

## RAILROAD STRIKE IS CALLED OFF ACCOUNT 8-HOUR LAW

Commission to Investigate Effect on Transportation Lines; Law Goes Into Effect Jan. 1, 1916

MEASURE WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT YESTERDAY

The Prompt Action of Congress in Passing the Adamson Bill Averts A Possible Tieup of Railroad Traffic as Expected

Washington, Sept. 3.—President Wilson stopped at the Union station here this morning enroute from Shadow Inn, N. J., to Hodgenville Ky., long enough to sign the Adamson bill, which established an eight-hour day, effective January 1, 1917, for union employes on interstate railroads.

The order for a national railroad strike at 7 o'clock Monday morning was cancelled. This action followed a meeting of the 13 brotherhoods' chiefs at the National hotel headquarters. Messages were at once put on the endless chain to be flashed the country over to general chairmen to call the strike off.

Ends Fear of Strike

This action followed a day of debate, much of which was conducted under circumstances singularly dramatic. It concluded two weeks of suspense during which the nation was confronted with a strike order set to become operative on the great railroads on September 4.

The bill incorporated two of the six measures suggested by President Wilson to congress.

Provisions of Bill

It provides: 1—An eight hour day for all employes engaged in operating trains on interstate railroads with the same pay as now given for 10 hours' work and pro-rata overtime.

2—A commission to be appointed by President Wilson to investigate and report on the effect of the eight hour day as applied to railroads.

The enrolled copy of the Adamson bill was signed by Speaker Clark of the house soon after 6 o'clock Saturday evening. Six minutes later Senator Clarke of Arkansas, as president pro tem of the senate affixed his signature.

Brotherhood Leaders Notified

President Wilson directed Secretary Forster to notify the brotherhood leaders as soon as the bill was signed.

It was learned that the brotherhoods would have been satisfied to rescind the strike order if congress passed the eight-hour law without attempting to fix wages. The fact that congress established a precedent for an eight-hour day law is considered a big victory.

Elisha Lee, chairman of the railway managers' committee left Washington today for his headquarters in Philadelphia. He said he had not been able to determine where the effect of the Adamson law would begin or where it would end.

The advisory committee of the railroads, it was learned, will meet in New York at an early date to determine what data and evidence will be submitted by them to the commission created by the new law to make an investigation and report the effects of the eight-hour law.

A test will be matter for discussion at the same time.

Three Ways For Opening Fight

There were said to be three ways in which the fight on the wage feature of the act may be opened.

First—By the railroad refusing to pay the employes affected by the law the wage prescribed in the bill, which amounts to ten hours' pay for eight hours' work with pro rata pay for overtime.

## SPRINGFIELD IS ON PROPOSED HIGHWAY

State and Federal Aid Will Be Asked for to Build Road from Coast to Klamath Falls

At a meeting of the roads committee of the Lane County Pomona Grange held at Eugene Saturday afternoon a resolution was passed endorsing and approving the project to build a highway from Florence on the coast to Klamath Falls. This proposed road will pass through Springfield and over the summit of the Cascade mountains by way of the old military wagon road.

The resolution adopted by the Grange calls for federal and state aid in the building of the road and emphasizing its importance as a commercial post and military highway and of its advantage to the entire state as well as to the federal government.

The roads committee of the Pomona Grange represents 23 Granges of Lane county with an approximate membership of 1500.

The people of the Lake Creek region have prepared a petition which they will present to the state highway commission. The petition urges that body to use federal and state money for the opening up of this road in preference to further improving highways that are now open and can be traveled the year around, or spending the money upon scenic projects for the pleasure of tourists and the idle rich.

The petition was read at the meeting of the roads committee of the Grange. It contained 65 signatures.

## SPRINGFIELD GIRL WEDS

Friends Surprised at Quiet Wedding Occurring this Morning

Miss Elsie Holverson surprised her friends this morning by becoming the wife of Richard Davis of Eugene at Eleven o'clock. A quiet wedding ceremony was held in Eugene with only immediate relatives present. The bride wore a black taffeta silk suit and the groom was dressed in grey.

The newly wedded couple expect to leave for Roseburg in a few days where Mr. Davis has been employed by the Bell Telephone company for the past two months.

Mrs. Davis has been employed at the Palace of Sweets this summer and only gave notice of her intention of entering a new pathway of life this morning.

Th News joins with friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Davis long life and prosperity.

## PLENTY BEEF FOR DEMAND

Rain Has Made Pasture, and Beef is Better Than Former Years

Beef is much better this year and is plentiful enough to supply all demands says one of our local butchers. Due to the fact that the summer has been cool and showery, grass has been good and the cattle are much fatter and in better condition than in former years. It is unnecessary to have any meat shipped to the local market as the supply meets the demand.

There is also some registered stock in this locality. C. E. Swarts has a Jersey herd started on his ranch on the Natron road. Two of the cows are half sisters to Katy F.

## Supervisor Elect Resigns

C. E. Ferguson, recently elected as supervisor of schools in Lane county to succeed T. I. O'Reilly, who had held the position for several years, has resigned before actually taking up the duties of the office. He has announced that he will accept the principalship of the Hudson grade school in Portland to which he was recently elected.

Mrs. B. A. Washburne and Mrs. Claude Washburne went to Newport Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtwright and two sons, of Corning, California, arrived Friday in a wagon and are looking for a location.

Miss Birdie Bruce returned home last Saturday evening from a two week's visit with friends.

## EPITOME OF PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

DEMOCRATIC RECORD—I have no disposition to boast of what the Democratic party has accomplished. It has merely done its duty. It has merely fulfilled its explicit promises. Constructive action must be weighed against destructive comment and reaction.

REPUBLICAN RECORD—The Republican party was put out of power because of failure, practical failure, and moral failure; because it had served special interests and not the country at large.

THE TARIFF—The Tariff has been revised, not on the principle of repelling foreign trade, but upon the principle of encouraging it.

FEDERAL RESERVE ACT—By the Federal Reserve Act the supply of currency at the disposal of active business has been rendered elastic, taking its volume from the liquid assets of daily trade, and these are assessed by bankers who are in touch with local conditions.

MERCHANT MARINE—Effective measures have been taken for the re-creation of an American merchant marine and the revival of the American carrying trade indispensable to our emancipation from the control which foreigners have so long exercised.

HELPING THE FARMER—For the farmers of the country we have virtually created commercial credit by means of the federal reserve act and the rural credits act. They now have the standing of other business men in the money market.

HELPING LABOR—The workmen of America have been given a veritable emancipation by the legal recognition of a man's labor as part of his life and not a mere marketable commodity. We have effected the emancipation of the children of the country by releasing them from hurtful labor.

FOUGHT BY BIG INTERESTS—There is one circumstance connected with this program that ought to be plainly stated. It was resisted at every step by the interests which the Republican party had catered to and fostered at the expense of the country, and these same interests are now earnestly praying for a reaction that will save their privileges.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS—In foreign affairs we have been guided by principles clearly conceived and consistently lived up to. We have been neutral. Where the rights of our own citizens became involved this was our guiding principle: Property rights can be vindicated by claims for damages. The loss of life is irreparable. Neither can direct violations of a nation's sovereignty await vindication in suits for damages.

THE MEXICAN PROBLEM—We believe that the people of small and weak states have the right to expect to be dealt with exactly as the people of big and powerful states would be. We have acted upon that principle in dealing with the people of Mexico. They are entitled to attempt their liberty and so long as I have anything in my power to prevent anyone standing in their way. \* \* \* I am more interested in the fortunes of oppressed men and pitiful women and children than in any property rights whatever.

## MARCOLA WOMAN ASKS COURT FOR PROTECTION

Sues for Support of Herself and Children and Seeks to Recover Share of Property

Mrs. Minnie Milbert of Marcola Saturday began suit to require her husband to provide support for herself and children. The same suit asks the court to restrain the Bank of Commerce from paying over to the defendant, J. G. Milbert, any money from the sale of the Milbert home until the court shall have decided what disposition to make of the money. The plaintiff alleges that early this month defendant mortgaged the place for \$500 and sold personal property for \$400, and taking the whole \$900, departed ostensibly for Springfield, Mo., but in reality to Flagstaff, Ariz. Plaintiff alleges defendant made a definite statement that he would have nothing more to do with her or the children, and since since she has not resided in Oregon for one year and cannot therefore seek a divorce at this time. She alleges deeds have been signed for the sale of the Marcola place for \$1000 or \$500 more than the mortgage, and she says she is entitled to at least a share of this money.

## FALL CREEK MEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE IN RIVER

Were Working on Wood Drive and Slipped into Water; Local Physician Was Called

Isa Griffin and Willie Petit of Fall Creek narrowly escaped drowning last Friday afternoon while working on a wood drive in the Willamette river about a mile west of Springfield and near the E. E. Lee ranch. Willie Petit trying to dislodge a pile of cord wood was carried out into swift water and was unable to get back. He slipped into the water and as he could not swim, Isa Griffin tried to save him but was handicapped being immediately grasped by the arm and pulled under the water. W. F. Griffin seeing his son in the clutches of the struggling boy called to him to catch hold of a rock while he ran for Mr. Lee's boat about a quarter of a mile distant. A local physician was summoned but as he arrived he saw the two young men scrambling out of the boat which had been secured in due time and carried them to the opposite bank of the river. Both parties recovered from the effects of their plunging into the water and returned to Fall Creek Saturday evening.

## WAS FINED FOR SPEEDING

Motorcycle Gets Tangled Up Between Two Automobiles

While riding his motorcycle across the county bridge Saturday, Will Rodenbaugh was thrown from his machine and badly bruised as he struck a loose plank while attempting to pass between two automobiles. He is able to be around, however, with a patch or two on his face.

On Friday evening he was arrested for exceeding the speed limit on Main street and after paying the customary fine was released.

## Man Gets Insurance in Two Weeks

Charles Stevens who recently moved from Springfield to Eugene and sustained a complete loss when his house burned while the family were at the coast received \$300 remuneration for their household goods from the London Fire Insurance Company of San Francisco. J. P. Fry, local agent states that Mr. Stevens received payment two weeks after the fire on August, 20, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are staying with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw.

Frank Root was in town from the Mohawk Saturday on business.

Miss Gladys Leach returned to her duties as stenographer at the Oregon Power company's office the last of the week after a two week's vacation.

Miss Francis Bartlett returned Saturday from Fall Creek where she has been visiting friends for several days.

Merl Arnold and sister, Mildred who recently moved with their parents from Springfield to Pleasant Hill spent Saturday here.

## R. W. SMITH RETURNS HOME

Veteran Mail Carrier Spends Month Visiting Scenes of His Early Childhood

R. W. Smith, veteran rural mail carrier, who left here a month ago for the east returned yesterday noon.

Mr. Smith went east as far as Chicago but his principal stop was at St. Charles, Minnesota, where he visited the scenes of his childhood. Time has brought many changes in the once familiar places.

Business generally was good said Mr. Smith, but everything was at a high tension on account of the threatened railroad strike. In Minnesota and North Dakota the threshing season was on and the grain was panning out very poor. In some instances Mr. Smith the returns would hardly pay for the threshing. The failure was caused by extreme hot weather and black rust. The prospects are good for a heavy corn crop.

## HAVE REGISTERED BABIES

Some Springfield Parents Will Enter Better Baby Contest

Several Springfield parents have registered their babies for the better babies contest which will be conducted by direction of the Fortnightly club in connection with the Lane county fair. Seven physicians have been engaged for the examination and the dental association will have charge of the dental work.

Those from Springfield who have registered are: C. W. Hanson, R. F. D. 2; Walter Herndon, E. R. Gano Dr. J. E. Richmond, L. E. Danks, John Edmiston, R. F. D. 2; H. A. Withers, R. F. D. 2; D. J. Beals, R. F. D. 2; Morris Knight, R. F. D. 1.

## Marshfield People are Interested

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Marshfield held Friday night, a resolution was passed offering the aid and good will of Marshfield to the citizens of Lane county in bringing about the completion of the Natron cut-off. In commenting on the proposition, Hugh McLain, president of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce said: "It will be the biggest thing to Marshfield that can happen if we can make Coos Bay the terminus of a transcontinental line."

## Returns From Coos Bay

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Barnard returned Thursday evening from Marshfield and Mr. Barnard resumed his work at the Oregon Power company plant Friday. The travelers visited the British prison ship, "Success" anchored at Coos Bay. Dummies were placed in the cells and everything was preserved as they were originally years ago. The ship was once sunk but was raised again.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Matison of the Peppermint ranch north of town visited with relatives here Sunday.

D. W. Roff returned Sunday from Wendling after transacting business for several days.

Dr. W. H. Pollard returned from Salem Friday evening

stroyed by manipulation of the money market, a service where legislation cannot be controlled, intimidated or suppressed by the panic trust."

## Accomplishments Enumerated

James enumerated some of the accomplishments of the Wilson administration. The federal reserve act, he said, freed the country from the "money oligarchy," destroying at the same time the "money trust" and the panic trust.

Enactment of the child labor law an increase in savings deposits, attainment of a position of world leadership in the matter of exports and prosperity everywhere were credited to President Wilson by the Kentucky man who, after predicting another Wilson victory, said:

"The great convention which nominated you was neither controlled nor intimidated by any un-American or foreign influence. It had the heartbeat and spoke the true sentiment of the country."

Led by Senator James, the notification committee reached Shadow Lawn at 1 o'clock.

A contingent of boy scouts delegated to preserve order, raised the flag in front of the mansion. The president's personal flag, with a red eagle surrounded by stars on a background of blue, was brought from Washington and was raised when he began to speak.

## PRESIDENT NOTIFIED OF NOMINATION BY THE DEMOCRATS

Woodrow Wilson Agrees to Lead Party to Victory or to Defeat at Coming November Election

LARGE CROWD PRESENT TO WITNESS EXERCISES

Senator Ollie James of Kentucky Makes Notification Speech and Recites Service Rendered by Democratic Rule

Long Branch, N. J. Sept. 3.—Before an immense crowd massed over the beautiful grounds of Shadow Lawn, President Wilson yesterday accepted his re-nomination at the hands of the Democratic party, outlined the achievements of this administration and scored the Republicans as a "party of masterly inactivity standing pat to resist change."

The Democratic party, the president said, holds to very definite ideals.

"We believe the energy and initiative of our people should be set free as we have set them free and not concentrated in the hands of a few powerful guardians as our opponents have again and again sought to concentrate."

Outlining the record of his party the president said the Democrats have virtually created commercial credit for the farmer, had "given a veritable emancipation" to the workingman, had released the children of the country from hurtful labor" and in addition to many other things, had put through national defense legislation greater than ever "seriously proposed upon the responsibility of an entire political party."

And, he concluded in this discussion "we have come very near to carrying out the platform of the Progressive party as well as our own; for we are also progressives."

The president said his foreign policy was built upon two fundamental principles—that property rights can be vindicated for claims for damages, but that the "loss of life is irreparable."

The president advanced his Mexican policy as an issue on which he would stand in the face of any criticism.

Senator James Notifies President

A record of "peace, prosperity and happiness," while the old world staggered beneath a load of sorrow, insures President Wilson's reelection in November, Senator Ollie M. James, of Kentucky, assured the president in formally notifying him of his nomination by the Democratic convention.

"With an enthusiasm, unanimity and earnestness never surpassed in the political life of America, the representatives of the purest democracy in the world, have summoned you again to lead the hosts of peace, prosperity and American righteousness," said James.

Sounds Call for Service

They call for your service to America and mankind, the service you so amply proved to be the highest type known to the governments among men, a service that has given justice to all men upon free and equal terms, a service that has restored taxation to its historic and constitutional function, a service which has freed trade to individual and honest endeavor, a service which has lifted from the tables and homes of the plain people of America the burden of taxation they have unjustly borne for more than a half century and have placed it upon the wealth and fortunes of the land, a service which has denied to the trusts of Republican creation a hiding place in our economic life, a service to the toilers of America which has lifted them from the level of a commodity to the high plane of a human unit in our industrial life, a service which has dignified them—the great army of workers of field, factory and mine, a service which has opened the courts to all men upon equal terms of justice and constitutional liberty, a service which has freed the money of the nation from control of a money oligarchy and lodged it in the hands of the government, a service which has destroyed two trusts—the money trust and the panic trust, a service where business cannot be oppressed or de-