

ENGINEERS ASK 15 PER CENT RAISE

Western R. R. Officials Meet to Discuss Locomotive Men's Request.

(Special to The Journal.)
New York, Feb. 23.—Executive officials representing all of the large railroad systems in the eastern territory met in this city today to exchange views on the demands made by the locomotive engineers for higher wages. The engineers are uniting in a movement for a wage advance of approximately 15 per cent. Every road east of Chicago, north of the Chesapeake & Ohio and south of the Canadian border, is affected by the demand, and also the Grand Trunk of Canada.

The railroads, it is understood, are inclined to look upon the demands of the engineers as hardly justified by existing conditions. The engineers participated liberally in the general wage increases made in December, 1910, since which time the earnings of most of the roads have fallen off materially. A general strike in the near future is regarded as highly improbable. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is one of the most conservative of labor organizations and has always displayed a disposition to be conciliatory before resorting to extreme measures. At the same time, the engineers are likely to stand firm in their present demands as, under the new federation plan of organization which is said to have been perfected, they probably can rely upon the support of the firemen, conductors and brakemen in the event of a strike. Heretofore the engineers have acted independently and have fought their own battles. Recently steps have been taken to form a federation of the four big railroad brotherhoods, and for the first time in railroad history it is said that all four are now agreed to stand together in the event that either one is involved in a dispute.

BURY PIONEER WOMAN AT COTTAGE GROVE, OR.

(Special to The Journal.)
Cottage Grove, Or., Feb. 23.—The body of Mrs. Jennie Sehlbrede, who died while spending the winter season at Redlands, Cal., will be brought here Saturday for burial. Services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the M. E. church. Mrs. Sehlbrede's death followed an operation for appendicitis. Her mother, Mrs. L. Stouffer, and sister, Mrs. C. H. Burkholder, were also spending the winter at Redlands, and were with her at time of death, as was also her son Clarence.

Mrs. Sehlbrede was born in Cottage Grove and lived here until married 27 years ago to Mr. Sehlbrede, since when her home has been at Billings, Mont.

Want Exhibit Building.

(Special to The Journal.)
Cottage Grove, Or., Feb. 23.—A committee from the Commercial club is making arrangements for the erection or renting of an exhibit building for the products, mineral and agricultural, of the Cottage Grove country. The building will be in the neighborhood of the Southern Pacific depot. The Felix Curran exhibit has been returned from the tour of the eastern land shows and will take up a large part of the building.

After Mail Delivery.

(Special to The Journal.)
Cottage Grove, Or., Feb. 23.—The Commercial club is going after free delivery for Cottage Grove. A resolution has been sent to the members of congress from this state urging the passage of the bill providing free delivery for all cities of more than 1000 population. Personal letters are also being written by members of the club.

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PLANT TEN MILES OF SHADE TREES

Kennewick People Plan to Get Practical Benefit From Arbor Day.

(Special to The Journal.)
Kennewick, Wash., Feb. 23.—Arbor day, April 11, is to be fittingly observed here by the planting of 10 miles of trees along the west bank of the Columbia river. The day will also be featured by a big get together meeting of the townspeople and country folk.

The tree planting will be done under the direction of the Commercial club, 10 tree capsuling one for each mile of the river to be planted, having been named at a meeting of the club. The tree planting plan is to be made permanent, additional river bank being set to trees each year until the Columbia is fringed with shade wherever the adjacent country is settled. It is probable that the trees selected for planting will be cherries, which make a very rapid growth and are very hardy.

It is planned to have all business suspended in the city April 11 and the business men will be asked to turn out with picks and shovels to help in the work. In the evening an old fashioned basket social will be held in the Commercial club rooms. The proceeds from the sale of baskets will be used to pay for the trees.

10,000 ROSES PLANTED; ALL RECORDS BROKEN

An interesting program was given at Beaumont yesterday when the planting of 10,000 roses was commenced in the residence section belonging to the Beaumont Land company. The occasion of the exercises is Rose planting day which was set for yesterday. As far as is known the planting of this great number of roses marks the greatest single order of roses yet purchased.

Among the speakers were: Alfred Tucker of the Portland Rose society; Dr. Emmet Drake, Rev. Albert Ehrhart, Ralph W. Hoyt, president of the Rose Festival association; O. L. Ferris, and Howard Everts Wased. Mr. Wased spoke on the uses of roses in landscape gardening, with reference to the small lot. Mr. Ferris explained the company's idea in planting the roses. Practical demonstrations in planting and pruning were made by experts.

BANDON NAVAL MILITIA TRIES TO LEAD STATE

(Special to The Journal.)
Marshfield, Or., Feb. 23.—The members of the Bandon division of the Oregon Naval Militia are endeavoring to make their organization the best in the state and have so far succeeded in making much progress under the direction of Dr. L. P. Sorenson, the division commander. The boys conduct the Bandon Naval Militia Athletic club, and a few days ago celebrated their anniversary with a public smoker and five boxing bouts. The members are well drilled and have offered to meet the Coos Bay division in athletic or drill contests.

Probably in no part of the state has the interest in the naval militia kept up better than with the Bandon division. The city is located at the bar of the Coquille river, where the members are in constant touch with marine affairs. It was some time ago promised that a small yacht might be assigned for the use of the members of the Bandon and Coos Bay divisions, to be located in these waters permanently, and the Bandon members are hopeful that such will be the arrangement.

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FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY QUILTS

Horticultural Fire Relief Takes Over Business of Forest Grove Concern.

(Special to The Journal.)
Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 23.—The Pacific Home Mutual Fire Insurance company, which was organized in this city several years ago, was absorbed by the Horticultural Fire Relief association last week, and the effects of the company have been removed to Salem.

It is said that dissensions arose over the management of the Pacific Home company, which caused the directors to resign, but rumor has it that the company has not been paying lately, and that it was for this reason that the management was taken over by the Horticultural Fire Relief company. This change came as a great surprise to many stockholders, who were not given any notice of the proposed change.

Will Import Fine Sheep.

(Special to The Journal.)
Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 23.—L. S. Dunham of Boise, Idaho, one of the largest breeders of Shropshire sheep in the United States, left this city for his sheep ranch Wednesday, to ship two carloads of Shropshires to this city. Mr. Dunham had been in Forest Grove for two weeks, and succeeded in organizing a Shropshire Sheep association among the business men of the town and farmers of the vicinity. A large ranch will be rented and the sheep Mr. Dunham is about to ship here placed thereon. More extensive operations by the association will follow.

Remodel Forbis Residence.

(Special to The Journal.)
Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 23.—Carpenters are at work remodeling the Forbis residence, two miles southwest of this city, at a cost of about \$14,000. The Forbis family, who formerly lived at Butte, Mont., but who have made Portland their home for two years, will remove to their farm next June.

Mr. Forbis, who is a wealthy mine-owner, bought the farm a few years ago, and has made it one of the most valuable farms in Washington county. When he bought the land it was covered with heavy timber. It is now covered with one of the finest orchards in this section.

Thomas Baker Dead.

(Special to The Journal.)
Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 23.—Thomas Baker, aged 34 years, died at his home, five miles north of this city, Tuesday, after a lingering illness. Mr. Baker is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Baker, of Kansas City neighborhood; his widow and two children, and one brother and two sisters, Will Baker of Greenville, Mrs. Frank Lloyd of Deer Island, and Mrs. Peter Brown of Washington state. Funeral services were held today at the home, with interment in the Banks cemetery.

SEAT OF SEN. SIMMONS CENTER OF HOT FIGHT

(Special to The Journal.)
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 23.—With the senatorial primary fight in North Carolina but a few months distant, outward and visible signs are abundant that the contest for the seat of Senator Simmons is to be hard fought and exceedingly bitter. Senator Simmons' term of office will expire one year hence and he is a candidate for reelection. His principal rival for the toga appears to be Governor W. W. Kitchin, who has already taken to the stump and delivered some

vigorous attacks on Simmons' political record, particularly his vote in the Lochner case. A third candidate for the senatorship is former Governor Charles E. Aycock and a fourth is Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the state supreme court. It is believed that a second primary confined to the two leaders

in the first primary will be necessary to settle the contest.

Nevada Legislature Meets.
(Special to The Journal.)
Carson City, Nev., Feb. 23.—Called together in special session by proclamation of Governor Odell, the Nevada leg-

islature met today for the purpose, according to the proclamation, of providing for a state loan and a state tax levy. There is nothing in the law to prohibit the governor from calling other legislative business to the attention of the lawmakers and it is rumored that measures may be introduced to make prizefights

unlawful in Nevada and also to put a quietus on the Nevada divorce industry. But it is regarded as more likely that the work of the special session will be confined to the specific objects mentioned in the official call, especially since the governor has intimated that the session is to last but a few days.

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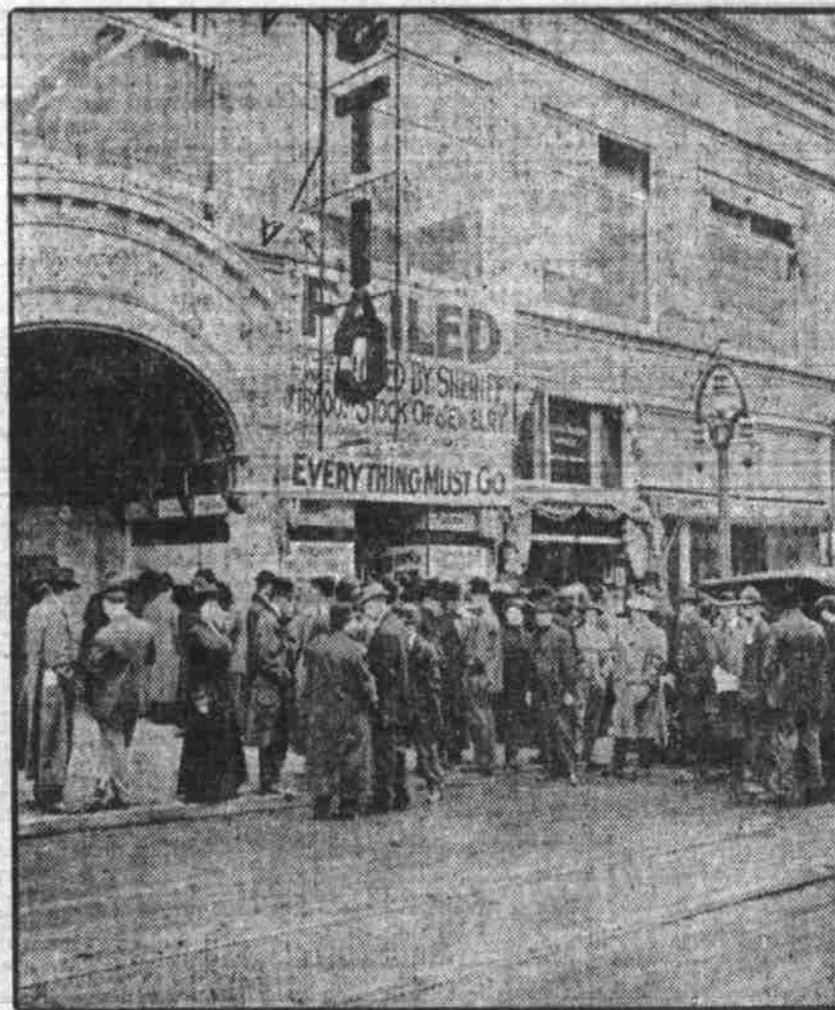
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