

# LABOR LEADERS ARRIVE IN TOWN

## And Will Attend Federated Trades Council Tonight.

Thomas I. Kidd, fifth vice-president of the American Federation of Labor and International president of the Amalgamated Woodworkers; James Duncan, first vice-president of the American Federation of Labor and president of the Granite Cutters' Union; and John E. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor and International secretary and treasurer of the Tailors' Union, arrived in the city this morning from Tacoma, and are stopping at the Perkins.

They arrived somewhat sooner than was expected, and no committee was at the depot to meet them. The distinguished visitors will be entertained this afternoon by local labor leaders. They will be driven about the city and shown places of interest. Tonight Messrs. Duncan and Lennon will attend the weekly meeting of the Federated Trades Council. A special meeting is being arranged by the Amalgamated Woodworkers for this evening, and Mr. Kidd, of which international organization he is president,

will be present. Asked if he would give any particular advice to the local union at the meeting, he replied: "Further than in a general way I am not familiar with the outlook of the Woodworkers, and do not know as yet just what advice, if any, I will give them. If I can do them any good I will cheerfully do so. What ability I may possess is at their disposal. No definite plan of action has been outlined and it is impossible to state what action may be taken."

The gentlemen report having met with enthusiastic receptions at every place they have gone. Organized labor, they state, is in a flourishing condition all throughout the West. All along the line they have been pleasantly surprised at the undivided interest shown in the labor movement.

# COLUMBIA SOUTHERN

## Extension Progressing—Engines Will Burn Oil August 1.

President Lytle, of the Columbia Southern, announces that the first 20 miles of the extension of the line from Shaniko to Bend has been permanently located. Plans and estimates are now being prepared. The company will let contracts for the construction of the first 20 miles early in August. This extension is being made out from Shaniko. This portion of the line is the most difficult from an engineering point of view. Among other things there is a tunnel to be made at a point 19 miles south of Shaniko. President Lytle does not look to see this part of the line finished for at least six months from the time actual construction work is begun.

"As soon as permanent location is made for the next 20 miles," he said to *The Journal* this morning, "a contract for construction of that part of the line will be let. It is our purpose to let construction contract in 20-mile sections, as productive of better results. I think that by August 1, 1903, the extension will be completed and in operation."

When this line is completed it will be the direct route to the Crater Lake district, for the lake can be reached from the future terminus of the road by easy staging.

President Lytle was asked what progress was making in the matter of changing its locomotives into petroleum burners. He stated that by August 1, and possibly before that time, four engines would be completely equipped for burning oil. The first tank of oil reached Biggs yesterday, where there are tanks for storage of the new fuel. There is another shipment on the way here from the Associated Oil Company at Kern River, Cal.

The Columbia Southern is the first line in the Pacific Northwest to utilize oil as a fuel on its engines. Representatives of the other lines will witness the result of running trains with this class of fuel. If the experiment proves entirely satisfactory, the conversion of engines from burners of coal and wood into consumers of petroleum in this section may become universal.

# THEY ALL WANT PENSION MONEY

T. A. Wood, Grand Commander of the Indian War Veterans, and the father of the pension bill just passed by Congress, is deluged by letters daily from old Indian fighters from all over Oregon and Washington. They want to be enrolled on Uncle Sam's pay list, at the prevailing rate, \$3 per month. Mr. Wood says that out of 50 letters received daily, from eight to 10 are from persons who draw pension money.

In Oregon and Washington there are probably 1000 persons eligible for the pension list. The widows of the pensioners are entitled to receive the full share, but at their death the allowance does not descend to the heirs.

The government will not pay any back money. The bill took effect from the date of its passage, and all the years of expectation and privation in some instances, will not be rewarded. Mr. Wood says that had he known before what he does now, he could have had the retroactive clause inserted. Since the measure passed he has discovered that under the army rules the Indian fighters who co-operated with the regulars in suppressing rebellions, are entitled to the same consideration as the United States troops. Mr. Wood was well satisfied to get the bill through in any shape. For the past seven years he has been hammering away at the Senators and Representatives in Congress, and made a special trip to Washington at the last session in the interests of the measure.

**Montavilla.**  
The funeral of Miss Olga Berg, aged about 13 years, was held yesterday afternoon, the body being interred in Lone Fir Cemetery. Death was caused by quick consumption. The funeral was at-

# BELT LINE

## And Its Relation to the Great Central Road.

Articles of incorporation for the Belt Line Railway Company were filed yesterday, as was briefly stated by *The Journal*. The new corporation is capitalized for \$1,000,000. It is another sister corporation of the Great Central Railroad Company. W. L. Green, John W. Cook and John K. Kollock are the incorporators.

The objects of the new enterprise, as announced by the articles, are the construction and operation of railway, telephone and telegraph lines, with all necessary spurs and branches, between some point on the north shore of Coos Bay or from some point on the coast of the Pacific in that vicinity. Such line, it is proposed, shall skirt Coos Bay, extending around to the south side.

Chief Engineer Kinney left last night for Coos Bay to settle upon the question of a wharf location, which question will be decided between Saturday night and Monday morning next. Wherever Mr. Kinney decides to have the wharf built, will be the terminus of the new line. This being so, it does not necessarily follow, by any means, that Empire will be the place selected, though it may be. It is easy to see that with a belt line, the Great Central can take an independent course and select any terminus it may desire. It is entirely unhampered by being compelled to ask favors or bonuses or assistance from any community. It is well known to be amply provided with means to carry out every enterprise it may undertake.

The steady and consistent course thus far pursued; the practical business way of carrying out every preliminary measure; the logical advancement, step by step, shows that there are clear-headed men back of these great enterprises. So much careful preparation, such a minute and systematic way of working out every little detail, certainly would bespeak a line of more than mere local importance to run from Salt Lake to Coos Bay. Day by day the evidence is piling up that this new line—the Great Central and all its sister corporations—is assuredly a part of another great transcontinental system.

The fact that Mr. Hammond has gone to New York to dispose of the Astoria & Columbia road, as has been argued, in order that he may co-operate with Mr. Harriman in other directions, is fairly reasonable. At the time of Mr. Harriman's visit to Portland, about two months ago, he and Mr. Hammond were in close conference. What it was all about no one knows, and these gentlemen did not inform the public. It is believed that the absorption by Mr. Harriman of the Astoria & Columbia was at least considered, and perhaps agreed upon. This would leave Mr. Hammond free to act in other directions.

It is evident that the Great Central would draw a great deal of business away from the Harriman lines, and its exceeding activity may have decided the sudden eastward trip of Mr. Hammond. If, as has been all along believed, the Gould interests are backing up the Great Central or other interests equally as powerful, the struggle for supremacy in Oregon between the unknown power back of the Great Central throne and that of the Harriman lines, should prove a battle of the giants of finance and railroad interests. This can only result in inestimable benefit to Oregon.

**BURNED TO DEATH**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 18.—Fire broke out in the barn adjoining the house of John Smith at noon today and burned to death two little boys, aged 4 and 6 years, who were playing there. Mr. Smith represents the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company in Walla Walla.

**Activity at Montavilla.**  
A number of new buildings are in course of erection around the little suburb of Montavilla. New residences are going up as fast as carpenters and material can be secured. The noise of the carpenter's hammer is becoming louder every day. A large new hall is now being talked of. It is proposed to build a two-story structure on Hubbard street. Residences throughout the district are being renovated, and the suburb is putting on an up-to-date appearance.

**LABOR NOTES.**  
The bricklayers are all busy and happy, as they have been given a voluntary increase in wages of 51 cents a day by the contractors. They had their usual weekly meeting of the union last night, but nothing was done outside of the ordinary routine of business.

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# INCORRIGIBLE TAKEN BACK

## Chester Graham Must Face Charges of Burglary.

Sheriff Huntington left for Kalama this morning having in charge C. Graham, alias Clark, arrested yesterday by detective Cordano, after a hard fight.

An official of the Chehalis reform school from which the prisoner escaped about two weeks ago, arrived on the scene yesterday afternoon and made a request on the local police for Graham, saying that he had a prior claim on the prisoner, as he had time yet to serve in the Washington reformatory. As a matter of fact, the youth still has time hanging over his head in the Oregon reformatory, from which he escaped previous to breaking into the Washington institution.

Taking this into consideration, and the fact that the arrest was made at the instance of Sheriff Huntington, Chief McClellan refused the request and turned the prisoner over to the Sheriff.

By some who think they know it all, Chester Graham has been confounded with Jack Clark an ex-prize fighter. The prisoner is only a youth and never had a prizefight in his life. He is only 17 years of age, and before turning burglar, used to hang around local play houses, where he distributed bills and lithographs for a precarious living.

In conversation with detective Cordano at the station last evening, the Superintendent of the Chehalis reform school made a strong argument why Graham should be turned over to him. The officer could not see why the reform school wanted such a desperate character on their hands.

"Oh, that's nothing," was the reply. "We have some over there more desperate than Graham. We simply want him to serve his time."

"Well, I think it is better to send him to the 'pen' for a few years," was Cordano's reply. "You folks can't control him and he will only harden your more youthful charges."

Each inmate of the reform school costs the state so much per head. The object of the Chehalis officials in recapturing a runaway is obvious.

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# LATEST EDITION

## FIREBOAT QUESTION

The Chamber of Commerce fireboat committee will meet late tomorrow afternoon in the Commercial Club at which time preparations will be made for a sub-committee to go out canvassing.

It is the desire of the committee to have the boat built in this city. A wooden boat, equipped with the necessary machinery will cost about \$40,000. A. Stillman, chairman of the Board of Underwriters of the Pacific Coast, stated, while he was in Portland the early part of the week, that this is the poorest fire protected city on the Pacific Coast. What is needed here, Mr. Stillman said, are two more fire engines and a water tower.

# CAUGHT AFTER A LONG CHASE

## Junction City Murderer Is Run to Earth in Nevada.

(Journal Special Service.)  
EUGENE, Or., July 18.—Deputy Sheriff Fisk this afternoon received a telegram from Sheriff Withers at Wells, Nevada, which states that he had caught Bert Ray, the suspected murderer of Benton Tracey, a bartender at Junction City, who was shot on the morning of May 20. The Sheriff has been on his track about a month, having left here on June 24.

**SEAR'S FUNERAL**  
The funeral services over the remains of the late George C. Sears took place at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The attendance was very large and the floral pieces were both numerous and beautiful. Interment was in Riveview cemetery, where the local lodge of Elks, under Exalted Ruler John Lament, conducted the services. The pall-bearers were:

Honorary—Past Exalted Rulers R. W. Mitchell, Henry Griffin, Alex. Sweek, Gov. Elect George E. Chamberlain, Charles Clute, Dr. H. R. Littlefield.

Active—George P. Smith, Phil Harris, J. D. Caswell, W. B. Christensen, John F. Olson and Harry Meyer.

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