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EIGHT-HOUR DAY EFFECTIVE IN ALL MILLS AND CAMPS

Government Order Comes as Result of Portland Meeting Last Week

LOCAL PLANTS OBEY RULES

Delegates Attend Conference at Portland Monday to Determine Schedule of Wages to Be Paid

Last Friday, for the first time in the history of the West, men in the employ of the sawmills and logging camps began working on an eight-hour basis, Friday morning the Booth Kelly and Fischer-Boutin mills of this city began at 8 o'clock, an hour later than usual, and the closing whistles now blow at 5 o'clock.

This new order of things in the leading industry of the West comes as a result of a meeting of 200 lumbermen in Portland last week with Col. Brice P. Disque, commander of the spruce production division of the United States Signal Corps. In attendance at the meeting were the principal fir and spruce manufacturers of the coast districts of Oregon and Washington and some pine manufacturers. Following an all-day discussion of the subject Colonel Disque, at the request of the meeting, issued an order placing the industry on an eight-hour basis in these two states. The order is not one of military import, but is the result of voluntary action on the part of the lumbermen in accordance with the request made by Colonel Disque.

The managers of the mills in this city received word from Colonel Disque that the order applied to fir mills as well as those in the pine and spruce districts, and orders were immediately issued by them to make it effective Friday.

The Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen elected D. W. Crites to represent the Booth-Kelly mill, Fred Parker to represent the Fischer-Boutin mill and August Muller to represent the Springfield, planning mill at a meeting of nearly 600 loggers and sawmill men held at Portland Monday for the purpose of arriving at a complete understanding of their part in the war department's program to get the maximum production of spruce for battle planes and fir for ships to win the war. The convention had been called by Colonel Brice P. Disque, United States army, upon his return last week from the national capital.

Only accredited delegates from the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen were admitted to the meeting, there being one delegate from each of the local camps in Western Oregon and Washington.

Specifically, Colonel Disque declared that the workmen would get 10 hours' pay for eight hours' work, according to the former schedule. He added that very soon the men would not have to provide their own bedding, as the government is purchasing 150,000 blankets for their needs. A fixed price of \$8.35 a week for board at all logging camps and saw mills in remote sections had been decreed, he assured the workmen. Another assurance which pleased them was the statement that improved sanitary conditions in the dryrooms would be carried into effect at the earliest possible date.

Following Colonel Disque's presentation of matters for consideration by the workmen, and a plea for their support, a resolution was adopted without dissent, endorsing his activities for the workmen's welfare and pledging him in divided support.

John E. Edwards yesterday began his duties as deputy assessor for the town and will be at his office at the city hall.

WAGE IN TIMBER 45 CENTS

Disque Fixes Scale in Spruce and Fir Industry

Standard wages of common laborers in the spruce and fir industry of Oregon and Washington will be 45 cents an hour with a maximum of 50 cents an hour. The maximum wage for laborers in the white pine section in the eastern portions of the two states will be 40 cents an hour. Colonel Brice Disque, director of the spruce production bureau of the army signal corps announced the scale last night. He had been delegated to decide upon and fix the wages by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen in conference at Portland last Monday. Time and a half will be paid for all overtime. Copies of the wage schedule were mailed by Colonel Disque to all lumbermen in the district.

Yarnell Church Gets Convention

Twenty-ninth Annual Gathering Lane County Sunday School Association to Meet

The twenty-ninth annual convention of the Lane County Sunday School association will be held at Yarnell Wednesday and Thursday, March 13 and 14. Following is the program, which has been prepared under the supervision of J. H. Miller, president; Mrs. F. P. Lacy, secretary; and W. H. Gantz, song leader:

- Wednesday Morning, March 13
 10:00—Song Service.
 10:15—Devotional service, Rev. Mr. Hayden
 10:20—A Welcome to Our Visitors, Dan Spores.
 10:40—Response, O. S. Callison
 10:50—Soldier or Slacker, Mrs. M. A. Danenhower.
 11:15—Special, Vernon school.
 11:25—Facing the Life Needs of Young People, Rev. Wm. M. Case
 Announcements and appointment of committees

- Wednesday Afternoon
 1:30—Song service.
 1:45—Devotional service, E. L. Swift
 2:00—Special, Donna school.
 2:10—War Task of the Bible School, Rev. Mr. Danforth
 2:40—Solo, Frank Page.
 2:50—Address, Rev. Mr. Crim.
 3:20—Solo, Mrs. K. E. Burke
 3:30—Address, Rev. K. E. Burk

- Wednesday Evening
 7:30—Song service and prayer.
 Guitar duet, Lewis sisters.
 The World Vision, Mrs. M. A. Danenhower.
 Special music, Kate and Geo. Hayden.
 Illustrated lecture, "Japan," Mrs. M. B. Madden.
 Music
 Offering and benediction.

- Thursday Morning, March 14.
 10:00—Song service.
 Praise service, C. H. Sedgwick.
 Special number, Donna school.
 10:45—Teachers' Work and Preparation, Mrs. M. A. Danenhower.
 Music, Kate and George Hayden.
 11:20—Workers' conference, led by Mrs. M. A. Danenhower.
 Music

- Thursday Afternoon
 1:30—Business meeting, followed by social session.

SEES FORT STEVENS' BOYS

John B. Soleim Sees Soldiers Pass Through San Francisco

John B. Soleim a former clerk at the Peery drug store in this city wrote to friends under date of March 2nd from San Francisco saying that he had seen the Fort Stevens boys as follows: Lester Hill, Ivan McKinney, Dell Hinson, Paul Meyers, Bob and Skeet Hays, Russell Dimm and "Bum" Stewart. I also saw Roy Fellows, formerly of Springfield. I was with Frank Crawford when I found them. Frank is now sporting some new sergeant's stripes.

Yours truly,
 JOHN B. SOLEIM

SPRINGFIELD FEED COMPANY MOVES

Take Possession of Vitus Block Formerly Occupied by Hayden & Metcalf Friday

The Springfield Feed company took possession of the large room vacated by Hayden & Metcalf house furnishers last Friday and moved their large stock of flour, feed and seed to that place.

C. E. Lyon, known as The Springfield Feed company succeeded Pearl Brewer on November 6, 1913 and was located in one-half of one of the store rooms in the W. O. W. building and at that time carrying only flour, feed and hay.

The following year they secured the other half of the store room and in December 1915 took possession of the adjoining room and occupied the two rooms from that time until they moved to the Vitus building. On May 1, 1916 they bought the Morrison warehouse on the S. P. track at Second and South B streets. In this warehouse they have installed machinery for rolling and grinding grain and cleaning clover seed and field grains.

They have expanded to a stock of flour, feed and hay until now they carry in addition, seeds, cement, land plaster, lime and brick and specialize in field grains and garden seeds.

Fischer-Boutin Runs Full Time

After a shut-down of 10 days on account of the scarcity of logs, the Fischer-Boutin saw mill began running full time Monday morning. For several weeks they have been engaged in moving their logging camps from Richardson on the Siuslaw to Lindsay and now they are receiving an average of eight cars of logs a day, a sufficient quantity to keep them running full time.

Tax Collection To Begin Today

Fifteen Thousand Statements Have Been Sent Out to Property Owners

Fifteen thousand tax statements have been written and mailed to the property owners of Lane county and the collection of taxes begins today. For more than two weeks past 16 men have been working on the rolls making up the statements and each taxpayer will know exactly what he has to pay and what each piece of property he owns is assessed for.

The property is listed this year on the rolls under the old alphabetical system, each person's property all coming under his name in one place on the books instead of being scattered around in a number of books as under the "block" system as used by Assessor Keeney in past years.

There is a total of over \$900,000 to be collected this year, the tax being divided into various funds as follows:

State and County	\$504,526.34
Special school	180,061.57
Special high school	8,427.78
Special road	36,617.80
Special city	168,101.10
Port of Siuslaw	19,539.72
Forest fire patrol	1,232.44
Total	\$918,506.75

The first half of the taxes are due by April 5 and the second half must be paid by October 5, according to law. If not paid by the latter date, on November 5 they will become delinquent and a penalty of five per cent, besides interest at the rate of one per cent a month, will be charged.

Gets Farm Tractor

Guy Mock who resides at Douglas Gardens east of this city has purchased a small farm tractor of the caterpillar type.

PARENT TEACHERS MEET THURSDAY

First Appearance of New High School Orchestra Is One of Attractions

The Parent-Teachers meeting held last Thursday evening at the High school building was well attended and an excellent program was rendered.

The assembly room of the High school was crowded and much interest was shown in the meeting. This was the first appearance of the new High school orchestra which has been training for some time under the leadership of Miss Marion Richmond.

R. L. Kirk, superintendent of the Springfield public schools, gave an illustrated lecture on child welfare. Several slides of up-to-date schools and modern play grounds were shown and Mr. Kirk told why such recreation grounds were essential. He told of the good derived from them by the school children, and how their mental and physical bodies were aided and improved by modern play-grounds and clean, wholesome surroundings.

The new high school eleven piece orchestra is made up of the following instruments: clarinets, Walter Gossler, Ray Alexander; slide trombones, Royal Collins, D. J. Beals; cornets, Robert McKee, D. E. Stratton; Mrs. C. A. Barnett; violins, Frank Shontz, Mr. Davis; snare drum, Mr. Doran; piano, Dorothy Holbrook.

The program rendered was as follows:
 Dramatization of "Betsy Ross and the Flag," Seventh and Eighth grades.
 Song, H. S. quartette, Eliza Copenhaver, Edna Duryee, Lynn Grandy, Walter Gossler.
 Selection: "Let's All be Americans Now" and "Bluebird" Orchestra Pianologue "Little Boy Blue" Berenice Cagley accompanied by Miss Jane Lindsey.
 Selection "Over the Top" Orchestra

Junior Circus Draws Big Crowd

Jolly Time Is Enjoyed by All Goodly Sum Is Realized By Youngsters

The circus given last Friday night in Morrison's hall, by the Junior society of the Christian church was a great success both socially and financially. A large crowd attended. It was a regular old fashioned circus with a main show and many side shows in booths around the hall. Fortune tellers, moving picture shows, fishing ponds, the animal cage, and the place where they shot the Kaiser were a few of the many drawing cards. Pink lemonade was sold, pop corn balls, home made candy, and even the inevitable ice cream disappeared before the hungry crowd until everything was sold, and when the youngsters counted their pennies, yes, this was a penny affair, they found that they had cleared \$11.55.

This money will be used to improve the Junior room in the Christian church and some of it will be given to some charitable work. They have not decided as yet, just what work they will donate their money to.

The circus was under the supervision of Gladys Lepley the Junior superintendent.

Visitors Leave for Home

Mrs. W. F. Martin of Vancouver B.C. and Mrs. Claude Washburne of Junction City, who have been visiting for several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Washburne of this city left last Thursday for their homes. Mr. Martin has been on a business trip through Canada and in New York but has returned to his home. Claude Washburne has been in San Francisco and Portland looking after business affairs but has also returned to his home.

MARCOLA LOSES 2 GAMES

Pleasant Hill Wins Double Header Friday Night

The Marcola high school boys' and girls' basketball teams were defeated by the Pleasant Hill school's teams in a double header played at Marcola Friday night. The Pleasant Hill boys won with a score of 55 to 25 and the girls won over the Marcola girls with the score board reading 20 to 15.

The lineup of the four teams follows: Pleasant Hill boys—Puckett and Hutchens, forwards; Rinehart, center; Bristow and Moore, guards. Marcola boys—H. Page and Gourley, forwards; Queen, center; Page and Frazier, guards; Manning was substituted for Moore in the second half for Pleasant Hill. Pleasant Hill girls—Dilley and Wheeler, forwards; Boner, center; Beaver and Miller, guards. Marcola girls—Vandervier and Titus, forwards; Price, center; Smith and Smith, guards. Cooper, of Pleasant Hill, referee.

Plowing Up Many Acres of Hops

Gradual Decline in Market and Increased Labor Costs Given as Reason

Last season a great many acres of hops in the vicinity of Springfield were plowed up and this spring similar action will be taken by other growers in this vicinity.

John Seavey is plowing up 20 acres of his yard near Springfield, H. Hardy is plowing up 14 acres of his hops between Eugene and Springfield on the north side of the river. Campbell and Walker have abandoned about 10 acres of hops between Eugene and Springfield on the south side of the river, and others are contemplating similar action.

The gradual decline of the hop business is given as a reason. Except for a short period last fall when the price went as high as 35 cents a pound, the price of hops has been much lower for a number of years, and the growers in some instances have barely made expenses and some of them have lost money. The price is now about 15 cents a pound, but owing to the high cost of labor and material there is little profit at that figure. In former years it cost about 9 or 10 cents a pound to grow hops, but the cost is much greater now.

The Krebs yard, the largest in the world, located near Independence Polk county, is being plowed up this year, and the company that owns the yard will raise vegetables and evaporate them in the hop dry kilns. There is a big demand for dehydrated fruit and vegetables for war purposes and the owners of the yard think that they will be able to make more out of such crops than out of hops.

MARCOLA RED CROSS BUSY

Masquerade Benefit Dance Nets Auxiliary \$140.00

Mrs. Nina Fry treasurer of the Red Cross auxiliary at Marcola turned over funds to the Eugene Chapter Saturday amounting to \$144.40 proceeds from a masquerade benefit dance given February 23rd at that place. Of this amount \$62.40 was obtained from refreshments served by the members during the evening consisting of ice cream, cake, sandwiches and coffee. The Fischer Lumber Co., donated the ice cream. Henry Gregerson and Walter Price the sandwiches and coffee, while Red Cross members furnished the cake. A large number from the Mabel and Wendling auxiliaries were present. A prize for the best costume was given to Mrs. Van Orsdale of Mabel who donated the same to the proceeds of the dance. Mrs. Fry also turned in sixteen new memberships for the month of February, and a large number of complete garments from the auxiliary.

John Ashworth Is in France

Mrs. N. A. Ashworth just received a card from her son John saying that he had arrived safely in France. He is enlisted in the 119th company first replacement battalion, U. S. Marines.

PLANS MADE FOR RARE INTELLECTUAL TREAT FOR THIS CITY

Dr. Louis Albert Banks, Author and Lecturer to Visit Springfield Sunday

HELD IN M. E. CHURCH

This is One of Hundreds of Prohibition Rallies Conducted by Anti-Saloon League

Springfield is promised one of the greatest intellectual treats that ever came to a town when, on Sunday evening, March 10th at 7:30 o'clock, the renowned Louis Albert Banks will give one of his most forceful lectures here in the Methodist church.

There is no more distinguished example of the modern people's preacher in the American pulpit today than Dr. Banks, and it is interesting to note that he began his career in the Northwest. Charles Parkhurst editor of Zion's Herald, of Boston says of him:

"Dr. Louis Albert Banks speaks with such blood earnestness on every subject he touches that it would be impossible to conceive of him ever being dull. He holds his audience with a grip of steel from the first word he has the advantage of a voice that can be heard anywhere from the start and yet is never harsh, even when raised to the highest pitch in denunciation.—Boston Daily Globe."

This is one of hundreds of National Prohibition rallies now being conducted by the Anti-Saloon League. More than 4000 have been held during the past two years and most of the states have been reached by this great nationwide "Water-Wagon" crusade.

The adoption of the amendment to the constitution requires that it shall be passed by a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress and shall be ratified by 36 states. Congress has adopted the amendment and six states have followed already, and ratified the amendment. To get the Amendment ratified by the legislatures of the states is the supreme task.

Dr. Banks is the author of more volumes of sermons and lectures than any man now living. He has written more than fifty books, and scarcely a preacher's library can be found without several copies of them.

Few public speakers or writers have studied so wide a range of subjects and made themselves heard on all of them as has Dr. Banks. He has served remarkably successful pastorates in the leading churches from coast to coast. As an evangelist his itineraries have been nationwide.

SPRINGFIELD BOYS LEAVE

Will Attend Sergeant-Major's School in San Francisco

Albert Beare and Corporal Roy Cairns, members of the 13th company O. C. A. stationed at Fort Stevens have been assigned to the sergeant-major's school at San Francisco, California and passed through Eugene Sunday morning at 7 o'clock on their way to the school. Twelve men from the companies at the fort were selected for this school and are now training. There will be a six weeks' course at San Francisco and those who pass the examinations will go to more advanced training schools in Virginia or South Carolina. There were 21 soldiers from Fort Stevens on the train. The others were going to other schools in San Francisco. A number of Springfield people were at Eugene to see the boys go through.

Battery Catches Fire

The battery on the car of G. W. Stafford caught fire Monday morning at Fifth and Main streets but help was called and the flames were extinguished before any serious damage was done. The local garage made the necessary repairs.