

NORTHWEST STEEL MAKES PROGRESS

Further Conferences Bring 2 Sides Closer Together and Wage Now Debated.

WILLAMETTE HOLDS OUT

No Headway Is Made in Effort to Get Session Over Difficulties. Mr. Baker Has Not Yet Lost Hope of Settlement.

Further material progress was made yesterday in the movement to settle the strike at the Northwest steel plant, but with no corresponding development at the Willamette Iron and Steel Works.

Willamette Company Firm.

The situation at the Willamette works is not so encouraging. A deadlock has developed over the question of representation at the proposed conference.

Wage Is Only Difference.

The negotiations at the Northwest plant now have reached a stage at which only the question of wages separates the principals.

Strikers Want Seattle Scale.

The strikers on the other hand, are holding out for a scale similar to that in effect in the Seattle yards, which scale is said to be slightly higher than the San Francisco scale.

Another Proposal Made.

Following the rejection Friday night by the unions of a proposal made by Mr. Baker to the effect that ex-Governor West be allowed to act as attorney representing the strikers, Mr. Baker made a proposal that each side appoint one man and that these two select a third and that the three of them select a man to represent the unions at a conference between strikers and officials of the company.

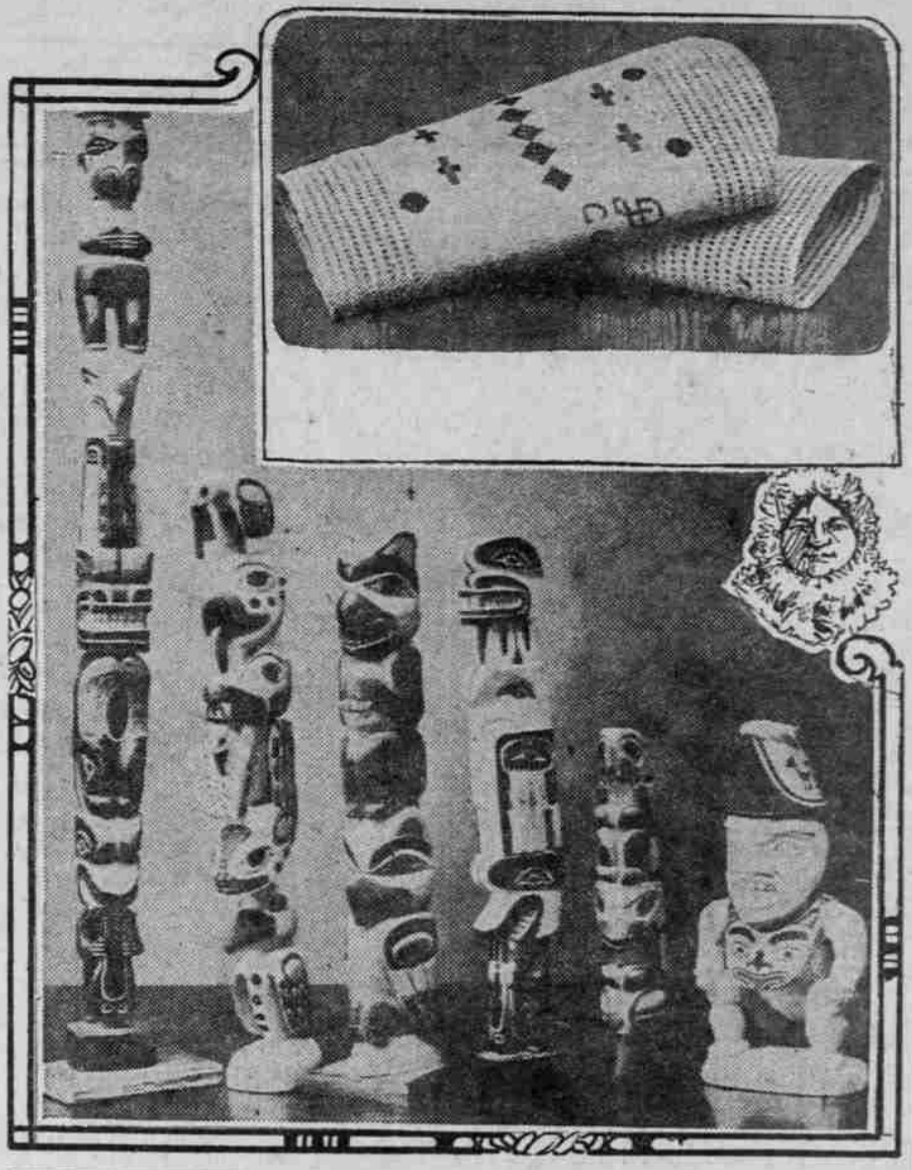
Mr. Baker Still Hopeful.

Commissioner Baker says he has not given up hope. He believes the two sides will be brought together on some sort of a compromise. He will leave them to think the thing over until tomorrow.

Monmouth Readjusts Water Rates.

At the last meeting of the City Council for the past year an ordinance was passed readjusting water rates, the most important change being the establishment of a minimum rate of \$1.

ALASKANS AT PORTLAND HOSPITAL HAVE MERRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.



1—Grass Clear Case Made by Patient at Morningside Hospital, Who Has Been Returned to Her Home on Attu Island, 4500 Miles From Portland. 2—Miniature Totem Pole Made in Portland. 3—The Eskimo Reunion Dance.

The Kobucks, Kuskokwims, Indians from the South Alaskan section, and the Aleuts, forsook their timidity and one by one joined in the wined dance that featured the Christmas programme at the Morningside Hospital here in joint celebration of the season and the completion of the Parole annex to the building.

Irish monologues, mimicry, an appeal to the Kaiser by an admirer, songs and dances made up the programme, all of which was given by the inmates. The interpretation of a patriotic address by Lincoln was one of the big features of the day.

Christmas gifts were distributed after the celebration, and the women, on their return to their cottages, found Christmas trees there.

BUREAU IS ADVISED

Mrs. Alva L. Stephens Talks for Aid of Youth.

SURER SUPERVISION HOPE

Portland Woman Says Need Great for Scientific Care of Dependent Children and for Protection Against Political Influence.

UPPER HOOD TRAVERSED

HANS HOERLEIN, HIS BROTHER AND NED CRAWFORD CLIMB HIGH.

First Party Since Beginning of Winter Season to Force Way Up For Tell of Great Trip.

Hans Hoerlein, of Reed College, accompanied by his brother, Paul Hoerlein, former O. A. C. football warrior, and Ned Crawford, of Hood River, won the distinction of being the first party since the beginning of the winter season to force their way up to the upper part of Mount Hood. All three men are experienced mountaineers and have climbed Mount Hood several times in the past, as well as being members of the party which circled the peak of the mountain last Fall.

The expedition left Parkdale at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, December 27, and traversed the 12 miles up the mountain to Cloud Gap in eight hours. The snow was in excellent condition for skiing and the ascent easy.

At the inn they found a cold well-kept fire burning up beside the fireplace 10 feet deep, and, although the sky was clear, the moonlight seemed only to intensify the bitter cold.

Next morning the party, skinned up to Cooper's Spur, where they were rewarded by a prospect of rare beauty.

At this time Portland was overhung by clouds and the northwesterly wind was thickening the air with snowflakes, but up on the mountain all was calm. The sun shone brightly, and here and there above the foaming ocean of clouds a mountain peak glowed and sparkled like a fairy island.

Evening and sunset transformed the scene to one of almost supernatural beauty. The sinking sun dyed the clouds with warm, rich colors, which almost seemed to soften the chilly sharpness of the air and the facets of the distant peaks flashed with rosy light.

They reported that snow conditions and weather were so favorable they were confident they could have continued their climb to the top if they had brought the necessary equipment.

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On Friday, after enjoying a lot of good skiing, the party descended to Parkdale.

GRANGE MEETING LIVELY Prominent Speakers Give Addresses at Cottage Grove.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 6. - (Special.) - At a lively meeting of Pomona Grange here addresses were made by several well-known men of the state.

While drilling at the bottom of his well about two miles east of Roseburg a few days ago, W. F. Kernan noticed he had penetrated a peculiar ledge of rock that excited his curiosity.

Arizona and Albany Bombs Alike. ALBANY, Or., Jan. 6. - (Special.) - Much discussion has been provoked here by the fact that the bomb received by J. W. Fisher, of Bisbee, Ariz., is an exact duplicate of the one received here by J. R. Misner.

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