

THE MAYOR IS MUM

Williams Declines to Discuss Rights or Wrongs of Labor Situation.

OREGON WILL BE VITAL- LY AIDED BY THE FAIR.

See Labor Troubles Settled and Work Resumed—Does Not Wish to Disqualify Himself as a Possible Arbitrator.

George H. Williams, mayor of Pendleton, yesterday, in an interview with the Oregonian representative, declined to discuss the labor situation, but he said that he was interested in the labor situation at Portland, and its relation to the Lewis and Clark fair, and would like to know your opinion of the situation, and also what you think the action taken at the State Federation of Labor's convention at La Grande yesterday, in opposition to the fair, would do.

"I don't know as I want to be involved in the situation at Portland," replied the mayor, "for there is a strong probability that I will be asked to act as an arbitrator in the settlement of the dispute. That is the case, I don't want to make a statement of take any sides on the question and thus lose any influence I might have in settling the trouble. The situation is deplored and is generally unchanged. The saw mills take the same stand and the men are firm in their demands. I hope for early settlement."

"I hope that a speedy settlement of the difficulty can be found, and that the men can put their men back to work. I think the indications are that some arrangement can be arrived at in the near future which will settle the matter."

"I have done everything I could to do to settle the difference. I have offered to act as an arbitrator, or to help appoint an arbitrator to arbitrate the thing; I am open to do anything to gain harmony, but I don't care to be involved in the controversy."

It is a Union Fight.

The judge, you don't want to say anything about the action of the federal court at La Grande yesterday?"

"I replied, 'I don't want to make a positive statement of opinion on the part of the fight at Portland, but I hope that as soon as the men in the city are settled the matter will stop fighting the fair.'"

"I am all in favor of the union fight at La Grande and will be dropped, I hope. I am glad they took the action they did at Portland before they have done anything definite in that case. I think they will drop their fight; and I think the difficulty will be settled."

State Benefited by the Fair.

The statement has been made, that Portland will derive all of the benefit from the fair and the rest of the state, especially this part, will be better off for its being held. The idea of that idea?"

"Williams promptly, 'Of course, the state will be benefited by the vast amount of money that will be spent at the fair, I suppose.' (here the reporter interrupted, 'will do a rush of money to the state, and the money will be spent in the state. The state will be benefited by the money that will be spent by the people who will visit the fair for the first time the extent of its climate, and the superabundance of its products.'"

"The only reason more people come here is because they do not realize the advantages of visiting the fair these people are impressed upon them by the idea. It is erroneous that the fair will derive all of the benefit."

Second-Hand Show.

"I think the legislature is giving the impression that the St. Louis exhibit would be a trial trip in the Centennial. It is not make people who are going to the St. Louis fair look on the Lewis and Clark fair as a second-hand show?"

"No, I do not think those people will think that exhibit will be all of the Lewis and Clark fair," responded Mr. Williams. "I think they will expect to see more than our St. Louis exhibit. They will expect to see the assembled products and resources of the West. Then the Western people who could not attend the St. Louis fair can have the opportunity of seeing the exhibit at the Centennial."

"I don't think it will make any difference," concluded the mayor as he threw away his cigar. "I think the fair will be a success, and the unions will cease to fight it when the Portland trouble is over. I think the La Grande action is part of that fight, and I hope it will all be ended soon, but I can't give any definite opinion as to what my views are on the labor question."

WESTERN CANADA HORROR.

Car Left the Track and Twelve Men Burned to Death.

St. Paul, May 8.—A Winnipeg special to the Dispatch says: Twelve men were burned to death and eight slightly injured in a train wreck 50 miles west of Port Arthur. A caboose attached to a tie train left the track, with the above result. Owing to a heavy wind storm the wires are in bad shape today and details are meager.

STRIKE CONFERENCE.

Governor Mickey and Strike Leaders in Session Today.

Omaha, May 8.—Governor Mickey will meet with the union strike leaders this afternoon and hopes for a settlement. He says there is no reason for calling out the troops at present.

Anti-Union Movement.

Chicago, May 8.—Secretary Job, of the Employers' Association, today announced that employers hereafter will refuse to discriminate against non-union labor in new agreements with all trades.

GREAT NORTHERN STRIKE

EXPECTED THAT ALL BUT TRACK HANDS WILL GO OUT.

Question Involved Is of Overwork and Insufficient Wages—Vote Will Be Canvassed Sunday.

St. Paul, May 8.—Messrs. Garretson and Newman, of the trainmen's organization, have instructed all the committeemen now on the Great Northern railway system, taking the vote of the men, to report Sunday at the Windsor hotel. If the vote is found, as the trainmen expect it will be in favor of authorizing a strike, the matter of declaring one will be wholly in the hands of the grand officers and the committeemen.

Mr. Garretson said today that he thought every yardman, baggage man, passenger and freight conductor and brakeman would quit work if an order to do so was given. In round numbers, some 2,750 men are members of the organizations, who are making the fight on the double-header question. The grand officers say the vote will be known Sunday morning, but out of courtesy to the general manager of the road it would not be made public until after being submitted to him, probably Monday morning.

St. Paul, May 8.—With the last day of polling on the question of strike on the Great Northern drawing to a close it appears certain that 2,000 trainmen will vote by an overwhelming majority to stand by the committees and a strike will follow, both sides being firm in their respective positions. As to the double-header question, General Manager Ward this morning said the road is already opening recruiting stations in all the principal cities. The vote will be counted Sunday. No announcement will be made until Monday, after the conference between the men and President Ward.

The Dark and Bloody Ground.

Frankfort, Ky., May 8.—The executive department is in close touch with the Breathitt county feud troubles. A special term of the circuit court will be called within 24 hours, with a special grand jury to investigate Marcum's assassination. Governor Beckham has notified the judge of the Breathitt court that state troops are at his command to preserve order and protect witnesses during the special session. Tom Cokerell, who is here today, denies knowledge of any murders being committed in Jackson county during the past year.

Air Navigation on Trial.

Paris, May 8.—Dumont today made a trial trip in the new style dirigible balloon, which was very satisfactory.

RELIANCE IS WEAK IN ORANGE GROVES

After Thorough Trial is Sent to Bristol for Important Changes in Rigging.

FEARS FELT THAT SHE CANNOT WIN THE CUP.

Her Sails Are Not Right and a Complete New Set Will Be Ordered—Hulk is Satisfactory, But Rigging is Defective.

New Rochelle, May 8.—After a week of unsatisfactory trial the Reliance sailed for Bristol this morning, where she will undergo several needed changes. The yacht is far from being in proper racing shape. Those aboard believe her to be faster than either the Columbia or Constitution, but are not satisfied with the performance here. The trouble is not below, but aloft. Several changes will be made in her rigging at Herschhoff's.

It is learned that the Reliance's sails are unsatisfactory and that a complete new set must be bent.

DRASTIC REFORM MEASURES.

Crib House at Seattle Blown Up With Dynamite.

Seattle, May 8.—An attempt was made this morning to blow up the notorious Midway crib house with dynamite. Three charges were exploded, and the building was partially wrecked, but no one was seriously injured, though 60 women were in the house at the time. The Midway is a large building recently built by one of Seattle's prominent citizens for the purpose used. It is the worst of its kind on the coast. It is believed it was destroyed by the better element of the city.

AGREE TO UNION SCHEDULE.

Breaks in Ranks of Laundry Association.

Chicago, May 8.—Seventeen laundries today broke away from the association and signed the union schedule of wages, and agree to unionize their plants. Five are large steam plants. The soap, starch and other supply houses now refuse to sell them supplies. The laundry machine houses still refuse to sell plants to union men who want to start co-operative laundries.

THERE TO STAY.

Russians Aggressive in Chinese Territory.

London, May 8.—A dispatch from Shanghai this morning says the Russians, despite the protests of the Chinese in Turkistan, are establishing and extending independent telegraph lines.

Crops Need Rain.

E. T. Wade, the busy real estate man, has just returned from an extended trip through the county and reports crops, orchards, range and gardens greatly in need of rain. The roads are already very dusty on account of the constant travel between the city and tributary points.

Going Wild in Regular Yankee Style.

Havana, May 8.—There is great excitement over the discovery of oil deposits within the municipality. Two hundred claims have already been staked.

Famous Actress Retires.

Reading, May 8.—Laura Bigger, who through illness was unable to appear last night, announced today that she will quit the stage permanently.

BEGINNING OF THE END IN MANCHURIA

London, May 8.—A dispatch to Reuters' agency today from the Pekin correspondent says Russia is again taking an aggressive attitude. New Chwang, the treaty port at the mouth of the Liao, reoccupied by a large force of the czar's troops, has had its forts re-garrisoned by Russians.

President Roosevelt Plants An Orange Tree at Glenwood This Morning.

Riverside, May 8.—On the way to the railroad station from his hotel this morning, President Roosevelt planted an orange tree in Glenwood grounds. The tree is one of the two original navels sent to California by the agricultural department years ago, from which all seedless oranges now grown in the state are descended. Last night the president was given a handsome book of views of Riverside bound in leather, and decorated with a gold badge by the Los Angeles Terrers.

ASOTIN WOOL SALES.

Output of Asotin and Nez Perce Counties Will Be 1,500,000 Pounds.

Lewiston, May 8.—The wool growers of Asotin and Nez Perce counties have named June 15 and 16 as sales days for wools tributary to Lewiston. Buyers will be invited on these dates when it is expected 1,500,000 pounds will be offered for sale.

The sheep are shearing well and the wool will be of an exceptionally high grade. The step taken in providing a general sales day is a most important one, as it will bring the grower and buyer together on fixed dates, and will undoubtedly result in bringing the growers more money for their wool. George L. Macomber, of Clarkston, and James Armstrong, of Lewiston, are the committee having the matter in charge.

J. D. C. Thiessen yesterday completed the shearing of his sheep and the total clip will amount to about 100,000 pounds. James Madden will commence shearing his flocks within a few days. While the shearing machines have become quite popular in the southern part of the state, the northern sheepmen have declined as yet to introduce them here.

FIGHTING IN MACEDONIA.

Turkish Troops Successful in a Skirmish Near Salonica.

Vienna, May 8.—Advices were received today of a Macedonian reverse at Sores, northeast of Salonica, Tuesday last. The Turkish troops routed the Macedonians, the latter losing their leader and 30 followers.

GAMBLING AT WALLA WALLA

AFTER JUNE FIFTH GAMES OF CHANCE ARE FELONY.

Gamblers Are Expecting a Crusade and Are Closing Their Games and Investing in Real Estate.

Walla Walla, Wash., May 8.—Walla Walla's boss gamblers, it is said, are preparing to close out their establishments June 5, the time the new law making gambling a felony goes into effect, and to prepare for a rainy day several of the more successful owners of layouts are rapidly turning their assets into local real estate.

"Rass" Kees, brother of Representative Kees, candidate for chief of police, who has run the Club gambling house here for several months, has cleaned up. It is said on good authority, something like \$15,000 the past year, profits from his games. He has lately purchased Walla Walla real estate to the value of \$10,000, and it is stated that he is looking for further investments.

"Doug" Gwinn, another successful gambler, is also "salting" several thousand dollars of his winnings, made during the past winter, in farm land, and several others of the fraternity are looking for something easy after June 1.

The Walla Walla Ministerial Union declared itself yesterday afternoon by making public resolutions that after June 1 a crusade against gambling and Sunday opening will be commenced. Ample money is behind the move, one member said today, and the moral element of the town is expected to stiffen enough to lend support to the association.

EXPECT BETTER BALL.

Changes in Team Increase Pendleton's Prospects.

Pendleton will have two new players in today's game with Walla Walla. R. P. Brown, of last year's fame, will play an infield position; Langiver, a Seattle man, is another infielder and will don the Pendleton uniform today. Klinkhammer will serve the benders, while Wilkins will receive them after the Walla Walla boys have hit at them as they passed. Daviscourt will play first in all probability. The rest of the team is uncertain, but will likely be in the same positions as yesterday. With the addition of two more good men, hopes for another victory are correspondingly greater.

To Enjoy Outing.

C. A. Wheeler, C. S. Wheeler and wife and Miss Maud Wheeler leave tomorrow for a week's outing in the Cold Springs and Columbia river district.

FAMOUS SCOUT DEAD

"Uncle" John Yancy, the Indian Fighter and Trapper, Passes Away.

HAS ENTERTAINED EVERY PROMINENT MAN OF NATION.

Knew All the Mountain Trails of the West—Was a Daring Scout in the Sioux War—Has Furnished Subjects for Thrilling Magazine Stories.

Fort Yellowstone, Mont., May 8.—Uncle John Yancy, one of the most famous characters of the West, is dead at his home, at Pleasant Valley, where he has lived for 30 years. He has entertained President Roosevelt, President Arthur, Baron Rothschild, General Sherman, Senator Vest and many other men of scarcely less prominence.

He was the most daring and versatile frontiersman in the entire Rocky Mountain region and was familiar with every trail from the Ozarks to Butte.

He was an expert hunter and trapper, a fearless Indian fighter in the Sioux, Cheyenne and Blackfoot wars. He was a typical Westerner, of the frontier and held the record for many daring and meritorious feats.

For the past decade he has lived a retired life and his home has been the Mecca of prominent men visiting the West. His adventures have been the subject of more thrilling magazine articles perhaps than any other pioneer of the mountain region.

TO ENJOIN WESTERN UNION.

Suit Brought by Telegraphers' Union in United States Court.

St. Louis, May 8.—The Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America today filed a petition for an injunction against the Western Union in the United States district court to restrain the company from discharging operators belonging to the union. It was filed before Judge Adams, who recently rendered the famous Wabash railway decision. According to the telegraphers, General Manager Clowry, of the Western Union, has issued orders to various district managers to discharge all employees who are members of the union. It is to thwart the execution of this order that the operators appeal to the federal courts, alleging that the Western Union is a trust and that its dictatorial policy is violating and infringing on the constitutional rights of its employees.

LECTURES ON MENTAL SCIENCE.

Professor Knox, of the Seattle Mental Science College, Here.

Professor Knox, founder of the Seattle Mental Science college, has arrived in the city and will at once organize a class in mental science and begin a series of lectures on that subject at Frazer's opera house.

Professor Knox is a well known lecturer and worker in this field and has conducted classes in all the principal cities of the country. He holds the high position of vice-president of the International Mental Science Association and his researches in this branch extend over a period of 20 years. He will remain in the city for two or three weeks.

GRAND GUARDIAN AWAY.

Mrs. Van Orsdall Will Visit Colorado and Montana.

Mrs. C. C. Van Orsdall, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Carol and by Mrs. Nellie Van Orsdall, will leave Saturday night for Leadville, Col., where they go to attend a meeting of the financial committee of the Women of Woodcraft. On her way home Mrs. C. C. Van Orsdall will visit all of the circles of Woodcraft in the state of Montana.

COUNTY ROAD WORK.

Crew at Work on Wild Horse Has Finished Grading.

The crew of five men and teams, working on the county road between this city and Adams, on Wild Horse Creek, has finished up grading in that locality, and returned to town. The work has been in charge of F. H. Beath, county roadmaster, with Geo. Stubbfield as foreman.

The force will be sent out next week in the vicinity of Mountain Home, to improve the roads in that vicinity.