battalion Chief Holden (and I am assuming he was reported correctly), to be unfair and unjust to the firemen who are conscientiously working for the two-platoon system and who honestly believe it to be for the best interest of the public as well as to the best interest of the bureau and the individual fireman.

Equal Publicity Asked. In other words, the firemen who want the two-platoon system also wish Chief Holden or any other opponent to say what he pleases, and when he pleases, as is his perfect right. All we ask is that we have an equal opportunity with Chief Holden, or any other opponent, to place facts and arguments before the people, particularly, if from zeal, or any other reason, facts are not adhered to by the opponent.

That the firemen are fairly and generally in accord in their endeavor to try for the two-platoon system is evidenced by the following figures: There are 419 men in the Fire Bureau, including 23 on the staff. The staff includes the firemen operating and shopmen, who are now working eight-hour shifts and hence are not directly interested in the two-platoon movement, and the chief and his battalion chiefs. This leaves 386 regular members of the bureau eligible to sign the petition. Of this number 319 signed on the first circulation. Many men were out on their vacations at that time, and upon their return were given an opportunity to sign. This increased the total number of signers to 341 out of a possible 386, or approximately 89 per cent; of the remaining 11 per cent men, so far as this office is concerned, are taking any sides in the matter.

Twenty Captains on Petition. As to the "older and most dependable" men, it is sufficient to say that 20 captains out of 36 have petitioned for a two-platoon system. All of these have been in the service from three to 28 years. Out of approximately 48 lieutenants, 42 have petitioned for the two-platoon system. All of these have been in the service from two to 12 years. In fact, a great number of those signing the petition, some time ago for the reinstatement of Battalion Chief Holden upon his return to the city after having formally quit the department.

Chief Stevens is credited by your reporter as having stated to the City Commissioners, as a fact, that many of the signers were not men in the regular service, or in other words, are substitutes. The real fact is that one substitute signed the petition, and this was permitted by mistake. Seventy-five substitutes are on the eligible list. You will note in the article referred to that Chief Stevens admitted the service is handicapped because some of the companies are now short-handed. This committee will probably explain this at a later date when time and space permit.

More Days Off Wanted. The statements of the battalion chief would leave the impression that the majority of firemen want two days off. This is wrong. What the firemen wish to eliminate is the continuous service feature that hinders efficiency, keeps the men from owning and enjoying homes and home life, and denies to their families the proper attention of a husband and father.

Inception in Union Denied. This, however, is a matter of opinion, and not of facts, so we will let it pass. The serious matter of statement is the evidenced attempt of Chief Holden to appeal to the prejudiced interests of the city who are opposed to organized labor. He is quoted as stating that the two-platoon movement had its inception in organized labor. He makes the statement, without qualification, that "agitators" are bleeding the firemen for \$3 per month. Both of these assertions are untrue and made with evident intent to prejudice and inflame the minds of our citizens who receive the greatest protection from the very firemen who voluntarily signed the petition, and who voluntarily contributing the money necessary for the campaign, made necessary in the most part by just such erroneous and misleading statements that are credited by your paper to Battalion Chiefs Holden and Stevens.

Labor Secretary Explains. I presume Chief Holden's basis for the sweeping charge he makes is the fact that I am serving, at the request of the firemen, made in a general mass meeting of the firemen, as secretary of their committee, and that I am likewise secretary of the union he mentions. As for the Central Labor Council, or the Civil Service Workers' Association, neither have had the matter before them, nor have either considered the matter in any way.

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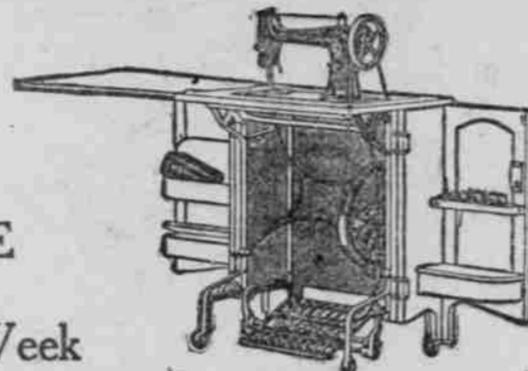
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OLD MINE BEING RUN DOROTHEA, ON COYOTE CREEK, TO RUN STEADILY IF IT PAYS. Improvements in Machinery for Operation Depend Upon Results Obtained Within Next 30 Days. GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special)—Mrs. J. F. Reddy is as full of optimism over the mining possibilities of Southern Oregon as is her husband, who is now the owner of half a dozen promising mines in the district. During the last Summer Mrs. Reddy purchased the Dorothea mine on Coyote Creek, in Northern Josephine County. More than 3000 feet of development work had been done upon the property in tunnels and uplifts, and much ore of fair grade had been found. A five-stamp mill is now being operated at the mine by Mrs. Reddy, who has a force of 10 men employed under the direction of Andrew Prater, a mining engineer of Spokane. A test run of 30 days will be made, and if the results are satisfactory, it is proposed to install a larger mill and other machinery for the working of the mine. The Dorothea is located near the old Greenback, which a few years ago was one of the greatest producers of Oregon. Parties are now negotiating for the Greenback, and that mine is likely soon to be operated again. Both the Dorothea and the Greenback are free-milling gold ore properties.



OLGA SPESIZEWA. Photo by Bain News Service. Olga Spiesizewa, the new premier of the Ballet Russe, arrived in New York last week. The first thing she did on landing was to drop a suppositious 'X' out of her name. Miss Spiesizewa studied at the Imperial Ballet School, beginning at 9 years of age. She has been dancing leading roles at the Petrograd Royal Theaters for three years though she is now only 22. Her last appearance in Russia was before the Czar at one of his Summer palaces. She was engaged by Captain Phillip Lydig, who had seen her dance in Petrograd.

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FOUR COURSES ADDED

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON EXTENSION WORK IS LISTED. Teachers, Trade Seekers, Accounting and Higher Education Are Extra Portland Topics. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 4.—(Special)—Despite the increased competition in the field of extension work over the state, the university extension department has arranged four new expansion classes in Portland. The class for teachers in general science consists of lectures, laboratory and field work. Owing to the limited supplies the membership is limited and each student must register. The following lectures will be delivered: "Development of the Universe and Our Earth," "The Earth, Its Features and Constitution," by Professor Warren D. Smith; "The Plant Forms," by Professor A. R. Sweetser, and "The Animal Forms Dependent Upon the Plants," by Dr. J. E. Eward. Probably one of the most interesting classes so far organized under the supervision of the university is the class in export trade. If Portland is to become an important factor in trade she must play her part in foreign trade, says Ansel R. Clark, who will be the instructor. For the benefit of those who care to study further in accounting, D. W. Morton, dean of the school of commerce at the university, has organized a class in this work, which meets at the same time as the bankers' class. To accommodate the teachers and professors who are interested in educational subjects eight lectures have been arranged to be delivered within the next three months on current problems in American education.

APPLE MEN CAN'T LEAVE

Hood River Growers Too Busy to Attend Spokane Meeting. HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special)—Unless some let-up in the apple market situation prevails here before November 23 and 24, dates announced by Paul H. Weyrauch for a meeting at Spokane of the newly-appointed advisory board of the Fruitgrowers' Agency, no local sales agency officials will be present. "We will be so busy here," said William Sieg, sales manager of the Apple Growers' Association, "that it will be impossible for any of us to leave." The advisory board consists of appointments of the Governor of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The meeting is called in conjunction with a growers' congress to be held at the time of the National Apple Show for the discussion of apple marketing problems.

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