

RAILROAD WAGES

Shall they be determined by *Industrial Warfare* or *Federal Inquiry*?

To the American Public:

Do you believe in arbitration or industrial warfare?

The train employes on all the railroads are voting whether they will give their leaders authority to tie up the commerce of the country to enforce their demands for a 100 million dollar wage increase.

The railroads are in the public service—your service. This army of employes is in the public service—your service.

You pay for rail transportation 3 billion dollars a year, and 44 cents out of every dollar from you goes to the employes.

On all the Western railroads in 1915, seventy-five per cent of the train employes earned these wages (lowest, highest and average of all) as shown by the pay rolls—

	Passenger		Freight		Yard	
	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average
Engineers	\$1747 3094	\$2195	\$1537 3076	\$2071	\$1056 2445	\$1378
Conductors	1543 2789	1878	1454 2933	1935	1151 2045	1355
Firemen	1053 2078	1317	751 2059	1181	418 1552	973
Brakemen	854 1719	967	874 1961	1135	862 1821	1107

The average yearly wage payments to all Western train employes (including those who worked only part of the year) as shown by the 1915 payrolls were—

	Passenger	Freight	Yard
Engineers	\$2038	\$1737	\$1218
Conductors	1772	1624	1292
Firemen	1218	973	832
Brakemen	921	1000	1026

A 100 million dollar wage increase for men in freight and yard service (less than one-fifth of all employes) is equal to a 5 per cent advance in all freight rates.

The managers of the railroads, as trustees for the public, have no right to place this burden on the cost of transportation to you without a clear mandate from a public tribunal speaking for you.

The railroads have proposed the settlement of this controversy either under the existing national arbitration law, or by reference to the Interstate Commerce Commission. This offer has been refused by the employes' representatives.

Shall a nation-wide strike or an investigation under the Government determine this issue?

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BUTTEVILLE BRIEFS

The moving picture show which was given in the Grange hall, Saturday evening was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Penrod drove to Hubbard Sunday.

Miss Verna Cooley, who has been visiting her sister Cora for the past week, returned to her home at Salem last Saturday.

Miss Mirrie Dodge attended church and Sunday school at Fargo Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Huffstutter and Miss Ellen Graham drove to Canby last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eberman have returned to the farm after spending the winter and spring at Seaside. Everyone is glad to see them back in this vicinity again.

A jolly crowd of nineteen members of the Butteville Coterie Club had a picnic last Sunday the 23rd at the Pudding River. The day was spent enjoyably in swimming, running races, playing games and partaking of a bountiful feed. The water was fine, one would have thought so had you seen the swimmers duck and dive and swim. Those present were:

Misses Elsie Kinyon, Cora Cooley, Ellen and Ida Graham, Fannie Kinyon, Mrs. W. W. Huffstutter, Little Donald Huffstutter, Messrs Archie McCulley, Ernest and Herbert Schulz Verdon Johnson, Wm. Mathieu, Glenn Richardson, Waldø Huffstutter, Oscar Lindquist, Wm. Campbell, Roy Baker, Fred Scheurer, Frank Hubbard and Ernest Bauman.

Mrs. Andrew Johnson has been spending a few days with Mrs. Chas. Gondeau of Canby.

Those wonderful picture stories "The Black Box" and the "Girl of Mystery" (Lucille Love), which are shown at Giesy's Hall on Liberty street, near the telephone office, are growing more interesting each Sunday. Besides two reels for each of these plays there are always three more good reels every Sunday night. Admission 5 cents to all, for the best show in the Valley.

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Hop News

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ially in the country between Independence and Salem. Nevertheless there are said to be occasional yards there which show every sign of a crop of 3000 pounds to the acre.

The United States Department of Commerce has published a bulletin which estimates that there will be a shortage of 1,000,000 pounds of hops in Australia this year. If this deficiency is made up by importations, the hops are subject to a duty of 12c a pound in that country. Tasmania, an island on the Australian coast, is the only part of Australia that grows hops in large quantities, the crop last year being 2,000,000 pounds. Tasmania growers usually receive 30 cents a pound or more for their hops, but the big crop last year, together with heavy importations, demoralized the market and prices fell to 10 cents in spite of the heavy duty, and the fact that it cost 17 or 18 cents to put hops on the market there. The Tasmanian growers are now trying to induce the Australian government to raise the import duty from 12 to 24 cents.

The Portland Telegram's hop expert breaks out with this prediction: "This year's hop crop will probably be equal to the highest yields ever recorded," then going on to say, "with almost an entire absence of lice and mold, the prospects could not be better for a bumper crop. The period from now until picking begins, the first week in September, might bring some unforeseen unfavorable condition, but growers are not expecting anything to happen to prevent a record yield from every hop-producing district." While it seems probable that this year's crop may equal that of last year, now fixed at 110,000 bales, the Telegram's prediction of the "highest yield ever recorded," makes the prediction one of

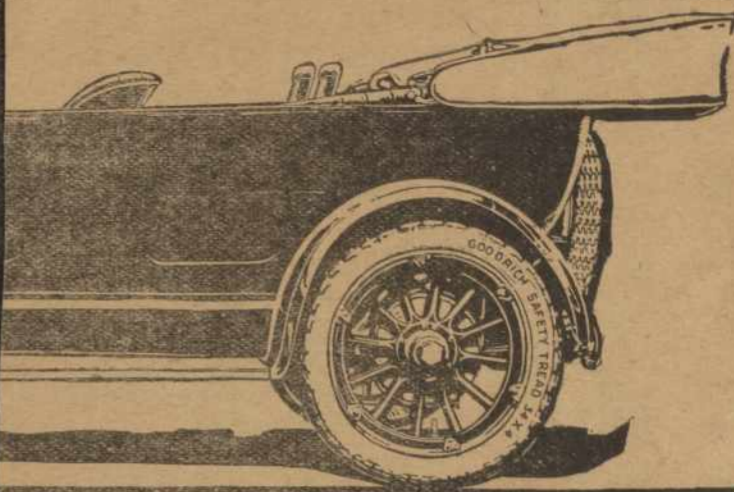
160,000 bales, that being the high record for Oregon in 1906. The hop production of Oregon since its infancy is as follows:

Year	Bales
1880	1,935
1881	2,616
1882	3,791
1883	4,664
1884	10,902
1885	7,309
1886	11,549
1887	11,943
1888	15,019
1889	16,908
1890	18,600
1891	18,500
1892	25,400
1893	37,250
1894	63,000
1895	99,500
1896	56,000
1897	75,000
1898	71,250
1899	82,800
1900	80,000
1901	71,000
1902	86,000
1903	88,000
1904	88,000
1905	117,000
1906	160,000
1907	136,000
1908	92,000
1909	88,500
1910	94,000
1911	100,000
1912	117,000
1913	152,000
1914	124,000
1915	110,000

Such forecasts of the hop crop as the Telegram's prediction of 160,000 for 1916 are not only misleading, but absolutely improbable—and amusing. The Telegram makes itself ridiculous with such preposterous predictions.

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