

ALLIANCE MEETING OUSTS REPORTERS

Washington Political Organization Kept Secret.

BIG QUESTIONS ARE UP

Platform, Membership Dues and Policy of C. R. Cotterill Are Under Adversity.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—With Forest L. Hudson, president, in the chair, the first state convention of the Triple Alliance, composed of representatives of railroad men, farmers and labor unions affiliated with the Washington State Federation of Labor, met in the Seattle Labor temple today. One of the first official acts of the convention was to exclude newspaper representatives from the room.

According to reports of preliminary conferences of the three groups in the Triple Alliance, the convention will be required to settle three important questions before it will be possible to get down to the business of constructing a platform and outlining the policy to be followed in the state campaign this year.

Mass Organization Favored.

One of these questions relates to method of organization, whether on the basis of three groups or as a mass organization. Representatives of the labor unions are said to be contending for the mass organization on the ground that in the group organization the farmers and railroad men could combine and outvote the union group. Farmers and railroad men are contending for group representation.

Another matter to be settled is that of membership fees and dues. Farmer members of the Triple Alliance include members of the Non-partisan league and those who do not belong to any organization. Membership in the Non-partisan league costs \$16 for two years, while the Triple Alliance membership fee is only \$2 a year. Farmers who have paid \$16 to join the Non-partisan league have been required to pay \$2 additional for membership in the Triple Alliance. Farmers not members of the Non-partisan league pay only \$2 to join the Triple Alliance and have as much representation as those who have paid \$18.

Settlement Proposed.

One proposed settlement of this controversy is for the Non-partisan league to pay to the Triple Alliance \$2 for every member joining the league, thus making their members of both organizations.

The third big fight to come before the convention is said to relate to the policy of C. R. Cotterill, state secretary of the Triple Alliance. Many representatives of the labor and farmer groups are said to be dissatisfied with Cotterill, but it is said that he has enough friends in the group to put up a fight.

Those informed said it is hardly likely that the convention will complete its business today and that the session in all probability will extend over a part of tomorrow.

Though the meeting was planned as a one-day convention, it was said this evening that the seating of delegates had not been completed during the afternoon session and that the convention may run over into Tuesday.

COSTS BLAME IS PLACED

MISMANAGEMENT OF SUGAR PROBLEM IS CITED.

\$700,000,000 Advance in Living Prices Is Attributed to Poor Administration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Gross mismanagement of the sugar problem has increased living costs for next year between \$700,000,000 and \$900,000,000, Representative Tinkham, republican, Massachusetts, charged today in a speech, supporting his resolution to direct an investigation of the department of justice by the house judiciary committee.

"These increased costs have been accompanied by the most atrocious and shameless profiteering known in this era of extortionate oppression," he said. "The conduct of the attorney-general can be and should be investigated at once as to his indefensible action in relation to the question of price-fixing."

"Utter incompetence, inefficiency and criminal disregard to the interests of the people by the present administration and its agents," were charged.

Agreement with Louisiana sugar producers last fall for 17 and 18 cent sugar at the plantation stimulated the price, Mr. Tinkham said, "because sugar was then selling at 11 or 12 cents per pound at retail. Prices on the Cuban crop were raised from 5½ cents to 11½ and 12½ cents by this action," he said.

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Henry M. Palmateer, 25, of Hood River, and Elizabeth Gillaspie, 17, were issued a license and were married by Justice of the Peace Stipp Brown Gillaspie, father of the bride, gave his consent to the wedding.

PHONE SERVICE UNHURT

COMPANY OFFICIAL DECLARES FEW LINEMEN ARE OUT.

Union Leaders, However, Assert Many Members Have Complied With Strike Order.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—No serious curtailment of service of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company was apparent tonight, according to company officials, as the result of a strike of electrical workers employed by the concern in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and a portion of Idaho, which became effective today.

Conflicting statements regarding the number of men on strike were issued by company officials, as the head of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, whose officers are directing the strike.

According to company officials, all electrical workers in Washington remained at work; only 50 out of 300 struck in Oregon; between 75 and 80 per cent of the men in southern California, including Los Angeles and San Diego, remained at work. The only places in California affected, according to corporation officials, were Sacramento and Santa Rosa, where practically all electrical workers struck.

The union officials asserted that 250 workers failed to report for work in San Francisco; 200 struck in Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley; the entire

force in Sacramento and Santa Rosa; the Los Angeles district, and practically two-thirds of the workers in Washington and Oregon did not report for work.

Telephone operators are not affected by the strike, according to announcement. The electrical workers demand an increase of \$1 daily over the existing scale of \$6.

STRIKE IS NOT FELT HERE

Company Official Declares Only Few Linemen Walked Out.

In compliance with the strike order of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers on the Pacific coast, 56 per cent of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company's linemen in Portland obeyed the call. It was asserted at union headquarters last night, while C. E. Hickman, district manager for the company, gave out figures which indicate that the effect of the strike was virtually nil.

Speaking for the telephone company, Mr. Hickman said that out of approximately 300 union men employed in Oregon, only 50 went out; in Washington, where 575 are employed, absolutely none obeyed the strike order; in Nevada, out of 50, one struck; out of 506 in southern California, 56 struck; in California north of Bakersfield, where a total of 230 men were at work, between 75 and 80 per cent refused to quit.

SACRAMENTO LINEMEN QUIT

Switchboard and Repeater Men Reported at Work.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 14.—Linemen in the employ of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company went on strike here today to enforce demands for a wage increase. Among the switchboard men and repeater men the answer to the coast-wide strike call sent out by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was not general, according to company officials. A. B. Easterbrook, past president of the local union, said the linemen in Sacramento had responded 100 per cent.

From Chico north to Oregon the strike order was not obeyed. J. P. Noble, district commercial superintendent for the telephone company, said.

18 Linemen Quit in Douglas.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Eighteen telephone linemen in this county went out on strike today in compliance with the order from union headquarters. The linemen in Roseburg are not affected by the strike, as they are not affiliated with the union.

SHRINE FUND PROVIDED

AL KADER TEMPLE APPROPRIATES \$50,000 FOR MEETING.

Total Sum for Entertainment of Convention Visitors Estimated as Requiring \$172,500.

An appropriation of \$50,000 was recommended last night by Al Kader Temple of Portland for the entertainment of the Imperial Council of the Shrine, which comes to this city June 22, 23 and 24. The action was taken at a special meeting to which was submitted the budget of expenses as prepared by the general entertainment committee. The total budget contemplates an expenditure of \$172,500.

The recommendation of the meeting last night will be acted upon at the regular session of the temple on February 28. The vote last night stood several hundred members voting for the appropriation and one against it.

In addition to the sum of \$50,000 which will be voted from the treasury on February 28, the individual members of Al Kader have contributed \$46,000.

The general committee is to ask the business men of Portland for an additional sum of \$26,500.

It is expected that the coming Shrine convention will bring 75,000 people to Portland for a period of four days.

TILLAMOOK BONDS SOLD

Portland Firm Awarded \$112,000 in Highway Securities.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Yesterday at the courthouse the issue of \$112,000 Tillamook county road bonds was purchased by Keeler Bros. of Portland, at par and accrued interest, together with a premium of \$112. The money for the bonds will be furnished the county as needed, thus saving interest. This was considered higher than the joint bid of the Ralph Schneelock company and the Security Savings and Trust company of Portland, whose bid was war and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$1050.

Representatives of well-known bond houses of Portland bid as follows: Citizens Bank of Portland, par plus premium of \$500; Morris Bros., par; Lumbermen's Trust company, par; Karsten and Earles, par; Devereux & Co., \$115,400.26.

CUPID-SPRING UNION WINS

Oregon City Swain Active in Bright, Balmey Weather.

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CIGARETTE FOE IS SUED

Payment of Notes on Grocery Bill Is Demanded.

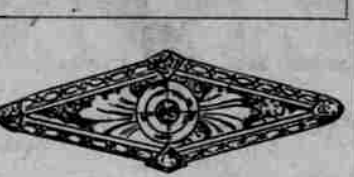
OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—D. E. (Jack) Frost, author and proposer of the anti-cigarette measure to be submitted to the people of Oregon at the general election in November, is the defendant in a suit filed in the circuit court today by George Reddaway, a retired grocer.

The amount involved is \$250, represented by two promissory notes, executed by Frost to obtain the payment of a past-due grocery bill, it was alleged. Arthur Beattie and C. Schuebel appear for Reddaway.

Linemen Lay Down Tools.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Twelve Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company linemen constructing a new circuit laid down their tools today in response to a general strike order. Thirty residents who hoped to have phones installed

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within the next three days will now have to wait until the strike is settled.

LOWER COURT REVERSED

Oregon City Circuit Decision for A. J. Hodge.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—A verdict was given Friday in the circuit court in favor of A. J. Hodge against J. C. Salisbury for \$112 alleged to be due on the sale of some hogs last February. According to the complaint, Hodge sold Salisbury, a butcher of Willamette, the hogs and delivered them according to agreement, receiving a check on which Salisbury stopped payment, alleging the animals were not as represented.

Salisbury claimed that the animals were in an unhealthy condition and were unable to walk. As soon as he discovered this he stopped payment on the check.

The case was first tried in the justice court and a verdict given the defendant.

LIQUOR OFFICIALS BUSY

Nine Alleged Violators Emmeshed in Federal Net.

Nine alleged violators of the federal prohibition law were gathered in by the net of the United States marshal's office yesterday, the day being one of the busiest for the office in this respect since the federal amendment went into effect.

The following were arrested: Joe Sagala, Frank Heirex, Jess Wright, George Mather, Mark Krist, E. F. Langford, Ed Foster, Charles Lamar and Isaac Wernala. Sagala was released on \$1000 bond, while Langford and Foster were released on \$500 each. The rest were held in the county jail.

HORSE SOCIETY ELECTS

J. P. Llewellyn President of Walla Walla Association.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—J. P. Llewellyn of Weston, Or., was re-elected president and C. A. Winn of Milton, Or., secretary and treasurer of the Walla Walla Central Horse association at the annual meeting held here today. Associations represented were Milton, Weston, Walla Walla, Gibbons, Summerville, Peola, Troy, Astoria and Touchet, all of which range stock on the Wenaha reserve.

The association voted to make it compulsory for riders of all associations to report stray stock to owners. Brand books will be issued immediately so owners can be located.

CENSUS LEAK INDICATED

Apparent Violation of Law Shown in Report of Tillamook Paper.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—There seems to be a leak in the census taken in Tillamook county, in violation of the census law, which provides that census takers must not give out information. The Wheeler Reporter this week furnishes figures for the north part of the county. It says:

"Best Walters has been busy taking the Wheeler, Brighton and Mohler census the past week, he having finished Nehalem precinct last week. Nehalem includes which includes the north side of the bay and one-half of Camp 4, has a population of 1000. Wheeler 650, Brighton 400 and Mohler 450, giving the Nehalem valley a population of 2100, an increase of 1200 in the past ten years."

EXPLOSION KILLS TWO

Power Plant Boiler Bursts in Seattle Station.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 14.—Two men were dead, three probably fatally injured and three others were suffering from serious injuries here tonight as the result of an explosion of a mud drum at the Yalier way auxiliary boiler plant of the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power company at noon today.

Philip F. A. Boche Is Dead.

News of the death of Philip F. A. Boche, formerly a lawyer in Portland, at his home in Lakeview, Or., was received last night by R. E. Haney, with whom Mr. Boche was associated here. Mr. Boche was in Portland a week ago, apparently in good health, but succumbed yesterday to an attack of

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