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Northwest Hit By 8-Hour Day

Lumber producers and logging operators were given what they call a solar plexus shock yesterday morning on learning that President Wilson intends to issue a proclamation fixing an eight-hour work day in logging camps and saw mills throughout the Pacific northwest without applying the same regulation to producers in the southern states or even in California. Issuance of the executive proclamation is reported to have been determined upon at the conclusion of conferences between the department of labor, the federal shipping board and other government agencies as a means of "preserving harmony in the lumber industry" and to expedite production of fir for ships and spruce for airplanes.

A meeting of members of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association will be held at Seattle Friday, when it is likely that something of interest to producers will be announced. It is understood it will be reported at this meeting that recently a delegation from the association was at the national capital, where they had the question up for consideration with department officials, and the assurance was given that no discrimination would be made against the Pacific northwest and in favor of the southern states in applying an eight-hour work day in logging and lumbering. It is even declared that Samuel Gompers, the administration's adviser on organized labor problems, took a stand on the side of the Pacific northwest lumbermen.

One of the new features injected into the latest discussion over the question of a regional eight-hour workday for Oregon and Washington lumber producers without applying a similar requirement to other states where ten and eleven hours for a basic day prevail at lower wage scales than here, thus giving a distinct advantage to southern producers over the forest products of the Pacific northwest in competitive markets.

Y. W. C. A. Work For Five Months

Five months ago the question came swiftly and incessantly, "What are you going to do for girls in war time?" Today the national board of the Y. W. C. A. has set under way, through its war work council of one hundred representatives, called together June 6 to 8, a program of work that makes reply to this question possible.

Forty-six centers of work for girls in communities adjacent to army and navy camps have been furnished with sixty-five specially chosen workers. These have formed numerous clubs and circles of younger girls who are rallied to patriotic service through channels of expression suited to their youth and enthusiasm. Red Cross activities, care for orphans of Belgium and France, physical exercise carefully supervised and directed, and a high code of dignity and honor are proving safeguards to the dangers incident to the departure from our usual social restraints, a condition due to war times.

A junior war work council, as an adjunct to the senior council, has taken as part of its activities the promotion of the Patriotic League.

Klamath County Is Well Fixed

The report of the treasurer of Klamath county was made public this week and shows the largest balance ever in the hands of the treasurer. The total amounts to \$304,830.40, and while this amount will soon be reduced to about \$200,000 by outstanding warrants, the balance will still be unusually large.

The amount is distributed for the most part in four funds, the general fund, \$103,810.29; the general road fund, \$46,957.70; the new court house fund, \$72,982.41, and the high school fund, \$17,099.97.

The general road fund, with this year's levy of \$60,000 will be brought up to over \$100,000, and the court house fund will have a total with the levy for next year of over \$130,000.

Hon. Ben C. Sheldon of Grants Pass and Warden Murphy of the state penitentiary were among the Shriners in Ashland at the meeting last night.

Local Store Moved To New Quarters

Wednesday morning as planned, The Bargain Store, better known as Ferguson's to the thousands of Ashland shoppers, opened for business in their new store. Judging from the throng of customers that swarmed to and fro and the many compliments heard, no doubt this store bids fair to become the most popular store of Ashland. Coming as they did, just seven years ago, they opened a small store 20x60 in the Camps building. By their low cash prices and selling only dependable merchandise and courteous treatment of their customers they were soon forced to double their space, and took the adjoining room, of the same size. This only answered their purpose for a few years more, and their new room, corner of Pioneer avenue and Main street, 35 by 100, with full cement basement, is now their new home. All this in seven of the poorest years the valley has ever known, when complaints were frequent in regard to business conditions in general, it goes to show that honest efforts and fair dealing win their favor and patronage.

Dry goods, hosiery and underwear, ladies' and gents' furnishings are the lines carried by this firm, and their slogan, "Every day is bargain day at Ferguson's Bargain Store," seems a winning one.

Bids On Bonds Are Rejected by Council

Council convened at an adjourned meeting Tuesday night at which the principal business before the body was the action on the bids for Ashland's \$56,000 general obligations bonds were opened. Three bids were presented, but all were rejected. These bids are as follows:

The Lumberman's Trust company of Portland submitted a bid at par and 5 1/2 per cent, with accrued interest to date of delivery, the city to allow \$500 for furnishing bonds and legal expenses.

John E. Price & Co. of Seattle bid par and 5 1/2 per cent interest, with accrued interest to date of delivery, and asked for an allowance of \$1,711 for furnishing bonds and legal expenses. Premium \$11.30.

Morris Bros. Inc. of Portland bid par and 5 1/2 per cent interest, with accrued interest to date of delivery, the city to allow \$1,810 for furnishing bonds and legal expenses. Premium \$9.00.

After much discussion on the part of the councilmen all bids were turned down.

At an adjourned meeting of the council Wednesday night it was decided to reconsider the rejection of all bids on the bonds, and the recorder was ordered to ask the bidders to refile their offerings.

Former Ashland Lady Died at North Bend

Mrs. Frances Trask, a former resident of Ashland, died at her home in North Bend Saturday, after an extended illness. Besides her husband, George A. Trask, she is survived by four children, a mother, Mrs. Mary King, three brothers, Rufus, C. A. and Frank King, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Nelson, all of Ashland. Two other sisters, Mrs. C. B. Crisler of Klamath Falls and Mrs. Anna McNeill of Stanfield, also survive.

Southern Pacific Map Of State of Oregon

The Southern Pacific Company has issued some fine folders containing the map of the state of Oregon for general distribution. Aside from the map, the folder contains much general information regarding the state, with an index of the cities and their location. A large number of these folders have been left by Station Agent Kramer in the Commercial Club rooms for the use of the general public.

Rev. C. A. Edwards of the Methodist church will give his third lecture on the great war next Sunday evening. The topic will be "United States." Other lectures on "England" and "France" have been delivered and are attracting much interest among the citizens of Ashland.

Growing Disorders In Austria Cause Peace Move Among Huns

With the reported amelioration in the political unrest in Austria-Hungary and a continuation of silence as regards the internal situation in Germany, the notable feature in the world war is the apparent resumption, on a somewhat large scale, of the military operations on the western front.

Although for the moment these operations, viewed from the cold facts as announced by the various offices, do not transcend in importance the usual small operations by raiding and reconnoitering parties, reading between the lines of the communications, it is not difficult to see that the maneuvers now in progress on various sectors are in the nature of trying out processes of a marked character.

From the North sea to the Swiss frontier the lessening in the rigors of winter has permitted the belligerents again to send forth their men in enterprises which seemingly forecast the intention shortly to resume fighting activity more extensively.

For weeks the big guns along the entire battle front have been roaring in intensive duels on numerous sectors, but the infantry has lain idle, owing to the deep snows and later to the morasses which formed as a result of the thaw.

On their extreme right in northern Belgium the Germans have carried out an "important raid." They gained a footing in French advanced trenches east of Neuport, but later were ejected. Along nearly all of

Highway Bids Fair To Be Completed

Work on the new road leading to the undergrade crossing at the Billings hill north of Ashland is progressing. In a few days excavation will begin under the railroad, and when that is finished the establishment of a grade to intersect with the highway on the south side will occupy but little time. Should the favorable weather hold out it is thought the road will be completed in a very short time.

Received Tidings Of Husband Slain

Mrs. Phil Metz of Los Angeles came to Medford Tuesday to visit with her cousin Mrs. M. J. Snider, and just as she was stepping off the train was handed a telegram by a messenger boy which gave her the startling news that her husband, whom she had bid goodbye Sunday, was killed in Los Angeles the night before by a highwayman. The telegram gave no details of the murder. The murdered man conducted a general store in the suburbs of Los Angeles, and both he and his wife were well known in Medford.

Bellevue Chapter To Sew for Belgians

The Bellevue chapter of the Red Cross has taken up the work of making clothing for the needy Belgians and will occupy their time in this branch of Red Cross work during the next month or so. The patterns for these garments have arrived and sewing will be pushed as rapidly as possible. A room has been secured in the old normal building for a workroom of the chapter, for which Fred Homes has arranged to provide heating facilities while the work is being prosecuted there.

Shasta Division Gets New Superintendent

J. W. Fitzgerald of Tucson, Ariz., has been appointed to succeed Mr. Metcalf. The former has been superintendent of the Arizona division for two years, and prior to that time he was assistant superintendent on the Shasta division for six years.

A laymen's missionary meeting will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A large delegation of Medford laymen will be present and the convention to be held in Medford in March will be discussed.

the front in Flanders the artillerymen have increased the volume of their fire.

To the south, around Lens, Arras and St. Quentin, the fighting daily is growing in strength, while eastward along the Chemin-des-Dames, past Verdun and thence to the Swiss border, the French and Germans are continuously engaged on various sectors in artillery fighting and infantry activities greatly above the normal, as compared with the early days of the war.

On the front in Italy the change in the high command evidently has not resulted as yet in any betterment of the strategic positions of the Austro-German invading armies. From the Asiago plateau eastward to the Piave river and thence southward to the Adriatic sea the Italians again have been victorious in numerous minor operations.

The greater portion of the striking workmen in Austria are said to have returned to work, but the situation, both in Austria and Hungary, is declared still to be acute, owing to the desire of the people for peace.

In Germany some trepidation is being evinced by newspapers of pan-German leanings over the situation in Austria.

The socialist newspaper Vorwaerts of Berlin again has been suppressed, this time for announcing the solidarity of the German proletariat with Austrian labor in the peace struggle.

New Food Rules In Effect Soon

Down will come the present home card in the 13,000,000 homes of America within the next few weeks, and up will go the brand new pledge card with its more stringent rules and regulations. The electro-plates for the new cards have left Washington city and as soon as received at the local food administration office the thousands of copies needed for distribution in Oregon will be struck off.

Innovations on the new card are two wheatless days a week hereafter, which will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. The instructions on the use of wheat are more drastic than before and urge abstinence from the use of every form of it, whether cereal, pastry, macaroni, etc.

Two porkless days are now in vogue, Tuesday and Saturday, when absolutely all hog products, even to lard, sausage, ham, bacon, etc., are taboo. The first porkless day falls on meatless day, but until March 13 all people on the Pacific coast may eat any meat except pork on these days. The reason for the lifting of the ban in the northwest is because traffic congestion has caused a consequent accumulation of beef and mutton.

The restrictions as to sugar are the same, only every person is definitely urged to restrict his sugar consumption to three pounds a month.

On the new home card Herbert Hoover urges the people of America to eat more potatoes and more corn. The first named article is plentiful in the west, but the price of corn is too high to be used extensively. To avoid paying the high price for corn meal a great many families both in the east and west are purchasing hand mills, through which they grind their corn at home, thus bringing the price down to that of wheat flour. Barley and other grains may be ground at home in the same manner and patriotism shown in a practical way.

Two Siskiyou Boys Died In France

Perry F. Harris and George Heininger, two Siskiyou county boys, are reported among the deaths in General Pershing's command in France. Harris was the son of George Harris of Greenview, in Scott valley, and died January 9 of pneumonia. Heininger was the son of Joseph Heininger of McCloud, formerly auditor of the McCloud River Lumber Company. He belonged to the 10th Engineers Forestry, and his death occurred January 8, due to heart trouble.

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Shriners Entertain National Officers

Yesterday was a big day in lodge circles when Hillah Temple, Mystic Shrine, entertained a national officer and many other visiting nobles from various sections of the valley. Charles E. Ovenshire of Minneapolis, Minn., imperial potentate, who is making a tour of the coast, was the honor guest, and the members of Hillah Temple endeavored to give him a royal welcome.

Mr. Ovenshire arrived in Ashland on train No. 13 yesterday morning from Portland, accompanied by his wife and private secretary, Mr. Hutchinson, also from Minneapolis. They were met at the station by a delegation of the officers and members of Hillah Temple and were taken to the Austin Hotel, where luncheon was served. During the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. George T. Collins took the guests under their especial care, and they were conveyed by auto through the parks, over the Siskiyou highway and shown other interesting features for which Ashland is famous. Later the guests, accompanied by a large number of the Ashland local citizens, had dinner in Medford.

The evening was devoted to a lodge meeting, after which a banquet was served. Beside the national officers, Shriners from Salem, Gold Hill, Grants Pass and Medford to the number of about 75 were in attendance.

Three Arrested On Conspiracy Charge

George Hellmuth, a well-known and prominent resident of Siskiyou county, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Crawford of Montague were indicted by the United States grand jury in Sacramento, charged with conspiracy to defeat the selective draft law. Warrants were served on them last Friday. Hellmuth put up \$6,000 and Mr. and Mrs. Crawford \$2,000 each, and they were released. Hellmuth, who is of German descent, according to the federal officers, has been carrying on a German propaganda in Siskiyou county. He is charged with trying to block the Liberty Loan and conspiring to defeat the draft.

Crawford is charged with having conspired with Hellmuth to secure his exemption on a dependency charge, and his wife is charged with having falsely sworn to exemption of her husband. Crawford is manager of Hellmuth's store at Montague, and his wife is also an employe in the store. The man drew both the salaries of himself and his wife and filed a dependency charge. It is claimed an agreement was drawn up whereby Crawford was to receive the wages of himself and his wife under his own name.

These arrests are the outcome of an investigation made by Special Agent George Hartz of the Department of Justice, with headquarters in Sacramento, following a report that government activities in the northern part of California were being blocked.

Points Named for Potato Inspection

Salem, Ore., Jan. 22.—An order was issued by the Oregon public service commission today designating Portland, Salem, Albany and Eugene as potato inspection points for Oregon, with the provision that other points may be designated as necessary. It is held that the four points named serve adequately at present the convenience of the public and of the commission.

Inspections are to be made by the service commission through its grain inspection department. Chief Grain Inspector Porter of the commission is empowered to appoint deputy inspectors at the designated points.

Representatives of potato growers have put before the commission the need of inspection of potatoes before shipments are made for the protection of growers in marketing the commodity. It is said that growers have lost in California markets particularly because of poor condition of potatoes upon arrival there.

Roy Hartley of Steinman, son of J. E. Hartley, visited at the home of Vernon Doran on Ashland street Wednesday. He left this morning for Portland, where he will enlist in the navy.

Important Meeting Held by Church Men

The Men's Social Service League held a meeting in the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening at which a number of the progressive churchmen of the various congregations throughout the city met and planned a vast amount of work for the future welfare of the community. Several important committees gave reports of projects under advisement which will be worked up by the league during the coming months, and some important events in church circles were exhaustively discussed.

Two interesting readings were given, one by Rev. J. H. Van Fossen, "The Son Thou Gavest Me," and the other "Trail of Boy Travels," by R. P. Campbell enlivened the meeting and gave an inspiring touch to the business before the assembly.

Among the committees who reported was that composed by F. J. Shinn and G. C. McAllister on the observance of a national Father and Son week, which will be held Feb. 11 to 17.

O. P. Carson of the Baptist church was the chairman of a committee which is planning a drive to enlist the adults in Sunday school attendance. Along this line the league planned to inaugurate a contest among the men and boys of the city beginning with a "Father and Son dinner", which will be held some time in February, and continuing for three or four months.

The Laymen's Missionary convention which is going to be held in Medford some time in March also came under discussion, and is an event in which the men of Ashland will take an important part.

A meeting has been announced to be held in the Methodist church in this city next Sunday afternoon at which a number of men from Medford will be present and discuss plans for the convention. This is an all southern Oregon affair and will be attended by a number of national leaders who will visit the coast at that time.

Reconsider Action On Sale of Bonds

Mayor Lamkin not being satisfied with the action of some members of the council in rejecting the bids for the purchase of the \$56,000 refunding bonds at the regular meeting of the council January 22, called a special meeting last night to reconsider the sale of same and invited several of the local bank officials to be present to discuss the matter of the error on the part of those who voted against selling the bonds on the bids presented.

Mayor Lamkin and Councilmen Lamb and Shinn strongly favored selling the bonds, but for minor reasons Councilmen Root, Banta and Caldwell stood against the same at the meeting when the bids were opened, and in the absence of Councilman Nininger they carried the vote to reject a bid which the other councilmen considered an error.

Council then decided to change the bonds from optional to serial and asked the bonding houses to wire bids on serial bonds instead of optional. On receiving answers a special meeting of council was again called at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when the wired answers were read. The Lumbermen's Trust Company made their bid at par with accrued interest to date, plus \$120 premium. The next best bid was Morris Bros., who asked a fee of \$450. After discussion the question was then put to vote and the bonds were unanimously awarded to the Lumbermen's Trust Company.

Mrs. Louis Schwein was among the Ashland people who went to Medford Tuesday evening to see Mitzi in "Pom-Pom." Mrs. Schwein had a former acquaintance with this famous Hungarian actress, having been entertained at a dinner given by Mrs. Schwein's cousin in San Francisco several years ago. She also had some friends who were former members of Mitzi's company, and was hopeful of seeing them in the play in Medford, but in this she was disappointed.

Ivan O'Donoghue, an Ashland boy who is in a training school at Fort Monroe, Virginia, recently passed the first half of his course in radio, in which he made 100 per cent. This course was completed in one and one-half months. He will take another month and a half in electricity, which will finish his course.