

RAILROAD WORKERS ARE IN FAVOR OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Solution of High Cost of Living Seen in Eliminating Interest Returns on Inflated Valuation.

PRICES BEAT WAGE LEVEL

Public Declared to Pay Exorbitant Price for Transportation, Due to Watered Values.

Washington, Aug. 2.—(U. P.)—The railroad workers' solution of the high cost of living problem was presented here tonight in a statement urging the adoption of the Sims bill for government ownership of the roads.

The statement was signed by the heads of the four great brotherhoods—Warren S. Stone, head of the engineers; W. G. Lee of the trainmen; Timothy Shea of the firemen and L. E. Sheppard of the conductors—and B. M. Jewell, acting president of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor.

All of the men who signed the statement are in Washington demanding that either the cost of living be reduced or that the railway workers be given substantial wage increases.

CONGRESS PLAN NOT LIKED

Issuance of the statement follows condemnation by the brotherhood heads of the plan for putting their demands in the hands of congress. This, they believe, would be the effect of the proposal of President Wilson and Director General Hines to have congress create a body to handle the questions.

Under the Sims bill the government would buy the roads, which would be operated by a directorate of 15, five to be chosen by the president to represent the public, five to be elected by operating officials and five by classified employees.

The statement of the brotherhood heads declares that the railway employees "are in no mood to brook return of the lines to their former control, since all plans suggested for this settlement of the problem leave labor essentially where it has stood and where it is determined to stand."

FUNDAMENTALS ARE REALIZED

"We realize," the statement continues, "that in the strife of wage increases, we cannot win any permanent victory. It is not money value that counts. The vicious circle is infinite. Increases are over-capitalized for inflated profits and the cost of goods mounts faster than the wage level. A few grow wealthy and the multitude is impoverished."

"Any basic change must begin with the railroads. We believe the interests

YOUTHS PEDAL WAY FROM BREMERTON



Lads who made interesting bicycle tour from Bremerton, Wash., to Portland. From left to right—Russel Scribner, Earl Munson and Joe Stangler.

Every man remembers one big trip made at some time in his young life, whether afoot, on horseback or by wheel, and three boys from Bremerton, Russel Scribner, aged 14; Earl Munson, 14, and Joe Stangler, 15, who arrived in Portland this week, after traveling the 200 miles from Bremerton by bicycle have completed the trip that will always remain in their minds.

Early last week the three boys started

of labor and the public to be identical in the railroad question. Not only have we suffered from inadequate wages, but the public has paid an extortionate tax for transportation, a tax based on inflated values and collected from every person buying the necessities of life."

The brotherhood heads then declare that their proposal means democratic operation and refer to the president's "democratization of industry" message.

The statement stated that the workers are asking for a share in the surplus, but pointed out that rates are reduced when this surplus reaches a certain level and to restore it the workers must increase their efficiency.

"What we ask is to share the savings from economies we ourselves introduce and to share the surplus from new business our efficiency makes possible," the statement says.

Although the railroad brotherhoods are

not enthusiastic about the president's proposal, Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee will call his committee together Tuesday to consider it.

The executive council of the railway employees department called tonight for what amounts to a strike vote from affiliated organizations.

B. M. Jewell, acting president of the railway department, declared tonight that if the vote, returnable by August 24, is favorable to tonight's action, it will be tantamount to a vote for a strike.

The executive council will not feel that the vote is a mandatory strike order, however, Jewell explained, but that it would empower the executive council and the committee of 100 to deliver to the director general an ultimatum to be followed later, if a satisfactory arrangement is not reached, by a strike order.

where they are visiting Stangler's cousin, C. A. Widenmann, manager of the exchange garage, at the Union stockyards.

Actual running time on the trip was about 25 hours, making an average of eight miles an hour for the trip. The boys said the road was so rough that they have decided to return to Bremerton by train. One puncture was the only trouble reported on the trip.

Cases Against Rag Sellers Set Over

The cases against W. L. Crow and M. Barde, arrested upon warrants charging them with selling unsanitary rags, were set over for trial in the municipal court Saturday until next Tuesday by Acting Municipal Judge Delch.

Other cases set over are: J. Norman, until Monday, charged, with depositing garbage on a roof; Herbert Fletcher and Lottie Caples, until Tuesday, charged with being intoxicated; James Kelley, until Monday, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, and E. L. Tucker, until August 11, charged with having intoxicating liquor in his possession.

AUTOMOBILE RACES TO USHER IN STATE FAIR BEING PLANNED

Arrangements to Secure Noted Speed Demons Practically Completed.

Salem, Aug. 2.—The Oregon State fair this year will be ushered in with a program of professional automobile races participated in by some of the best known automobile speed fiends in the United States if arrangement which were practically completed at the meeting of the state fair board this evening are carried out. Details of the race program are expected to be completed within the next few days. A race between an automobile and an airplane will also probably be a feature of the race program.

Three strings of horses have been entered for the daily relay races which practically insure the success of this feature of the fair. These are the famous Parsons string from Wyoming, the Byers string from Pendleton, and the Drumheller string from Walla Walla. The proposed heagon collision between two road locomotives has been abandoned because of the danger and expense incident to such a feature.

Secretary Lea of the state fair board will meet with representatives of the San Francisco, Portland and Vancouver, B. C., riding clubs in Portland next week

to decide on the classifications for the horse show.

The cattle entries this year will include prize winning animals from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Canada while horses will be entered from San Francisco, Oakland, Portland and various points in Southern Oregon.

A special program will be arranged for Withycombe memorial night, which has been set for the first day of the fair, Monday, September 22. At a conference tonight, attended by members of the state fair board, State Forester Elliott, Secretary McCroskey of the Salem Commercial club, and Lieutenant Kiel and Sergeant McKee of the army air service, the matter of providing adequate hangars to house the army planes to be stationed here in the forest patrol service was discussed but no definite disposition of the problem was made.

Oregon Men Serving Military Sentences Have Been Released

Seven enlisted men of the 147th field artillery, and former members of Battery A, Oregon artillery, imprisoned on Governor's Island, New York, have been restored to duty. An order from the judge advocate general's office released the men imprisoned as the result of court martial in France, and remitted that part of the penalty imposed which involved dishonorable discharge from the army.

This information was received Saturday by Mrs. George H. Williams, president of the war auxiliaries central committee, in a telegram from Senator Charles McNary.

The men were convicted of the theft of some wine.

Thief Who Robbed Emergency Hospital Interne Rearrested

Within five hours after he had stolen \$120 from Mrs. Ellen Elvers, interne at the police emergency hospital, and incidentally escaped from the city jail and a 60 day sentence, Frank Burke was captured by the chief of police of Vancouver, lodged in the city jail, and \$118.85 of the stolen money recovered. Burke was the first man to be sentenced by Acting Municipal Judge Delch. He has long been a user of narcotics, police say. Police records show he has served time at the Idaho state penitentiary, Nevada state penitentiary, Oakland and San Francisco.

Saturday morning he is alleged to have forged a fit in the city jail. He was rushed to the emergency hospital by the jailers and turned over to Mrs. Elvers. While Mrs. Elvers was busy attending to her other various duties, her "sick" prisoner sneaked out of his bed, stole her pocketbook and escaped. He did not stop at the property clerk's desk to secure his own belongings.

Packers Not to Risk Another Race Riot

Chicago, Aug. 2.—(U. P.)—Chicago packers decided tonight not to tempt another race riot here. They abandoned a plan for escorting negro workmen to the yards under heavy guard.

After a conference with Governor Lowden it was announced the packing houses will operate indefinitely, as at present—short handed.

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Solid Oak Dining Suite \$61.50
This substantial suite is shown today in our Fifth Street window. The finish is golden wax; every piece is solid oak. Six pieces, as follows:
Dining Table with 48-inch top, extending to 6 feet. Buffet with beautiful panel mirror. Six sturdy Dining Chairs.
Sold on Liberal Terms \$10 Down—\$5 Monthly

Sale of Crockery
We have just received very large shipments of both American and English makes in table crockery. This week we will offer the following at reduced prices:
\$22.50 Edwin M. Knowles 54-piece Decorated Dinner Sets for... **\$17.65**
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Unifold Bed Davenport
Upholstered in tapestry, velour and leather
A handsome davenport by day—a luxurious bed by night. See display in Washington-street window.
Easy Chairs and Rockers to Match

Timely Sale of Alcazar Kerosene Oil Cook Stoves
Has patent Kerogas burner; burns 400 gallons of air to one gallon of kerosene. Pre-emptively the stove for hot weather. We show them in 1-burner, 2-burner, 3-burner and 4-burner styles, equipped with automatic oil feeder. Finished in white enamel and trimmed in blue and nickel.
\$22.50 Stoves for... **\$17.65**
\$33.00 Stoves for... **\$25.75**
\$45.00 Stoves for... **\$34.85**

Bluebird Special
42-piece Bluebird Breakfast Sets priced special this week for only... **\$9.85**
Rebuilt Ranges
Wood and Coal and Gas
In our Exchange Department we show a number of these rebuilt ranges which we offer at a mere fraction of their original cost. If you wish to limit your expenditure for a range, it will pay you to see these.
Gas Ranges \$10 Upwards. Wood and Coal Ranges \$15 Upwards.

Individual Axminster Rugs in an Important Sale—All 9x12 Size
This week we will offer Axminster rugs, of which we have but one of a pattern, at incisive reductions. We cannot obtain duplicate patterns of these rugs; hence our desire to close them out.
\$55.00 Axminster Rugs; 3 patterns **\$40.75**
\$50.00 Axminster Rugs; 2 patterns **\$38.50**
\$47.50 Axminster Rugs; 3 patterns **\$36.25**
\$45.00 Axminster Rugs; 6 patterns **\$34.75**
These rugs are shown on the second floor. Early selection is advised.

Bridge, Beach & Co.'s Superior Gas Ranges in an Important Sale
An opportunity to buy this week these nationally used ranges at a reduction from normal prices! Equipped with high ovens, canopy tops, sanitary bases, white panels and splashers. If you contemplate the purchase of a gas range, save money by choosing one of these at the reduced price.
\$93.00 Ranges for... **\$72.50**
\$78.00 Ranges for... **\$58.45**
\$72.00 Ranges for... **\$56.75**
\$43.50 Ranges for... **\$34.85**
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Eden Electric Washing and Wringing Machine
If a man had to do the washing just once, his wife would have...
the next Monday.
Arrange for a Free Demonstration.
He'd Have an Eden on the Job the Very Next Monday
As you know, most men are simply not "up on" the appliances one needs about the house—perhaps because it isn't their business to be.
Take that most irksome of all household duties—the family washing. Where's the man who fully realizes what a Monday over the washboard and tub and laundry stove really means?
The most effective argument in his case is the one that presents the matter in the light of plain, everyday business sense. Show him that this antiquated, unhealthful washboard drudgery wastes time—and costs money.
Begin by letting us arrange to have the EDEN demonstrated for you. We'll do this—gladly—at our showroom—or we'll send a machine to your home to work on some of your own washings—just as you say and without trying to obligate you to anything whatsoever.
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Tapestry Couch Covers, \$8.75 Vals. \$6.45
These are full size covers; the colorings are very pleasing.
Brass Extension Rods 45c Value 20c
Equipped with brass ends; extend to 48 inches.
Curtain Stretchers
\$2.50 Stretchers with adjustable pins... **\$1.85**
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Dainty Cretonnes
5 to 15-yard lengths; handsome patterns; rich colorings.
40c Cretonnes... **28c**
50c, 60c Cretonnes... **40c**
75c, 80c Cretonnes... **45c**
85c, 95c Cretonnes... **55c**
Filet Nets Reduced
Shown in ecru, ivory and white; both plain and figured.
60c Filet Nets... **45c**
50c Filet Nets... **35c**

Wood or Coal Steel Ranges
We show full lines which we will offer this week at attractive prices. Take advantage of the present opportunity to buy a good range at a saving.
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