

SEVEN - SECOND YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1922

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

LABOR WARS MUST CEASE

Chicken-Eating Hoot-Owl Steals Keys to Hen-House at State Farm

EARLY STRIKE SETTLEMENT IS NOW POSSIBLE

Proposals Made by Brotherhoods, Although Secret, Said to Offer Satisfactory Solution.

MEN WOULD RECEIVE ALL OLD RIGHTS

Situation Would Revert Back to Starting Point on Both Sides

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The five great railroad brotherhoods which have stepped into the nationwide shopen's strike, as mediators, today offered to the roads what they termed a practical proposition for peace, and the roads took up the proposal under consideration. Neither side would officially disclose the terms of the proposition. In some quarters close to the conferees, it was said that acceptance of the proposal by the executives would result in the immediate return of all strikers to their old jobs, with full and unimpaired seniority and pension rights, in addition to retention of men hired since the strike. The proposition, on the other hand, was outlined in other quarters as providing for restoration of strikers as rapidly as possible with their seniority rights to be adjusted ultimately to the satisfaction of all.

WALNUT MEN WILL TOUR

Start of Western Growers' Tour Will be from Salem on August 23

The date and itinerary of the Western Walnut Growers' tour of the Willamette valley walnut districts have been announced by the secretary, C. E. Schuster of the Oregon Agricultural college horticultural department, as follows: Start from Salem August 23, at 8 a. m., a visit to the groves near Salem carrying a large number of California and American walnuts with numerous hybrids. The Skyline and Cascade View orchards and the Hilbert grove of Senator McNary will be inspected, followed by visits to the groves near Jefferson, Albany, and the college farm. The growers will then go to Eugene for the night. Other varieties studied Lydick's grove east of the river.

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LOCK-OPENER HURLED AT BIRD BY ZINSER; OWL GETS IT; GOES

Will a hootowl attack and devastate a human person? Is the law of tooth and fang and claw and club still in force between the hootowl and man? Are some hootowls just naturally malignant and hateful, or are they cross-eyed and just as liable to dine mistakenly on dynamite or pebbles or steel filings as on rabbit or canary bird or kitchen-fed mice? Are hootowls joshers and jesters and funny-bone ticklers? Or—perish the thought—do they or some men ever mistake Old Crow or some such brand for the kind of birds that hootowls eat, and do they get mixed up in the shuffle?

BUSH OFFERS TO LIGHT UP NOTED TREE

Historic Summer Street Will be Illuminated if City Will Spare It

A. N. Bush has offered to rig up the big North Summer street redwood tree with a full set of electric lights if the city will let it stand, and the city council is going to give the proposal a hearing. The city seems to be almost unanimous in wanting to save the tree, even if it goes grow out in the middle of the street. The council is to meet in regular session Monday night, and the "Woodman-spare-that-tree" delegation is expecting to jam the hall. Some other incidental business will be transacted, like ordering a few thousand dollars worth of paving and other trifling things, but the tree seems to have the popular eye and ear.

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KU KLUX MAY TAKE HAND IN CITY ELECTION

Charge and Counter-Charge Passing Between Factions Interested in Choice of Officers.

SHAKE-UP IN POLICE MAY FOLLOW VOTING

Attempt to Carry Fight Into Council Productive of Nothing So Far

That the local Ku Klux Klan is to play its own little part in the city election this fall has become apparent the last few weeks and each day the fact is cropping closer to the surface. Charges and counter-charges are being made by the various factions interested in the coming election at which time a mayor, chief of police and city recorder are to be named by the electors. Whether or not the klansmen will come out in the open and back their candidates is problematical at this time. However the election goes there is pretty certain to be a general shake-up in the police department and this alone has caused several of the blue-coats to lose considerable sleep of late.

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GERMANY WILL BE ASKED TO FLOAT LOANS

Delegates Will Meet With Chancellor Wirth Early Next Week to Talk Over Prospects.

FURTHER GUARANTEES WILL BE SOUGHT

Loans May be Made if Sufficient Collateral is Provided at Once

PARIS, Aug. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—The reparations commission will send delegates to Berlin to confer with Chancellor Wirth on the reparations problem. The delegation will consist of Sir John Bradbury, British member of the reparations commission; Eugene Maclere, president of the commission on guarantees and two experts. The party will leave Saturday night. One of the chief purposes behind the decision of the commission to confer direct with the German authorities is to determine whether Germany can mobilize sufficient securities to float a loan of 12,000,000 marks with which to meet the remaining cash payments due this year. This commission believes that if adequate collateral can be found certain international bankers would arrange the loan, it is said. Moratorium Worries With such a loan effected, the reparations commission would be able to avoid the question of a moratorium for at least six months. Although it is officially stated that Sir John Bradbury and M. Maclere are going to Berlin for the purpose of getting a first hand impression and information regarding the German situation, Sir John is very hopeful that some compromise can be arranged with Germany, either through the suggested loan or by means of additional guarantees. Poincare Approves Move. Sir John and his associates are proceeding to Germany with the full consent of Premier Poincare. The French premier is eager to settle the crisis within the reparations commission provided French insistence on more guarantees can be met. The loan scheme is only one of several schemes which the commissioners will discuss in Berlin. In any event the reparations problem will remain in suspense for at least another ten days or two weeks. The reparations commission, however, has warned the allied governments that the chances for failure of the mission are just as great as they are for success especially since the recent fall in the mark.

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