

BUSINESS HOUSES MUST CLOSE AT 4 O'CLOCK TO CONSERVE ELECTRICITY IS EDICT

FUEL BANS ARE BEING LIFTED THROUGH COAL REGIONS WHERE MINERS ARE BACK AT WORK

Majority of Union Men Will Obey Orders But Some Are Expected to Remain Out, Standing Pat on Demands for Immediate Wage Increase of 31 Percent; Stores Open.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Fuel bans are being lifted throughout bituminous coal consuming regions where miners have returned to work.

SEATTLE STRIKE LED TO WINNIPEG TIE-UP

WINNIPEG, Dec. 12.—Charges that the Seattle strike of February, 1919, was the inspiration of the general strike here were made by the crown today in the trial of R. B. Russell, local strike leader.

Deputy Serving Subpoenas. Deputy Sheriff Joe Blakley went to Freewater today to serve subpoenas on a number of witnesses to appear before the grand jury here next week.

MERCURY TAKES PLUNGE TO 23 BELOW AND PENDLETON HAS COLDEST NIGHT IN HISTORY

CUPID COAXES GURDANE BRIDE-GROOM-TO-BE TO DO THAT SHOPPING EARLY

Wilford Corley, of Gurdane, has been reading the ads in Pendleton papers and "do your Christmas shopping early" has stuck.

The coldest weather in the known history of Pendleton occurred last night when the thermometer dropped to 23 degrees below zero.

STORMOGRAMS

Although last night's minimum is lower than for 20 years, the winter of 1882-1884 was more frigid than now, according to W. H. Morrison.

REGULATION FOR USE OF LIGHT RESTS WITH U.S. ADMINISTRATORS; GAS SUPPLY IS BEING TAXED

Exceptions in Closing Order Made in Cases of Restaurants and Hotels, Drug Stores, Hospitals and Newspapers; Cigar Stores Open Until 9; Restaurants to Draw Lots.

In compliance with an edict that electric power for Pendleton will be shut off until rigid conservation measures are taken, Mayor Vaughan this afternoon announced the following instructions for local business houses:

NEWS NOTES OF PENDLETON

Farmers Meeting Tomorrow.

A meeting of the farmers of Pendleton and vicinity will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. in the library.

Condition Is Serious.

The condition of John Murphy, who arose his foot recently, is still serious. Murphy is at St. Anthony's hospital.

Petitions for Naturalization.

Arthur Christian Jensen, of Athena, has filed papers with the county clerk asking for his final naturalization hearing.

Man Brings in Car of Wood.

A cord of fir, tamarack, yellow and white pine wood was brought down from Meacham today by D. A. Smith, who resides there, and retailed by him from the railroad yards.

Are Attending Conference.

Among the Umatilla county ministers who are attending the Inter-Church World Movement training conference in Portland this week are Rev. B. P. Harper, of Milton; Rev. J. T. Bickford of Pilot Rock; Rev. R. E. Gornall, of Pendleton; Rev. M. R. Gallagher, of Hermiston; Rev. W. H. Cox, of Pendleton; Rev. R. E. Cleveland, of Athena; and Rev. Robert Lee Bussabarger, of Pendleton.

Chairman of Armenian Relief.

Plans are being made throughout the state for a Christmas drive for the benefit of Armenian relief. Chairman for the various counties have been named and Fred Bennion of this city has been named chairman for Umatilla county.

Cayuses Are Suffering.

Indian Cayuses are suffering from lack of feed. Many of the Indians have an insufficient supply of hay to last during the cold snap and the horses are going hungry in consequence. Any pasturing is impossible.

The exceptions are: Restaurants and hotels, Drug Stores, Hospitals, Newspapers. Cigar stores, however may remain open until 9 p. m. if they do not use electricity or gas.

It is explained that drastic steps to save electricity and gas have become absolutely necessary to save the city from being left without electric service.

All power now furnished Pendleton is generated by steam in plants of the company in the neighboring state. The Natches plant had but two days' supply on hand yesterday.

Even the supply of gas here is being taxed to the utmost. The local plant this morning generated 40,000 cubic feet, usually a day's maximum.

Not since the first and second armistice days of 1918 have there been such heavy demands on the local telephone service, according to J. A. Murray, local manager.

LOCAL PEOPLE ASKED TO VOTE IN NATIONWIDE BALLOT UPON DISPOSAL OF THE PEACE TREATY

At the request of the League to Enforce Peace of which former President William Howard Taft is president, the East Oregonian will conduct a ballot to determine the sentiment of Umatilla county regarding what should be done with the peace treaty.

The following letter from the New York office of the league sets forth the reasons why a test of public sentiment is desired, it being the aim to make the ballot nationwide.

THE PEACE TREATY BALLOT

Following the armistice, the representatives of 28 nations, including our own, drew up and signed at Paris a peace treaty with Germany, Part I being the League of Nations Covenant.

During the special session of congress that ended on November 19th, a series of 15 reservations to this treaty and covenant was adopted by the senate on recommendation of the foreign relations committee.

To test public sentiment on this most important question of modern times, the East Oregonian asks its readers to state their attitude by checking that one of the following statements which expresses their views.

- 1. I favor compromise on reservations with immediate ratification of the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations Covenant.
2. I favor ratification, but only with all the Lodge reservations.
3. I favor ratification, but only without any reservations.
4. I am opposed to ratification in any form.

Name Address

Fill in your name and address and mail ballot to the East Oregonian, Pendleton, Ore. Ballots not signed will not be counted.

AMERICAN CONSULAR AGENT SAYS MEXICO JUST KILLING TIME

Action on Request for Cancellation of \$500 Bond on Which Jenkins Was Released is Deliberately Delayed.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12.—American Consular Agent Jenkins today charged in a message to the United Press from Puebla that the state court there is "killing time" on his request to cancel \$500 bond on which he was recently released from jail.

Drop is Fast.

The lowering in temperature began yesterday at 4 p. m. when after reaching a maximum of 12 above zero, the mercury began falling.

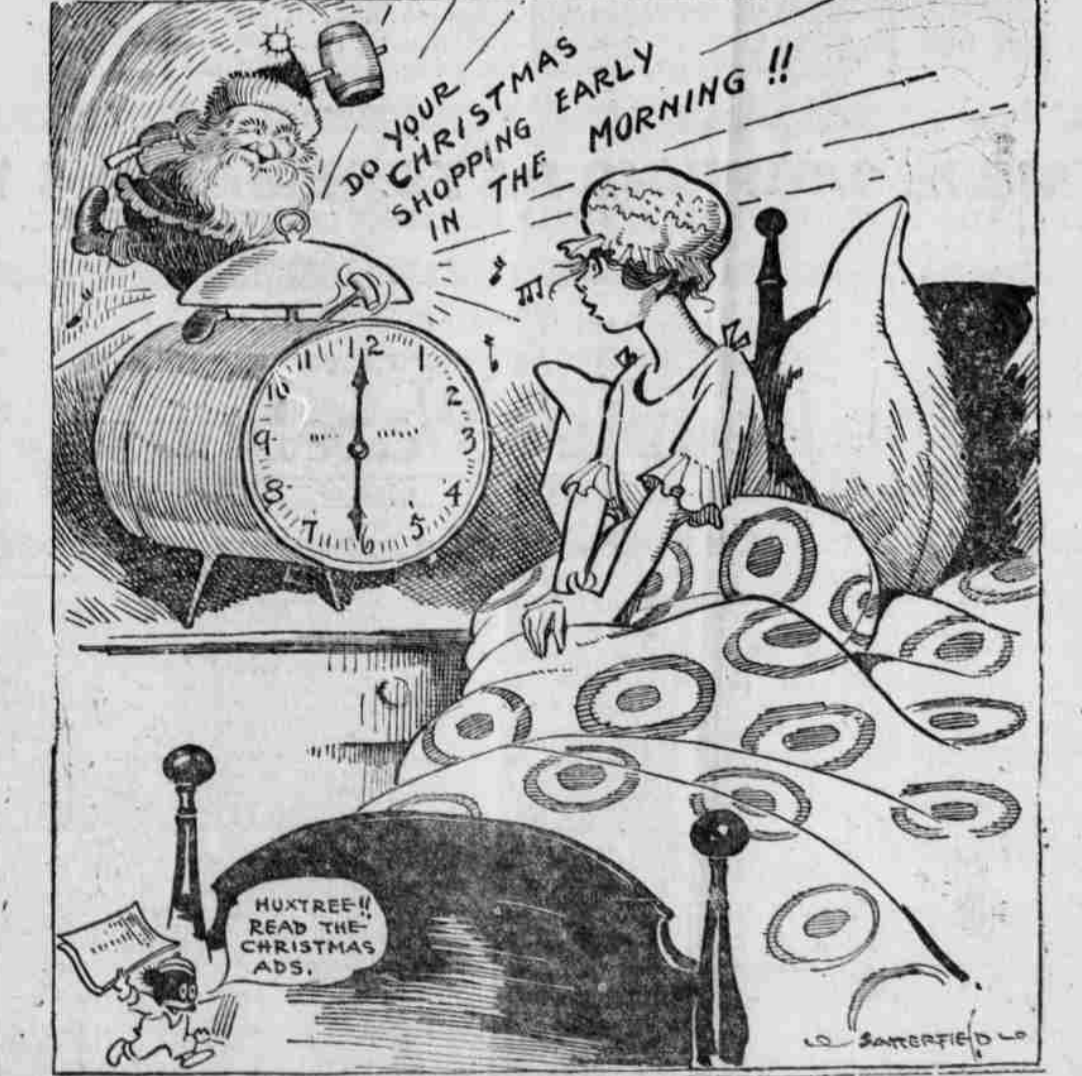
38 Below at Meacham.

At Meacham the temperature is 38 degrees below zero, and every indication is that it will go lower tonight.

Trains are still held up by the storm. No. 4 arrived from Portland at noon today. Train No. 19 and 47 were bound, scheduled to arrive here yesterday at 7:45 a. m. and 11:25 a. m. respectively, arrived today at 9:30 a. m. They were held up for five hours at American Falls by drifting sand and snow.

THE WEATHER FORECAST. Tonight and Saturday fair, continued cold.

THE 6 A. M. ALARM



FROZEN BODY OF JAMES OATLEY, AGED FARMER, FOUND IN HOME ON RANCH NEAR UKIAH

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The frozen body of James Oatley, aged 38, was found lying face downward in the house on Oatley's ranch in the Ukiah region Wednesday morning by George Ness, of Ukiah.