

WOOLEN MILLS GET SPECIAL RULING ON HOURS FOR WOMEN

Employees Granted 10 Hours First Five Days, Four on Sixth Day of Week.

DELIBERATIONS ARE ENDED

Final Public Hearing Will Be Granted May 23, Before the Conference Committee Makes Report.

Woolen mills may work their women employees 10 hours a day five days a week and four hours on the sixth day, with a maximum of 4 hours a week, according to a decision of the conference committee of the Industrial Welfare commission yesterday afternoon.

With this decision, the conference concluded its deliberations on the questions on which recommendations for rulings in affecting hours, wages, working conditions and apprenticeship of women in industry were asked by the commission.

The findings of the conference will now be published and a final public hearing will be held Tuesday, May 23. Following this hearing, the recommendations will be made to the Industrial Welfare commission.

Rights in Form of Option. The right given to woolen mills to work their employees 10 hours a day for five days and four hours on the sixth day is in the form of an option, as the general rule for manufacturing establishments as laid down by the conference is for nine hour day.

This option was given on the earnest representations of the employees of the mills Thursday, May 22. At yesterday's hearing E. L. Thompson, president of the Portland Woolen mills, appeared as spokesman for his employees at their request. A letter which stated that working conditions at the Portland Woolen mills were such that a working day of 10 hours five days a week and a half holiday on Saturday would not prove a detriment to the women employed there.

Dr. Pierce Speaks for Mill. Dr. E. A. Pierce, a member of the board in favor of working and sanitary conditions at the mill. Pressed by Mrs. L. Gee, a member of the conference, Dr. Pierce refused to commit himself to the principle that a 10 hour day was right for all women in industry.

"I should have to see the plant first," he said, "and good health is primarily dependent on contentment with conditions. Of the Portland Woolen Mills, specifically, however, I do not believe that a 10-hour day five days of the week and a half holiday Saturday would have any detrimental effect."

Opposes 54-Hour Week. Mrs. Gee declared herself unalterably opposed to a 54-hour week. "I stand for a 48-hour week," she said, "but if it must be a 54-hour week I would rather see five days of 10 hours and a half holiday than six days of nine hours each."

"I am with you for an eight-hour day whenever it applies throughout the entire country," responded Mr. Thompson.

Thomas Roberts, a member of the commission, suggested a 50-hour week. "Why not work nine hours for five days and five hours on Saturdays?" he asked. "Then the women will have their Saturday afternoons off."

Mr. Thompson said in reply that the employees were on piecework and that shortening of hours would curtail their earning power.

W. F. Woodward of Woodward, Clark & Co., J. L. Bowman of J. L. Bowman & Co. and William Young, manager for R. G. Dun & Co., appeared before the conference as a committee representing the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Woodward read a resolution drafted by the directors of the chamber opposing the imposition of burdensome restrictions on the hours or wages of female labor.

Warns Against Further Agitation. He supplemented the resolution by declaring that further agitation would result in disaster for the state. Eastern capital is already timid, he asserted, and Oregon is already burdened as is no other state by a tax rate. He pleaded that the conference make no rulings which would stay the investment of money in the state. Mr. Young spoke along similar lines.

"Isn't it a fact that the Chamber of Commerce began the agitation?" asked Thomas Roberts.

"It is hardly fair to pillory a man who raises his voice to protest against conditions he considers burdensome and to call him an agitator," said Mr. Woodward in reply.

"We have tried to be fair to all concerned," said Chairman MacNaughton in reply. The chamber will agree that this conference has been remarkably conservative when it comes to read our findings.

"It we had been really just, we would have advanced wages from 10 to 15 per cent as the cost of living has risen."

STOTT IS CANDIDATE FOR LOWER HOUSE



Plowden Stott.

Plowden Stott is a Republican candidate for election to the house of representatives from Multnomah county. He has pledged himself, if elected, to introduce a bill for the repeal of the vicious Hollis non-support amendment, to work for a law providing for the feeding and keep of county prisoners at actual cost and without profit to the sheriff, and for a statute under which convicts will be transported from the point of commitment to the penitentiary by prison guards rather than by the sheriff, as is now the case.

Part of Columbia Highway Now Is Held Impassable

The Columbia river highway, from the Multnomah County line to Hood River is impassable, according to A. S. Benson, who attempted the trip yesterday. He says it will take at least two or three days of good weather before the road will be in such shape that machines can negotiate the mud.

Terrace Will Boost Coos County Roads

Orilla, Wash. Authority to Aid in Campaign on Proposed \$362,000 Bond Issue. A good roads campaign in Oregon without Frank Terrace of Orilla, Wash. would be like a presentation of Hamlet without a Hamlet. In past campaigns for bond issues in Clatsop, Columbia and Hood River counties Mr. Terrace was among the list of speakers on the affirmative side.

It has grown to be a fixed custom to "send for Terrace" who, according to Samuel Hill, has done more for good roads in proportion to his means than any other man in America.

The latest call for Mr. Terrace's services has come from Coos county where is pending the question of \$362,000 bond issue to be voted on next week in response to the call he left Portland Monday night and opened a week's speaking tour at North Bend last night.

Fire Destroys Home, Fatally Burns Girl

Gladys Lee Is Victim in Blaze That Destroys the Farm Home of George Troutman Near Brownsville. Brownsville, Or., May 10.—Gladys Lee, a hired girl, was so badly burned that there is little hope of her recovery, in a fire which Sunday destroyed the farm home of Charles Troutman, who lives midway between Brownsville and Shedd. The girls' hair and clothing took fire while she was attempting to escape down a flight of stairs.

added Mr. Roberts. "I must take issue with any broad statement that the cost of living to the masses has materially increased," replied Mr. Woodward. "It is true, some things have advanced, but there have been compensating reductions—rents for example."

Mr. Roberts declared he had figures to support his contention. Recommendations of the conference apply to mercantile, manufacturing, laundry, personal service, public housing, telephone, telegraph and office occupations.

Grants Pass Doctor Heads Association

Roseburg, Or., May 10.—Dr. F. D. Stricker of Grants Pass was Tuesday elected president, and Dr. A. C. Seely, of Roseburg, secretary and treasurer, of the Southern Oregon Medical association in session here. A number of prominent Portland physicians were present and delivered addresses.

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Autolst Fined \$50.

Frank Robbins, who was arrested Sunday following an automobile accident on the Powell Valley road, was fined \$50 yesterday afternoon by District Judge Bull for driving his machine while intoxicated.

CAMPAIGN TO BOOST GOOD ROADS BONDS IN COOS COUNTY OPENED

Yeon, Terrace, Holman Speak at Rally to Obtain Passage of \$320,000 Issuance.

TO TOUR ENTIRE COUNTY

First Meeting Is Held in North Bend and Marshfield Is Next in Line to Hear Visiting Speakers.

North Bend, Or., May 10.—The good roads campaign to educate the people on voting for the \$320,000 bond issue, opened last night with a big meeting in this city. John Yeon, Frank Terrace and Rufus C. Holman were the speakers. Another meeting will be held in Marshfield tomorrow night and the visiting speakers will then make a tour of the entire county.

Small Boat in Danger.

Marshfield, Or., May 10.—A small fishing boat with two men took from Coos bay expecting to go to southern California to engage in fishing, was reported anchored off one of the reefs near Port Orford.

Insane Man Captured.

Marshfield, Or., May 10.—After a desperate struggle Deputy Sheriff Laird Tuesday captured Will Peterson, a young farmer who lives with his mother in the Arago district, on Coquille river, and who has become insane and terrorized the neighborhood. Peterson drove away with a pitchfork every one who came near his place, and it was feared he would slay some one. When the deputy arrived Peterson ordered him from the place and it was only after a hand to hand struggle that the insane man was subdued and taken to jail.

Weather Conditions Harmless to Fruit

Hood River District Gives Encouraging Report; Orchardists Interested in Soil Culture and Spraying. Hood River's fruit crop is not to be hurt by the present spell of cool, wet weather, according to Wilmer Sieg, representing the Hood River Growers' association, who is here on business. Mr. Sieg said the only effect so far has been to interfere with pollenization.

Orchardists of the Hood River valley, Mr. Sieg said, are devoting much time and pains this season to soil culture and spraying. Sixteen hundred barrels of lime and sulphur alone have been sprayed on the trees, compared with only 500 barrels last season. Much sulfate is being put back into the soil and Mr. Sieg said prospects for a successful crop this year are excellent. The by-products plant at The Dalles is expected to use up a large percentage of the fruit that hitherto has been put on the market along with the A-1 qualities, and thus the growers will be enabled to improve the general quality of their best product.

Bootlegger Is Given Stiff Jail Sentence

"Dr." G. L. Jobb Gets 75 Days in Battle for Wholesaling Liquor—Several Others Are Sentenced. "Dr." G. L. Jobb was sentenced to 75 days in jail yesterday by Municipal Judge Languth. He was found guilty of selling the liquor which C. H. Ingram and Myrtle Ingram are alleged to have retailed to others.

Joe St. Mary, charged with taking orders for liquor, was given the same sentence, and filed notice of appeal. He offered to get liquor for Patrolmen Richard and Powell, in plain clothes, then became suspicious and failed to deliver the goods. When arrested he had the marked money given him by the officers.

Charged with maintaining a nuisance, C. H. Ingram pleaded guilty, and his case was continued for sentence. Myrtle Ingram was fined \$50 and the sentence suspended.

Candidate Narrowly Escapes Drowning

Harriman, Or., May 10.—R. L. Haas of Harriman, one of the Republican candidates for county commissioner, was nearly drowned while trying to ford the north fork of the Malheur river while going south on the River side. The current carried his Ford automobile over 500 feet down stream before he could stop it and get out. The water covered the machine and Mr. Haas had to swim to the bank of the river.

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MADAM COATES' school of dressmaking and designing now being formed at this store. Courses of fifteen lessons each for beginners and advanced students. Tickets may be secured at Notion Counter, Main Floor. Register as soon as possible.

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