

Oregon Legislature Opens Thirty First Session

Railroads Try to End Agreement

Chicago, Jan. 10.—The national conference between the railroads and various classes of their employees, standardizing the latter's wages and working conditions throughout the nation, which were entered within six months before the end of federal control, should be in the interests of "honest, efficient and economical" management, according to a statement made by representatives of the railroads before the railroad board here today during discussion of the perpetuation of federal control.

Reasons Outlined

The only parties who are fully qualified to consider such regulations are the individual managers and their employees. E. T. Rorer, chairman of the managers' committee, which is representing the "honest, efficient and economical" management side of the controversy.

The reasons for these railroads' opposition to national agreements were listed by Mr. Whiter as follows:—The ultra-restrictive and retrograde prevent the "honest, efficient and economical" management demanded by the transportation industry.

The variable conditions in different sections of the country make the universal application of provisions impracticable;—The existing rules, the continuation of which is proposed by the railroads, are capable of various interpretations.

The existing agreements proposed by the railroads, which shall apply to all employees in any particular craft regardless of the department of the railroad to which the man is employed, thus creating a division of jurisdiction in the same work.

The agreements contain many provisions which provide for payment of wages in advance, and there are millions of dollars of unnecessary expense annually.

Activities of Lumber Associations To Be Fully Investigated

Washington, Jan. 10.—A general investigation of the lumber industry, particularly of the yellow pine industry of the south, is being conducted by the department of justice to determine whether there have been violations of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Washington, Jan. 10.—An extensive investigation into the activities of lumber manufacturers through their national and regional associations is being made by the department of justice, with the assistance of the federal trade commission.

This is disclosed in a report sent today to congress by the commission in connection with the inquiry conducted by the senate committee on housing and reconstruction. The report, the commission says is designed to show the activities of the manufacturers and their attitude towards "national legislation, amendments to the revenue laws, elimination of competitive woods, control of prices and production, restriction of foreign trade and other matters."

Washington's Legislators Convene Today

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 10.—A heavy program of proposal legislation forces the seventeenth session of the Washington legislature which convened at noon today. The report of the Administrative Code commission, appointed by Governor Louis F. Hart to draw up a form of consolidation of the state government along "cabinet" lines, and the proposal of the industrial and school code commissions, proposing drastic changes in industrial and school laws, were expected to be among first matters considered.

Heppner Sheep Man Named On Highway Board

The appointment of W. B. Barrett of Heppner, prominent Morrow county rancher and sheepman, as a member of the state highway commission to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Edward E. Kiddie of Island City, was announced by Governor Olcott Saturday. The governor stated that he has assurances of Barrett's acceptance of the post.

Heads of Boxing Boards Convene

New York, Jan. 10.—Representatives from seventeen states whose boxing is legalized met here today to form a national board of control over the sport. Sessions will continue throughout Wednesday, during which time boxing in all its ramifications will be discussed.

Legislature Prepares for Hard Session

Harmony Attending Opening Moments is Expected to Have Short Life

Without friction in the matter of organization, and with Roy Rittner and L. E. Beaton taking their seats as president of the senate and speaker of the house, respectively, as per schedule, the thirty-first Oregon legislature got under way this morning with harmony as the keynote of the opening session.

The harmony, however, is not expected to last, however, and sharp friction with a goodly display of oratorical fireworks are promised by those having an insight into the legislative program which will face the solons during the coming 40 days.

Legislators Find Supplies All In Places

From the "key to your desk" which will be found in the large center drawer thereof on up through the category of legislative supplies to a set of Olson's Oregon laws were in place in the respective chambers and settled down for the grind of forty days and forty nights in the interest of their constituents.

Glass Smashers Again At Work Here; Rob Store

Salem people who live in houses even partially constructed of glass, better have stones ready to throw at burglars. And merchants who have stores with glass windows, look out.

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Woman, Aged 80, Says Father, 101, Is Mean To Her

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 10.—A woman, aged 101, was so abusive to her daughter, aged eighty, that the family troubles were set up to the humane society of western Pennsylvania, according to a report just made public by H. L. Mason Jr., president of the organization. The report recites that:— "A woman apparently not under fifty years of age called in person at the office to ascertain if anything could be done to stop abusive treatment of her mother."

Victim To Shed Light on Fraud Game Is Belief

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 10.—With the arrival here today of James F. Callahan, millionaire mining operator of Wallace, Idaho, additional light was expected to be shed on the alleged operations of John B. Milbolland and Jay B. Hough by which, according to Hough's confession, their alleged fraudulent transactions, Hough was being held to \$20,000 bonds.

Horse-drawn Vehicles Must Obey Law, Edict

For the first time in Salem horse drawn vehicles and bicycles are going to come in for a share of attention equal to that given automobiles and trucks in the campaign to enforce the traffic laws of the city, which was launched this morning by Chief of Police Verden M. Moffitt.

Total Unfilled Steel Tonnage Shows Slump

New York, Jan. 10.—The monthly tonnage report of the United States Steel Corporation, made public here today, showed 8,148,122 tons of unfilled orders on hand December 31. This is a decrease from last month's unfilled orders, which totalled 8,231,481 tons.

Boy Will Not Respect Girl He Kisses, Doctor Barker Declares Here

Verbal bombshells, hurled in the general direction of familiarities among boys and girls of high school age, were scattered at two meetings at which Dr. Charles L. Barker, prominent lecturer, spoke here today.

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