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## RAILWAY BOARD SAYS LIVING WAGE RUINOUS

Claims Theory, if Carried Out, Would Wreck Every Railroad in United States.

Chicago.—The public and railroad groups of the United States railroad labor board, attacking the theory of the "living wage" as a basis for determining the wages of railroad workers, in an opinion declared that such a course "if carried to its legitimate conclusion would wreck every railroad in the United States and, if extended to other industries, would carry them into communistic ruin."

The opinion in the form of a rejoinder to a dissenting opinion filed by A. O. Wharton, labor member, in the recent decision increasing the pay of maintenance of way employees two cents an hour, declared that if employees were granted a 72 to 75 cents minimum wage for common labor with corresponding differentials for other classes an increase of 125.7 per cent in the nation's railroad wage bill would be necessary. This, the opinion said, would add \$3,112,952,387 to the annual payroll, bringing it to \$5,589,445,993, which would mean, it adds, an annual deficit to the carriers of \$2,241,639,518.

The phrase "living wage" was termed in the opinion as "a bit of mellifluous phraseology, well calculated to deceive the unthinking."

Mr. Wharton's dissenting opinion and the supporting opinion in reply were attached to the formal decision increasing the pay of maintenance of way employees 2 cents an hour, establishing a minimum ranging from 25 to 37 cents.

**Ex-President Wilson Gets Vote.**  
Trenton, N. J.—The Mercer county board of elections has decided that ex-President Wilson could vote in the state of New Jersey and that his ballot should be forwarded to him in Washington. Because the ex-president has made his home in Washington, a ruling was asked on his right to vote in this state.

**Change Upsets Naval Agreement.**  
Paris.—The international program of the Fascist government at Rome will prevent Italian fulfillment of the Washington conference agreement for limitation of naval armaments, said a Rome dispatch to the M.I.L. The Fascist demand unlimited liberty in shipbuilding.

**STAR CLUB HOSTESS**  
Mrs. E. C. Rogers was hostess to the Star club yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. C. H. Smith, who leaves soon to reside in Portland, as her special guest of honor. The afternoon was passed with needle work. After a refreshing luncheon, cards were passed, each guest reading and presenting a couplet in regard to "Friendship." It was at this juncture only that Mrs. Smith first perceived that she was the motive for the occasion. A handsome present was tendered her by the club, Mrs. McEwen presenting it with a few appropriate remarks. A pleasing incident was the story, "Bill Was There," related by the hostess, the point illustrating the ever thoroughly dependable character of the honor guest, and which was heartily endorsed by the twenty or more friends present. Mrs. F. D. Watts of Pendleton assisted Mrs. Rogers in serving.

**TO LOCATE IN PORTLAND**  
Dr. C. H. Smith and family will leave Athena shortly to locate in Portland, where the doctor will practice his profession. Dr. Smith will enter partnership with a well known Portland physician, who has a lucrative practice. Since coming to Athena from Weston, Dr. Smith has been successful, but an opportunity to engage in practice in the metropolis of the state could not in justice to himself be declined. Mrs. Smith will be greatly missed by her large circle of friends here who greatly appreciate her social and civic endeavors.

**GOES TO MISSOURI**  
Mrs. Van Deyesen, who has been the home demonstration agent for Umatilla county, will resign this position to become a member of the extension department of the University of Missouri. She will be succeeded by Miss Edith M. Hoffman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gerking have moved to Pendleton.

## Helix Marshal Held For Killing

L. D. Clark, Helix marshal and deputy sheriff, is held as the result of a shooting in which he killed Harry Rose, cigar store man of Helix Saturday night. The Pendleton Tribune gives the following account, which is decidedly against the officer:

"Harry Rose came to his death by a wound inflicted in his breast caused by a bullet fired from a .32 colt automatic by one L. D. Clark, and was the coroner's jury find that the shooting was not justifiable."

This tells the story of the coroner's inquest held at Helix Sunday. Clark is held without bond. The officer, who is over 50 years of age, is in a very nervous condition, and spent the day before he was arrested, in the company of his wife and 11 children, at Helix. He did not testify at the inquest.

Feeling run high in Helix against the officer and the inquest in which 20 witnesses testified did not favor the old officer.

The most damaging evidence against Clark is that all witnesses who watched the fight and saw the fatal shot fired, testified that Clark never declared Rose under arrest and that, in their opinion, the fight was purely a personal affair.

Several farm hands who were eyewitnesses to the whole event, told of young Clark, a son of the marshal, coming into Rose's cigar store and getting into an argument with the proprietor. The upshot being that Rose struck young Clark and at that moment, the marshal arrived at the store. Hot words were exchanged between the officer and proprietor, and then the marshal left.

Although it was not proven that Clark went home to get his gun, he returned later to Rose's store and after a few words a fist fight ensued. Rose used a chair on Clark's head, and Clark broke his billy club over Rose's left ear, the testimony showed.

When Rose got the best of Clark and straddled him on the floor Clark fired two shots, the first striking Rose in the hand and breast, and the second going into the floor.

Rose was immediately rushed to his home where he died before medical attention could be secured.

Several witnesses were asked if Rose was under the influence of intoxicating liquor, and none of them declared that he was. Practically all the witnesses were farm hands who were about the Rose store and barber shop adjoining.

Sim Clark, son of the man held, testified to his altercation with Rose but admitted that before Rose hit him, that he had called Rose by a vile name.

Rose was 37 years of age, and leaves a wife and one small daughter. Funeral services were held at Helix Monday.

### DIED IN PORTLAND

Little Geraldine Swaggart, eleven year old daughter of Frank Swaggart, died at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Swaggart in Portland Friday, and was buried in the Athena cemetery Tuesday at 10 o'clock. The little girl had been ill only four days from throat trouble, pronounced by the attending physician to be diphtheria, but was not in an alarming condition at any time. She seemed to be recovering nicely, and was conversing, when being lifted in her bed, she expired without any warning. No diphtheria had been reported in their vicinity of the school where she attended, and the health board doubted the presence of the disease. However, every precaution was taken to prevent contagion.

The remains were brought to Athena by the sorrowing family and laid beside the grave of her young mother. Her former school at Lamar, was closed in respect to her memory, and many friends gathered to pay tribute to this most attractive and lovable little girl.

### LECTURE HERE SATURDAY

Fred Steiwer of Pendleton, and Mr. C. W. Flaiz will lecture on the Compulsory Educational bill in Athena, tomorrow evening. The lectures are free and begin at 8 o'clock. These lectures on the so-called compulsory educational bill will be given in a thorough, interesting and convincing manner, and in order to understand both sides of the school question thoroughly, voters should attend this meeting.

## TREATING SPANISH AMERICAN VETERANS

Spanish American war veterans of the Pacific Northwest suffering from tuberculosis or mental and nervous diseases will hereafter be treated in government hospitals of this district heretofore occupied exclusively by veterans of the World War. This new move on the part of the government has been announced by L. C. Jesseph of Seattle, Pacific Northwest manager of the United States Veterans' Bureau. Veterans of the Philippine Insurrection and Boxer Rebellion are also affected by the new ruling.

No proof of service connection of the disability is required from veterans of these conflicts, it was announced. The only requirement is that they have papers showing honorable discharge from service. Tuberculosis cases are treated at Walla Walla, Wash., and mental or nervous cases are taken care of at Tacoma and Boise. It is believed that many veterans throughout the district affected by the government's new order will take advantage of the treatments offered.

Announcement was also made by the Veterans' Bureau that four compensation experts will soon be assigned to as many veterans' hospitals of this district with more than 100 patients each for permanent duty to handle claims and grievances of hospitalized veterans.

Another Veterans' Bureau instruction state that former service people with dental disabilities of service origin of less than 10 per cent who filed claims before August 9th of this year are entitled to free governmental treatment. Dental disabilities of more than 10 per cent will be treated if claim is made within five years after discharge, it was stated.

## ETUDE CLUB GIVES HALLOWEEN PARTY

One of the most successful Halloween parties of the season was that given by the Etude club Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton west of town. The rooms were decorated in cornstalks and spooky lantern faces peered everywhere from uncanny corners, even greeting the guests from the gate posts and entrance to the house. A mysterious glow was given to the rooms by shaded lights, and the masked guests were entertained with Halloween games. For the best sustained character among the masqueraders, Mr. Luttrell as an "old maid" private luncheon, with a plentiful supply of cider drawn from an old well, the company numbering about thirty closed the evening's pleasures with an old fashioned Virginia reel.

## ARMISTICE DAY PROGRAM

Under the auspices of Athena-Weston Post, American Legion, a program in the high school auditorium, commencing at 11 o'clock, a. m. Rev. O. H. Holmes of Walla Walla will deliver the principal address for the occasion, and the program, which is now in process of arrangement will be printed in next Friday's Press.

## Killing Frost Nips 1000 Sacks Spuds

The first killing frost of the season came Saturday night and the principle damage it did in this locality was the nipping of about 1000 sacks of potatoes that lay on the ground at the Hodgen ranch, south-east of Athena.

The potato-digging machine had uncovered about 2500 sacks in the field Saturday where 40 persons were engaged in picking up the spuds and sacking them, in anticipation of finishing the job the day following.

The crew of pickers, including 30 Athena high school students and 3 teachers, picked up 1500 sacks during the day Saturday, leaving 1000 sacks on the ground over night.

The frost completely ruined the potatoes thus exposed. When the sun warmed them up Sunday morning, water oozed from the tubers and soon they were soft as a rag. Some of the potatoes left in sacks in the field over night were also slightly damaged, and these will necessarily have to be sorted.

The school pupils who were donating their services, in accordance with a compact entered into when the Hodgen boys were released from farm work at the beginning of school, in order that three of them might be enabled to take the football squad, thoroughly enjoyed the work and the outing. Marion Hansell, John Stanton, Chance Rogers and others provided steak dinners for the crew on Saturday and Sunday, and a number of visitors dined in royal camping-out fashion with the hungry workers.

## PIERCE HERE MONDAY

Walter M. Pierce, democratic candidate for governor will address the voters of Pendleton, Adams, Athena, Milton and Freewater next Monday. The hour of his speaking here has not been announced. With these meetings Mr. Pierce will close his campaign, going to his home at La Grande, to vote on the following day. Mr. Pierce will address his Athena audience in the Standard Theatre at 10.30 a. m.

## PUBLIC SHOOTING GROUNDS

George A. Lawyer, chief United States game warden addressed the sportsmen of Umatilla county, at Pendleton, Monday evening. The game warden recommends that the federal migratory bird law shall be open season October 1 to January 15. He also favored public shooting of private shooting grounds.

## POSITION IN BANK

Henry Dell has taken the position of bookkeeper in the First National bank of Athena, relieving Miss Belle McIntyre, who has been with the institution for four years, and who will leave Monday for California to spend a portion of the winter. Miss McIntyre will be accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Edith Moss, formerly Miss Edith Still.

## ATHENA HIGH SCHOOL WON... ONE AND LOST ONE GAME

Instead of the mountain moving to Mohammed, it went to Milton. On top thereof they fashioned a foot ball gridiron and on a totem pole near the south goal line someone evidently nailed a jinx that worked overtime in Tuesday's game, when McLaughlin high scored a touchdown against Athena, winning one of the hottest games of the year, 6 to 0.

'Twas a perfect day for football and when the first quarter was yet young it was seen that the two machines were evenly matched. Through the first, second and third quarters, brilliant flashes scintillated forth in snappy plays, marked at times in true football eagerness by fumbles, some of which were costly and others not. Through these three periods neither team showed to advantage, and then it dawned on everybody that the game would end scoreless, unless a break came in the last quarter.

And the break came, aided in and abetted by the aforesaid jinx.

Both teams were going well and playing strong, when in the center of the field, Milton recovered the ball on a fumble. Then it was that the jinx wiggled from the totem pole and every move Milton made counted for yardage. She used Edwards, stalwart 18 year old athlete in every play that took her down the field to the very brink of Athena's goal line, where in a supreme effort he went over for the touchdown. He failed to kick goal, and the score stood 6 to 0.

With only eight minutes to go, Milton was satisfied to hold the score where it was, and the battle raged to the close in the center of the field.

Stanfield Corralled 43 To 0 Friday Athena defeated Stanfield 43 to 0. The game was played in a sand storm before a fair sized crowd of rooters. The west end team could do nothing with the Athena line, and the successful end runs snapped off by Athena demoralized all interference. Athena reports royal treatment in the west end town.

## GAME CALLED OFF

Announcement is made of the cancellation of the Pendleton-Twin Falls football game scheduled for Armistice day at Lincoln field at Twin Falls, has been announced by Clinton W. Evens of the local championship eleven. It is believed that the poor showing of the Oregon squad this year had much to do with calling off the battle, for the Twin Falls high school team is one of the best in the northwest and probably the best in the history of the school. An effort is being made to get another Oregon team for November 11.

## LIEUALLEN CAMPAIGNS

J. T. Lieuallen, democratic candidate for representative, was in Athena Monday, campaigning. He has covered the county thoroughly and he is satisfied with the prospects of success at the polls next Tuesday. Mr. Lieuallen, who is a "dirt farmer," with 59 years residence in Umatilla county, stands for tax retrenchment.

## Civil War Veteran and Pioneer Dead

William Schrimpf, Umatilla county pioneer farmer and civil war veteran, passed away at his home in Athena, Monday, shortly before noon after being confined to his bed with illness for six weeks.

He was born in Jackson county, Missouri, January 2, 1841, and at death was aged 81 years, nine months and 28 days. In 1853 he moved to Leavenworth, Kansas, and in 1885 came to Walla Walla, and to Athena in 1887. He was married to Mary Fitzsimmons at Holton, Kansas, December 4th, 1876. Five children were born to them, three of whom, Ernest Schrimpf, Eugene Schrimpf, Mrs. Virgil Zerba, and the wife and mother survive him. One brother and four sisters of the deceased reside in Kansas.

The funeral of this beloved neighbor and esteemed citizen was largely attended, and the services, participated in by the Masonic order and World War veterans, was very impressive. Services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church at two o'clock, Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Payne delivered the sermon.

The procession to the cemetery was led by World War veterans, members of Athena-Weston Post, American Legion. In respect to the services rendered his country during the civil war, a color bearer carried the silk flag of old Gettysburg Post, G. A. R. of which the deceased and N. Desper of Athena, were the sole surviving members.

At the grave, Masonic services were held, after which the military burial rites were observed by the ex-soldiers. Volleys were fired, taps sounded and all earthly that remained of William Schrimpf had been consigned to its last resting place.

No Night There, Somewhere the Sun is Shining, and The Home Over There, the latter a favorite hymn of Mr. Schrimpf, was beautifully sung by Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. McPherson, Mr. Russell and Mr. Louis Stewart.

Members of the Legion Post participating in the services were: C. H. Smith, Post Commander; C. L. McFadden, vice-Commander; Rev. J. B. Coan, Chaplain; George Winship, Adjt.; Loren Baaser, bugler; Grant Prestbye and James Haworth; color bearers, Everett Rothrock and John Stacklie, color sergeants; Allen Bell, James Haworth, Penn Harris, Dick Winship, Loren Stiff, Clarence Gagnon, Henry Beamer and Everett Zerba, firing squad.

Pall bearers were: E. C. Rogers, Ralph Cannon, Carl Sheard, Charles Kirk, James Wood and D. H. Sanders.

## MRS. MARY WEBBER DIES SUDDENLY

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Webber, wife of William Webber, was held this afternoon in the Christian church, with Rev. Russell officiating. A large number of friends and relatives were present to pay their last respects to this aged and well loved pioneer.

Mrs. Webber died very suddenly on Wednesday, at her home west of town, while about her household duties. Mr. Webber had driven to the Louis Keen ranch leaving her in the yard, feeling well as usual. Mrs. Webber had evidently gone to the corral where her band of chickens were fed, and returning across the lot, fell dead, where she was found by Henry Keen and Clay Jackson, who were passing on the road. She had been dead but a short time, and was borne into the house and relatives summoned.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gross brought the deceased into their town home, she being an aunt of Mrs. Gross. She is mourned by her aged husband and nephews and nieces, children of J. W. Keen having been a sister of his first wife.

Mary Easterbrook was born in Tennessee on December 26, 1847, and was 74 years, 10 months and 5 days of age. She was married to William Webber 42 years ago, and soon after the Civil war they moved to Idaho, then to Oregon where they have lived since. She leaves two sisters, living, Mrs. F. Barton of Hood River and Mrs. Nancy Fleming of Fallon, Nevada. A son, 21 years of age, also preceded her in death.

Athena experienced her first fog of the season yesterday morning, when a cold, foggy mist rolled up from the valley for a few hours.

## FASCISTI FACTION CONTROLS IN ITALY

Mussolini, Leader of Organization, is Asked to Form a Cabinet.

Rome.—Italy has bowed to the Fascisti and Benito Mussolini will form a cabinet.

The demand of Mussolini, leader of the Fascisti, that complete control of the government be handed over to his organization, was met by King Victor Emmanuel when Mussolini was asked to form a ministry.

Back of Mussolini's demand was his army of 800,000 adherents ready to act if the government was not handed over peaceably.

The Fascisti leader refused to accept a compromise. His invitation to form a ministry only came after he had refused point blank to participate in any cabinet headed by former Premier Salandra.

The Fascisti will rule Italy without the consent of parliament, the majority of whose members are socialists and bitterly opposed to the strong monarchistic tendencies of Mussolini. It is believed that parliament will be dissolved on November 7 when it convenes and that Mussolini will appeal to the country for support.

The coup of Fascisti, who had concentrated at several points in Italy and were prepared to fight their way into power, was marked with only a few disorders.

## PHILIPPINES ASK FREEDOM

U. S. Congress Requested to Permit a Constitutional Convention.

Manila, P. I.—Formation of the Republic of the Philippines is sought by a concurrent resolution introduced in the legislature with the backing of a majority of the members.

The resolution, which is supported by the combined Collectivists and Nationalist parties, asks the congress of the United States to authorize the Philippine legislature to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of adopting a constitution for the future independence of the island, and to determine what relations shall exist between the Philippines and the United States.

Congress further is asked to authorize election of officials who will assume the duties and functions of the independent government.

## AN ANNUAL SHOW

The marked success of the Umatilla County potato show held at Weston Saturday, assures its permanency as an annual event, in the estimation of Athena people who attended. A splendid display of the different varieties grown on mountain ranches was exhibited. W. L. Reyborn won the sweepstakes with three first places, taking first on certified Nettle Gems, first in the Commercial class and first in the Hill Selection class, displaying 147 pounds of Earliest of All, the product of 12 hills.

## NEAR EAST LECTURE

The lecture given by J. J. Handsaker, state manager of the Near East Relief given Sunday evening at a union meeting in the Christian church, received rapt attention from the audience. Mr. Handsaker's address was highly illuminating in regard to the conditions in Armenia where he himself visited last year. A motion picture story of "Alice in Hungerland" illustrated the pitiable plight of the little children, and made a strong plea for contributions to the fund for their relief.

## FINE SCHOOL HOUSE

At a cost of over \$3000, District No. 2 is equipped with one of most modern appointed school buildings of any country district in the county. The structure is well built along modern architectural lines, and the furniture and equipment is thoroughly up to date in every particular. A wood shed and small barn is also on the property. School commenced in District No. 2, Monday morning with Miss Edith Booth as teacher.

## RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP

The Red Cross membership drive, an annual occurrence, will start Saturday, November 11. Umatilla county chapter has a high rank in the seven states comprising the Pacific division, and confidently expects to materially increase its membership in the coming drive.

