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## Reports of Walkout Are Misleading — Contracts Terminated but Men Will Return to Work Within a Few Days, Lewis Says.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Indianapolis, Ind., April 1.—According to T. L. Lewis, the new head of the United Mineworkers of America, reports sent broadcast last night predicting a coal miners' strike, putting 300,000 men out of employment, were grossly misleading. As a matter of fact, that many men have terminated their contracts with the operators in the last 24 hours, but the majority of them will be back at work under the same terms within a few days.

Only in one or two districts is the situation seriously threatening. In the southwestern districts of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, where the miners and operators are at loggerheads over the wage scale.

Thirty thousand men will also probably be thrown out of employment in Pennsylvania, owing to the fact that so large a stock of mined coal is on hand that a suspension would have been necessary, even had the scale agreement not run out.

In half a dozen different districts, notably central Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia and Kentucky, negotiations now on between the miners and operators are expected to result in the re-signing of old scales and the resumption of work within the next week.

President Lewis said today that by the time the new national executive board convenes next week he expects to be able to report a resumption of work in all but about three districts. Plans will then be shaped to force the operators in these districts to come to terms.

# COLLEGE BURNING LIGHT ON TONG FIRE HOUSE BURNED AT DEAR DEAR BALKAN AD'S PROGRESS FOR ATWOOD

## Republican Candidate for District Attorney Gives Voters of Gresham Some Information Regarding Sunday Closing Law—Plan to Capture Saloon Vote.

In a speech before several hundred Republicans at Gresham last night, James Cole, Republican candidate for the nomination for district attorney, and his assistants to Gus Moser and Judge Cameron, candidates seeking the office, by charging them with being aligned with the north-end crowd. Cole also made an earnest plea in his own behalf, assuring his auditors that in event of his election he would not only enforce all the laws, but mentioned specifically several of the statutes which will receive special attention at his hands.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Forty-fifth Precinct Republican club, which has endorsed several candidates for the legislature. These men are Dr. J. H. Hickman, for the house, and J. R. Kelly, for the senate. Also, W. G. Hale, secretary, and Allen R. Joy spoke for Hickman and Kelly, and the candidates also spoke for themselves.

While these men made a good impression upon the audience, it was the speech of James Cole that drew the crowd with Cole. His speech filled with clear logic won the audience, a large number of whom were women. Cole's speech was followed by a man and a woman, who both declared that they were in his speech in Cole's behalf.

## Highbinder War Gives Indications of Renewal — Incendiaries Believed Tong Members Try to Burn the Home of Dead Merchant.

Five hundred dollars an acre and life insurance for a family of eight persons interested in ownership of the land was the demand made by their lawyer, Henry M. Easterly, for a right of way for the Mount Hood Electric railway through 560 acres of land owned by Mrs. Phoebe Dekum, north of the Base Line road. The company has refused to pay the amount and the result will probably be a complete change of the route of the Mount Hood railway for a distance of more than six miles.

The following letter from Rockwood to the company is the subject of the dispute: "Rockwood, Or., March 13.—The people of Rockwood have been very jubilant over the fact that they were to have an electric line to Portland, especially when it was evident that it would run north of the Base Line. Influential citizens have used all their power to this end. Property owners gave right of way for the actual cost of clearing. Some donated highly improved land. The right of way has been secured from the Mount Hood crossing west to the Seneca Smith tract.

On the west side of this tract the property owners are more than anxious for the line and have said they would do their part.

"Hence the Rockwood people felt rather indignant over the fact that the company is now balked by the action of Mrs. Dekum, who owns all the Base Line road, and who demands a side-track, \$6,750 for right of way, and life insurance for the members of her family. The company is now in a position to develop this tract of land lying undeveloped, but Mrs. Dekum is willing to donate land and give a bonus besides. As it is now, officials of the company are in a position to change the route of the line on the south side of the Base Line, as the property owners there are anxious to have the line run through their land.

"As Mr. Clark, the promoter of the road, is starting active operations on the line, the people here fear that Mrs. Dekum will hold the company off too long and prevent the road from being built. While the line south would still be a great advantage it would not build the road up to the north side of the Base Line. A vast area of wild land will be thrown open and beautiful homes will spring up which development, it is estimated, will bring Mrs. Dekum's property up to three times its present value, and in a very short time it will be worth \$100,000."

When the fact of illegality of issuance of railway passes under both the interstate and Oregon state laws was called to the attention of lawyer Easterly by the right of way agent of the railroad company the former modified his demand and required only the \$500 inducements for the company to do so.

The residents affected by the contest over the Dekum land are exerting themselves to secure a favorable settlement and induce the electric railway company to locate the line on the north side of the Base Line road. They estimate that the running of the road through their lands would more than double its market value.

President E. P. Clark of the Mount Hood Electric came to the city a few days ago and departed yesterday afternoon without taking up right of way matters. It is expected that on his return tomorrow he will confer with the right of way department, and that a final decision on the location of the route will be made before he departs for California.

## County Physician Swears to Complaint Against Doctor Who Treated Girl Who Died of Diphtheria—Not Properly Treated.

Dr. E. P. Geary, county physician, will swear to a complaint this afternoon for the arrest of Dr. C. H. T. Atwood for failing to report the case of diphtheria which caused the death of Verna Gillis, a 14-year-old girl, who died at Atwood's sanitarium at Astoria. Atwood reported the cause of death as pneumonia, but a postmortem examination by Dr. Ralph Matson, city bacteriologist, showed the cause of death to have been diphtheria.

Dr. R. C. Yenny, member of the city and state boards of health, stated this morning that the examination and regulation of all such places of the type conducted by Atwood. He said that his attention had been called recently to a number of cases which have come up in these institutions and that steps should be taken to place them under the control of competent authorities.

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Dr. Yenny said that there is no way to take away Atwood's license for failing to report the case of the young girl, but that the examination and regulation could only be taken in cases where malpractice is shown. He favors stricter laws on the subject, and that the board the power to revoke licenses where the physician shows himself to be grossly incompetent to properly care for and treat his patients.

In speaking of the present laws Dr. Yenny said that the attorney-general has advised that the examination and regulation of such places as Atwood and others of his class could be prosecuted. Dr. Yenny said that the attorney-general has advised that the examination and regulation of such places as Atwood and others of his class could be prosecuted. Dr. Yenny said that the attorney-general has advised that the examination and regulation of such places as Atwood and others of his class could be prosecuted.

# THE DAD BILLS MAY SAYS QUILTY

## ASK DAMAGES FOR WRECKED ANATOMIES

R. M. Wells, indicted by the federal grand jury on a charge of using the mails to defraud, pleaded guilty before Judge Wolverson in the United States circuit court this afternoon.

At the request of the attorney, Edward Sheehan, Doo Sheehan, J. N. Saylor, Frank Caviness and M. J. Dorsey, were given until Friday morning to enter their plea.

It is claimed by the postal authorities that all of the men indicted for using the mails to defraud, with the exception of Caviness, are ex-convicts.

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Knut Fleck and Ole Simpson, former employees on the Southern Pacific steamer ship Breakwater, have begun a suit against the railroad in the circuit court to recover damages for injuries sustained when the ship was wrecked in the bay on January 14. Fleck asks for \$20,000 and Simpson for \$10,000.

The injured boathands filed separate complaints, but the suits are identical except as to the injuries sustained. They charge that the timber in the ship was rotten and defective and the bulwarks improperly braced. The accident took place at Compro Bay.

Fleck states that his collar-bone was broken, his face bruised, his lower jaw paralyzed and his spinal column fractured. Simpson says that four of his ribs were broken and he was thereby crippled for life.

## Mount Hood Line Held Up by Extraordinary Sum Asked by Dekum Estate—Others Eager to Secure Elec- tric Route, Have Given Free Right-of-Way.

It is known that President Clark is a stickler for direct route and wide right of way, and that everything being equal, he will choose the route of least resistance. He has built up the Los Angeles Pacific into perhaps the greatest electric railway system in the country by cutting rates between Los Angeles and the ocean beaches, 20 miles distant.

Many of his through cars run on schedules of 100 miles an hour, and his policy has been to build up interurban residence districts. An enormous population has thus been induced to Los Angeles, these residents doing business daily in Los Angeles because they get a low commutation rate on the electric line.

The result of this policy has been to create a very wide, well populated district about Los Angeles, tending to keep down residence property prices to a reasonable basis within the city and suburbs. Much of the great growth of Los Angeles is due to the fact that the operation of the electric line has given the owners there, and they are equally anxious to get to the city.

Landowners east of Portland along the surveyed routes of the Mount Hood Electric have been given an opportunity to enhance the values of the lands, and get quick access to and develop them. They are making an effort to secure the location of the line on the route north of the Base Line road. Another route, the Base Line road, has been donated by the owners there, and they are equally anxious to get to the city.

It is said Mrs. Dekum was willing to give a right of way through her lands, and that a suitable contract was drawn up, but when she employed a lawyer to advise her to hold the land at \$500 per acre. As 12 and a half acres would have to be taken, the fraction acres would have to be amount of \$6,750 for the right of way. The company was asked to pay was \$6,750.

The company's refusal to comply with the terms of Mrs. Dekum's lawyer has precipitated the present controversy to change the route or bring condemnation suit and force a way through the Dekum land.

J. V. Beach, wife of the late J. V. Beach, who owns the property, has been obstructing the railroad, said:

"Land in this vicinity is worth about \$200 an acre. According to the general market price, I understand that the lands held by the Dekum estate cost it about \$70 an acre. The land was taken for the railroad. It looks as if the opportunity of the Dekum estate is going to result in losing the road for that neighborhood. The road is being obstructed by the high price demanded by Mrs. Dekum for necessary right of way. Most of the owners of the land own two or three, including Mrs. Dekum, who are on the other side."

Give Free Right of Way.

Charles F. Field, president of Reed, Fields & Tynan, said that lands in the immediate neighborhood of the Dekum property are now being sold at double the old value. The strength of the talk that the railroad will come through. He said that himself and neighbors had given up the idea of building a road through the Dekum's land. "Could the railroad run through the Dekum's land, it would so greatly enhance the value of the remaining lands in her tract that lots would sell for as much as the vicinity has. Other owners in the area have been quick to recognize this fact. I have been lending what assistance I could in cooperation with my neighbors.

"One owner, A. G. Livingston, of the Oakland, Oregon, told me that the railroad would come through his land, wrote us a letter that he would give a right of way free through his tract, although the land was from the property of the Williamson river. This is the sentiment of the whole neighborhood, but it looks as if the road was to be driven away by the attitude of the Dekum estate."

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## PROSPECTORS FROZEN TO DEATH IN ALASKA

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Nome, Alaska, April 1.—Partially eaten by dogs, the bodies of Antonio Carls, a well-known prospector, and J. J. Sposato, a prospector, have been found on the trail near Slinrock. The two men left here March 12 on a prospecting trip. Shortly afterwards a cold wave swept over the district and both were frozen to death. Their dogs, nearly famished, ate their bodies.

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## AT EVERYVILLE TRACK TODAY

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San Francisco, April 1.—At Emeryville: First race, Futurity course, selling, 3-year-old and up—Adena, 101, 8 to 1; 6 to 5, won; John H. Beebe, 102, 11 to 10, second; Ben Full, 11, even, third. Time, 1:09 2/5.

## KEEP MONEY AND RETURNS HANDBAG

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Everett, Wash., April 1.—The police are greatly mystified over the raids of a ring with sentimental ideas. Ben and ways ago a house was entered and a lady's handbag containing \$1,000, a card case, marriage license and other articles were taken. This morning the articles were returned by mail with a polite note saying that the thief deemed them necessary to milady, but he would retain the cash.

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## CHURCH MEMBERS FORBERAL

Portland church members have been giving to the cause of foreign missions twice as much per member as those of Seattle and Spokane. This fact was developed at the women's meeting held yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the laymen's missionary movement at the White Temple. In spite of this fact it was voted by the members to increase the contribution from Portland for this cause to \$100,000. Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists and Episcopalians have already announced their decision to make this advance.

The women's meeting was held yesterday afternoon Rev. Dwight E. Potter of the Presbyterian foreign mission board and Dr. Tenney of the Congregational board addressed the women on this subject. They were followed by J. Campbell White, who presented carefully prepared statistics of the work already accomplished and of what remains to be done. He emphasized the duty of the women to aid the cause by their prayers and said that a son or a daughter given to the cause was more important than a contribution of \$50,000.

White's talk that the church members of Seattle and Spokane were found to be making a per capita contribution of \$50 cents. In Portland it was found the per capita contribution was \$1.

A mass meeting for men held last night developed great enthusiasm on the subject and a report from the different churches showed that the matter had close attention. The Presbyterian church reported that their annual contribution would be increased threefold. The Congregational church, through Dr. Dyott, reported that their annual contribution would be increased to three and one half times the former amount, and Bishop Scandling, speaking for the Episcopal church, said that they would do their share.

Dr. Henry Waldo Coe introduced the speakers last night. Mr. White's talk was the most interesting feature of the evening at 7 o'clock there will be a supper given at the White Temple, at which time the increased appropriation from the city churches will be discussed. All men of whatever denomination who are interested are invited to be present.

## FULTON RESOLUTION LEFT TO BONAPARTE

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)  
Washington, April 1.—The house public lands committee today asked Attorney-General Bonaparte to suggest any amendment to the Fulton resolution that he thinks advisable.

## MORE TROUBLE WILL OCCUR IN ISLANDS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Havana, April 1.—Henry Waterson, who has directed a full investigation of Cuban political conditions. In an interview, he predicted that grave internal disturbances would ensue following the withdrawal of American troops from the island.

## REGISTER! FIVE DAYS MORE

Five more days to register. Time for tardy voters to get their names on the registration books is fast fading, and the statute of limitations will be clamped down at 5 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon. Those who know of unregistered voters should give them a final prod this week, and the sooner the better, for the last days are always the best.

Exactly 26,600 names were on the books this morning. A good record was made yesterday, 52,000 names were added during the day. But will take a daily average of 600 during the remainder of the time, today included, to run the figures beyond 30,000. The party affiliations, 20,786 have sworn that they are Republicans, 4,484 have sworn that they are Democrats, 1,320 are dependents or members of the smaller parties. Approximately 77 per cent of the voters vote, therefore, the number of the county clerk are being kept open every evening until 9 o'clock, so those who cannot get to the office may be given opportunity to register.

## DETECTIVE BATY IS GIVEN DRUIN'S PLACE

Following his appointment yesterday afternoon by the executive board, Police Sergeant C. E. Batty today took the oath of office of captain of police. The promotion to the rank of captain is to fill the vacancy caused by the dismissal from the department of Patrick Bruin. The appointment is for a period of 30 days, the period allowed by the condition of Bruin's contract, which provides that there are no eligibles on the civil service list. It is anticipated that before the expiration of the contract, certain law enforcement officials will have held examinations for the position of police captain. In this event Batty will not be eligible to fill the position, as in the point of service and experience he fulfills all of the requirements necessary in an examination of this character.

Since the dismissal of Bruin, Captain Batty has been in charge of the bureau of criminal investigation, and has met with the approval of his superiors. He will remain in charge of the detective bureau until the civil service commission is organized. Whether he will then be succeeded by Captain Bailey, who was recently appointed to the position by Chief Gritzmacher, is not known.

## TAXPAYERS MUST STEP LIVELY OR PAY COSTS

Next Monday all unpaid taxes will become delinquent, unless the first installment of one half is paid on or before that date. The penalty to be attached is 10 per cent of the taxes due, with an additional penalty of 1 per cent per month thereafter until paid.

Metzger, optician, 342 Washington.

## SHILLOCK RETURNS MUCH IMPROVED

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Mrs. Shillock, who for years has been a favorite in musical circles in this city, is accompanying her husband on his travels.

Spectacles \$1.00 at Metzger's.

## CITY OFFICIALS ARE DEFENDERS IN SUIT

Mayor Lane, City Auditor Barbur and Chief of Police Gritzmacher were made defendants in a suit to restrain them from collecting the vehicle tax or enforcing the vehicle tax ordinance which was filed in the circuit court today. The suit was brought by George Lear and others.

## FEDERAL BUILDING FOR WALLA WALLA

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
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## PERSONAL.

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William Kiff, former sheriff of Atchison county (Kansas) and a member of the state legislature, is to make his future home in Portland. Mr. Kiff looked over Seattle and other parts of the northwest and after traveling for several months he decided to build in Portland. He is accompanied by Mrs. Kiff.

## STEPFATHER IS SUED FOR STEALING WATCH

Dan A. Hughes, age 15, figured as the complainant in the police court this morning. His stepfather, Harry Lee Hughes, is accused of the theft of a watch. Final hearing of the charge was continued until Saturday.

Harry Hughes, who is but nine years older than his stepson, married his mother two years ago. He was appointed as a messenger boy for one of the telegraph companies to marry the lady on his wedding day. The woman and that as a crowning act appropriated a watch belonging to the stepson. The woman asserted an intention of bringing his stepfather before the bar of the circuit court for the purpose of forcing him to provide for his wife.

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