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## LABOR TROUBLES ARE BREWING.

### Trades Assembly Threatens to Boycot Sumpter Lumber Company.

At the meeting of the Trades and Labor Assembly last night action was taken on the matter of the Sumpter Lumber company's employing Jap labor. A week or such a matter ago, the Assembly through its arbitration committee issued a request to the lumber company asking that the practice of employing Jap labor be discontinued with the statement that otherwise the products of the concern would be placed on the unfair list. At the meeting last night, J. B. Stoddard, manager of the lumber company, read a paper containing a review of the situation, and the conclusions reached with reference to the course which the company proposes to pursue. He went exhaustively into the details of the matter, setting forth that white laborers could not be relied upon as far as cord wood contracts were concerned, while Japs have been found thoroughly reliable and trustworthy. The ultimatum contained the following propositions:

"First, that if a crew of white men can be had who will band together, or one white man take the job and hire the others and they or he enter a contract with the Sumpter Lumber company to cut 4,000 cords of wood between now and the 15th of September; that an indemnifying bond be put up as a guarantee that the wood will be cut or that a certain amount be withheld each pay day as liquidated damages in case of the violation of the contract; that they cut the timber we want cut into wood; that they cut it clean and cut everything that will make wood; that they make full cords that will not be scant when seasoned; that the ricks will be put up in a workmanlike manner; that all wood cut during the month will be paid for the 15th of the following month, and that the whole business be done under one head. We will pay for cutting this wood according to these specifications \$1.35 per cord.

"Second, if this proposition is not accepted we will retain the Japs.

"Third, if the hostility to Japanese labor is such that it will jeopardize our interests to our detriment and damage, we will let the timber stand and grow."

Mr. Stoddard states that he is offering to pay the white laborer ten cents more a cord than the Jap, thereby making a peace offering of \$400 on the contract for 4,000 cords to be cut. The Assembly people state, however, that some of the mining firms are paying \$1.50 a cord.

It is further stated by the labor organization that it is not in a position to declare an effective boycott on the products of the lumber company or accept the lumber company's ultimatum but that the matter will have to be taken up by the American

Federation of Labor for final adjustment. Pending this, however, it is thought an amicable conclusion will be reached here.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Miller are spending the week in Baker City.

Sam R. Stott, of Greenhorn, is a business visitor in the city today.

Hon. J. H. Robbins returned last week from a business trip to Pendleton.

James Howard, manager of the Golconda, left yesterday to visit the mine.

Mr. and Mrs. Swackhammer are visiting friends in Grande Ronde valley for ten days.

Mr. O. M. Sanford returned a few days since from Portland, where he went several weeks ago for medical advice and treatment.

Miss Marry R. Warren, of Ithaca, New York, arrived in the city this week to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. Fred D. Smith.

Ike Williamson and family have returned from California, but were side tracked in Baker City and have not yet arrived in Sumpter.

Attorney N. C. Richards returned last Thursday from Pendleton where he attended a meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Standard Consolidated Mines company.

Mrs. Claude M. Pearce and her little niece left last week for Philadelphia to be gone about three months. They were accompanied as far as Baker City by Dr. Pearce.

T. J. Barbee is in town today. He says work will soon be resumed on the Crown Point, Cable Cove district; the lower tunnels driven to the vein and the mine put in position to ship ore as soon as the smelter here is ready to receive it.

The Elite cigar store has been thoroughly renovated, remodelled and rejuvenated. Mose says he will have to use rough on rats in future, for the reason that the "kitty" which inhabits the back room has been put out of commission. Coal Oil Brown, the head push, has a scheme for introducing the machines into church societies that is sure to be a winner.

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