

AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN RAILROAD AND ITS EMPLOYEES

New Arrangement Made With O-W. R. & N. Station Agents and Telegraphers.

An agreement was reached yesterday afternoon between the telegraphers and station agents of the O-W. R. & N. and the company regarding a definite schedule of wages and working conditions. The adjustment was a result of the work of G. W. W. Hanger, assistant commissioner of mediation and conciliation, who came here 10 days ago from Washington, D. C., in response to an invitation from E. J. Manly, fifth vice president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, who was called from St. Louis, Mo., to work with the local committee, of which J. H. Young, of Hermiston, was chairman.

The agreement was signed by Chairman Young for the employees and General Manager J. P. O'Brien for the company. Last night Mr. Hanger left for Washington, D. C., much pleased with the result of his visit. He said both sides seemed well satisfied with the terms of the agreement, and the schedule adopted leaves a perfect understanding as to the relative positions of the company and its employees, the schedule fixing definite hours and arranging for increase in pay to conform with the schedule of other standard lines where they have been placed in effect.

One very important concession, it is said, that the railroad company made, is the elimination of the "split trick" which meant that a man putting in nine hours could work a certain number of hours one time and later put in the balance of the time. The next schedule provides that the nine hours must be worked consecutively, excepting for the meal time. This will apply more particularly to one man station, for if employed after working his nine hours, the employe will be paid overtime.

The new schedule also provides to some extent for a system of promotions in accordance with length of service.

From 175 to 200 employees will benefit by the new arrangement.

COURT ADVISES THEM TO FORGET "TROUBLE"

Quarreling over a patent which each claimed brought Dr. G. W. Fowler, a magnetic healer, and Mrs. M. Anderson, a mental healer, into the municipal court this morning. Both healers live in the Adams, at Grand avenue and East Morrison street.

Mrs. Anderson signed a complaint against Dr. Fowler, charging abusive language. He spent the night in the city jail. In court this morning, Mrs. Anderson claimed the man owed her \$3.50 on an unpaid bill. Dr. Fowler replied that the bitterness was caused over a patient, which Mrs. Anderson first treated, then turned over to him. Judge Stevenson advised both healers to shake hands and not allow professional jealousy to interfere with their friendship.

WATCHFUL PATROLMAN CAPTURES BURGLAR

The watchfulness of J. C. McKay, a special patrolman, probably prevented the taking of valuable property from Thompson's restaurant at 427 Washington yesterday morning. The officer, in making his rounds, discovered a burglar in the act of rifling a desk. The discovery was made when McKay turned his flashlight on the man.

McKay broke into the restaurant and arrested the burglar, who gave the name of Grant Getchel. This morning Getchel was arraigned before Municipal Judge J. C. Morrison and pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary. The case was continued until March 14 for sentence.

DEFINITE PERIODS OF CRIMINAL CASES SET

To do away with confusion in criminal matters the district judges have set definite periods for criminal cases and preliminary hearings. Judge Bell will devote the first Thursday afternoon to the work, Judge Dayton Tuesday and Friday afternoons and Judge Jones will hold his criminal hearings Wednesday and Saturday mornings. It is thought this system will save time for the courts and the district attorneys' office, as at present criminal cases are brought up in each court each afternoon and several deputy district attorneys may be required at the same time while at other times no cases are to be heard in any court.

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"TIDE LANDS BILL" IS DRAFTED BY CHAIRMAN OF DOCK COMMISSION

Measure Provides for Use of Overflow Lands for Docks and Terminals.

Fred W. Mulkey, chairman of the public dock commission, has drafted the "tidelands bill." It proposes for cities and towns of Oregon authority to use overflow lands below low water mark in the construction of docks and water terminals. The passage of the bill by the people would re-establish the public dock commission, which is valued in Portland, for instance, at \$1,000,000 or more. Senator Mulkey's belief that no bill so important to the state as this one should be introduced at the next general election, is shared by many familiar with the history of the gradual loss of public control of the water front. The bill, as drafted, reads:

"Section 1. That the right to construct, operate and maintain municipal wharves, docks, piers, basins, slips, basins, slips, water terminals and other structures of a like kind into such stream or other like water beyond low water mark so far as may be necessary and convenient for the use and accommodation of any ships or other boats or vessels that may or can navigate such stream or other like water."

"Provided, however, that in case adjacent land owners have constructed a wharf or wharves, as provided for in Sections 5201 and 5202, Lord's Oregon Laws, which adjacent lands are not to be deprived of their rights as given by said Sections 5201 and 5202, Lord's Oregon Laws, without just compensation given in the manner by said sections provided for, and that nothing herein contained shall authorize an incorporated city or town to construct wharves, docks, piers, basins, slips, water terminals and other structures beyond any harbor, pier, pier head line established or to be established by the government of the United States or within the limits of any other incorporated city or town, without the consent of said incorporated city or town given by the corporate authorities exercising municipal legislative power."

"Lands May Be Leased." "Section 2. That the corporate authorities exercising jurisdiction over the construction and control of municipal docks (or in the case of municipal wharves, docks, piers, basins, slips, water terminals or other structures of a like kind, any of the lands described in Section 1 of this act) may, with the acquiescence of the State Land Board of the State of Oregon, or its legal successor in office, lease, for the purpose of constructing wharves, docks, piers, basins, slips, water terminals or other structures of a like kind, but such lease shall not exceed the term of ten years and shall be based upon a fair rental value to be determined by said corporate authorities and said State Land Board or its legal successor, said rental to be annually paid by the lessee to said corporate authorities and, when collected, to be divided by the remittance and payment of one-half thereof to the treasurer of said city or town for the benefit of its municipal dock system, or, if it have no such system, then for the benefit of its general fund, and the other half paid to the state treasurer of the state of Oregon for the benefit of the common school fund of said state."

"Preference To Be Had." "Provided, that in the case of any such lands preference shall be given to the adjacent land owner if such land owner agrees to pay a rental equal to the best obtainable by the rental ordered, and provided further, that any lease may be renewed from time to time for 10-year periods upon such terms as herein set out for original leasing, if such adjacent land owner, at the expiration of any original lease or any renewal thereof, shall not require said leased lands for its municipal dock system, and provided, that any such leasee shall be deemed a person engaged in a public service business and shall not discriminate as to service to be rendered."

"Section 3. That Section 5201 and 5202, Lord's Oregon Laws, in as far as the same have not been availed of, and that Chapter 519, Lord's Oregon Laws, which reads as follows: 'And that in all cases of adjoining owners, where it shall be necessary to create an artificial bank to narrow the general channel of the river, all new land made shall belong to said adjoining owner and his right shall extend to the new channel, the same as the old, save where by reason of his refusal to consent to the creation of the works necessary, it may have been necessary to condemn or take his land under the exercise of the right of eminent domain, as herein provided to be done, in as far as the same applies to channels, artificial banks or new land made adjoining owners with the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town, be and the same are hereby repealed.'"

LOCAL FOREST FIRE ORGANIZATIONS NOW CAN JOIN STATE BODY

Annual Convention Amends By-Laws That Confusion May Be Avoided.

At its annual meeting which convened this morning at the Imperial hotel, the Oregon Forest Fire association amended its by-laws so as to permit the membership of local forest fire organizations, thus eliminating the necessity of individuals holding membership in the local organization and also, as individuals, in the state-wide organization. The amendment means that the local organizations may become affiliated with what will be regarded as the parent body, with headquarters here, the membership fee, being estimated at \$1.00, to be levied within the jurisdiction of the local. The change was adopted without a dissenting voice and after very little discussion, since had been recommended by President C. G. Briggs in his annual report. Mr. Briggs presides at the meeting, which will last throughout the day and conclude this evening at 8 o'clock. The Imperial, commencing at 6:30 o'clock.

Officers to Be Elected. This afternoon trustees and officers will be elected, and the lucky ones will be named at this evening's function. President Briggs, in referring to the amendment to the by-laws to establish closer relations with the state, said that he regarded it another step toward the closer relationship which he regards as tremendously vital to the industry.

Further than that, he explained, it would eliminate the necessity of assessing individuals who are members of both of these organizations, twice, as the assessment of the state organization would be included in the assessment of the patrol association. This, he said, would not cost him less, but it would save the state a considerable sum of money. He also pointed out that the fire protection fund would undoubtedly eliminate the need for a separate fund. President Briggs called attention to a much more cordial feeling between the timber owners and the public. He pointed out that frequently in recent years the fire organizations have reported incipient fires in the forests, although they were not interested in any way. This, he said, would not be true if the public did not interest itself in forest fires excepting when they swept over the country and caused damage outside of the timber industry.

"This change in sentiment he attributed to the splendid and persistent educational work carried on largely by the Western Forestry and Conservation association, of which E. T. Allen of this city is manager. Secretary C. S. Chapman in his annual report also paid tribute to the splendid educational work of the past few years carried out by the Federal Forest Service, the State Conservation association, the Western Forestry and Conservation association, and the organization he has represented. "It is safe to say," he stated, "there is now no other state in the union where timber in general is better protected than in our own, and this is being brought about at a reasonable cost. The compulsory patrol law has had a most beneficial effect in securing more extensive patrol of our timber lands, and the fire organizations depend very largely upon every county having an organization of timber owners who can look after all of the timber in a county by counties. Mr. Chapman expressed the belief that the appropriation for carrying on the state work in this direction should be increased to at least \$100,000 for the next year, and that the Oregon Forest Fire association should take a lively interest in the matter of the disposition of logged-off and burned over lands in the state."

PROPERTY MOVING IN WEST ST. HELENS

West St. Helens, Or., March 7.—There has been much activity in the real estate business both within the city limits and in country property during the week. One of the most important sales was that of six lots in Railroad addition at \$500 on Chapman's place, who will build a home. Matt Hazen sold one and three-fourth lots in central St. Helens to LeBaron Crouse, S. C. Knighton, of La Center, Wash., has purchased a lot on which to build a dwelling and has opened a barber shop in Houston, or West St. Helens as it is being called since the consolidation of the two cities. George W. Perry has sold 110 acres of his farm. It is reported that about 30 tracts of logged off lands have been sold by the Peninsula Land company to a number of families who will move onto the land this spring. These tracts all lay within five or six miles of St. Helens. The Central meat market has been sold by Billie and Robertson to Plummer and Ellerson. B. I. Plummer, of the purchasing firm built and operated the market originally, several years ago.

FIREWORKS LAUNCH NEW CHINESE TONG

Fireworks this morning at 10 o'clock properly launched the new Chinese tong with headquarters at Second and Oak streets. This tong is union of the Bow Lung and Bing Kin tongs, the latter being from San Francisco. As the Chinese sign was raised over the floor leading to the new quarters, a large string of firecrackers was touched off that attracted a large crowd. The object of the new tong is for mutual benefit and protection.

STRIKE INVESTIGATORS READY TO GO EAST

Denver, Colo., March 7.—The congressional investigators of Colorado's coal mine strikes, coming to the east in the morning, as a supplement to their inquiry in the coal fields, the committee men in Adjutant General Chase before them today, got some additional information from ex-Sheriff Capp of Boulder, Colo., and heard a few witnesses relative to strike conditions in the north.

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNTS TO 39,531

But Eight Weeks Remain in Which Voters May Qualify for Elections.

With but eight weeks yet to register the total registration is but 39,531, men numbering 27,226 and women 12,305. Tonight the registration office on the Fifth street side of the courthouse will remain open until 9 o'clock, and those who are unable to register during regular daily hours may be accommodated. Yesterday 818 registered, 435 men and 383 women. Naturalized persons, those who obtained citizenship through naturalized parents and women whose husbands are naturalized must bring naturalization papers to prove their citizenship. Early registration is as follows: close of the office last night is as follows: Republicans, 25,420; Democrats, 8745; Progressives, 1859; Independents, 1543; Prohibitionists, 1295; Socialists, 689.

BROKER TAKES ISSUE WITH COMMISSIONER

Portland, March 7.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In your issue of March 6, Mr. Watson, the corporation commissioner, is quoted as stating that "A stockbroker (referring to myself) has sold more United Wireless, Telephone Herald, oil, mining and unknown stocks to people of Oregon than any other man in Portland." Will you kindly allow me sufficient space to emphatically deny the correctness of his statement? I will forfeit to any worthy charitable institution of the city of Portland, the sum of \$500 if he will furnish the necessary proof of his assertion. His official and personal knowledge of my stock sales to persons in the state of Oregon, inasmuch as I hold a broker's license under the so-called "blue sky" law, dates only from June 3, 1913, when this law became effective, and his statement therefore is absolutely untrue. W. E. DAVIDSON, 216-217 Lewis bldg.

INDIAN CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Bringing Jim George, a Plute Indian charged with first degree murder, as a result of the death of Peter Brown last week near Yainon, the Klamath reservation, Deputy United States Marshal George Jackson is expected to arrive in Portland some time today. George is held in jail to await the action of the federal grand jury. According to United States Attorney Reames, the evidence against George is purely circumstantial. He was the last one seen with Brown before the latter was found dead. Bullets found in the dead Indian's body fitted the pistol found on George. Two cartridges in the latter's gun had been exploded corresponding to the two wounds received by the victim. Brown was shot in the back. J. O. Hanger, United States commissioner at Bly, on the reservation, ordered George held for the grand jury.

AUDITORIUM REMAINS OPEN

Shelter for Unemployed Not to Close March 15. The Gipsy Smith auditorium, which has been used as quarters by the unemployed, will not be closed March 15, as originally intended, according to Commissioner Brewster this morning, after visiting the place. Mr. Brewster says that a little more time is to be allowed for those living there to secure work in the lumber camps and other places.

THEATRICAL MANAGER ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

San Diego, Cal., March 7.—Scott Palmer, theatrical manager, shot yesterday while in his apartments with Claire Dowd, probably will recover, his physicians said today. Miss Dowd, who has been detained by the police, was still in the city prison today but Chief Wilson said she would be released as soon as Palmer's recovery was certain. Palmer declared the shooting was an accident. The affair has been the means of bringing together Palmer and his wife, from whom he got an interlocking decree of divorce three weeks ago on a desertion charge.

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WILL OPEN BIDS FOR HORSEFLY PROJECT

Klamath Falls, Or., March 7.—The Horfly project specially directed by directors have announced that bids are to be opened at Bonanza April 14 for constructing a diversion dam, a storage dam and about 14 miles of canal, the engineering features necessary for irrigating the 20,000 acres surrounding Bonanza embraced. The cost is estimated at \$30 an acre. On the same day the district will open bids for a 30 year bond issue for \$75,000 for financing the work. The district has just received a filing on its reservoir site from the government.

MAYOR WOULD NAME CIRCLE AND INSKEEP AS POLICE CAPTAINS

Chief Clark's Attitude Complicates Matters of Validity of Appointments.

Unless the validity of the recent municipal civil service examination for captain of police is attacked Mayor Albee will appoint Harry Circle and Chester A. Inskip, the two highest on the eligible list to the two positions of captain now vacant in the department. He announced this morning that the appointments will be made within a week unless the examination is attacked. Considerable question has arisen as to the validity of the examination because Chief of Police Clark has refused to give recommendations to only two who took the tests, when the municipal civil service board says that he shall give recommendations to all taking the examination. The chief says that he is within his rights, but the board says he is mistaken and has disregarded his recommendations. Members of the department contend that as long as the scope of the examination was advertised, including an allowance of 10 points recommendation from the chief of police the tests are invalid unless these recommendations are given. Should the validity of the examination be attacked and the board refuse to give recommendations, the chief's recommendations the list will be headed by Chester A. Inskip and Leon V. Jenkins, while Harry Circle will be second in line for the appointments for Inskip and Jenkins, as the mayor has stated that he will select the first two on the list.

MARSHFIELD AGENT JUMPS INTO BAY

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