

TOWN AND VICINITY

In from Coburg—H. H. Fair of Coburg was in town Friday.

Camp Creek Visitor—Ed Connelly of Camp Creek called on a local physician for medical treatment Friday.

Here from Wendling—Mrs. Ona Deer of Wendling was a visitor in Springfield Tuesday.

George Potter Here—George Potter, who lives near Star, Oregon, was in Springfield on business Tuesday.

Visits Here—Mrs. E. F. Roam of Walthville was a visitor in the city Tuesday.

Buy New Car—Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson are the proud owners of a new Star six coupe.

Here from Natron—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wallace of Natron were visitors here Tuesday.

Mrs. Scott Ill—Mrs. C. E. Scott is confined to her home at Third and E streets by illness.

In from Marcola—G. A. Roberts of Marcola called on a Springfield physician for medical treatment Tuesday.

Down with Flu—Virgil Signor of west Springfield is suffering from a case of the influenza.

Here Saturday—Mrs. Ernest Bertsch of Thurston was a visitor with Springfield friends Saturday.

Salem Man Visits—Vernon Tyler of Salem was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

Visit Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Farmer Franklin visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Franklin, here Sunday.

Suffers Stroke—Grant Wright of Camp Creek suffered a stroke of paralysis last Friday. He was taken to the Pacific Christian hospital.

Feed to Oakridge—A carload of feed was sent to Oakridge Saturday by the Springfield Mill and Grain company.

Visits from Idaho—Mrs. Nellie Bane of Emmett, Idaho, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. Miller of Springfield.

Returns to Home—Mrs. George Meador, sister-in-law of Mrs. J. J. Manwaring, has returned to her home at Prairie City, Oregon, following several weeks spent in the valley.

Visits Here—Mrs. Jessie Cox of Walton arrived in town Thursday evening to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Rathbun.

Have Operations—C. R. Lowry of Goshen and Mrs. Robert Evans of Eugene, both known here, were operated on by a local surgeon at the Pacific Christian hospital Monday.

Make Northern Trip—Ralph Courson, linotype operator in the News office, and Harry Fandrem, accompanied by Walter Lee of Eugene, motored to Portland over Sunday.

Visit Swarts Home—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fenno of Goodland, Kansas, are visitors this week at the C. E. Swarts home.

Business Trip—Mrs. Charles Taylor and mother, Mrs. Morgan of Thurston, were business visitors in Springfield Monday.

At Albany for Week-end—Mr. and Mrs. William Dawson and son, Bily, spent the week-end at Albany, visiting relatives.

Visit at Riddle—Mr. and Mrs. William Wright spent the week-end at Riddle, visiting Mr. Wright's sister, Mrs. Elder and family.

Visitors Here—Visitors at the Dick Franklin home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Williams of Junction City. Mrs. Franklin is Mrs. Williams' aunt.

Mrs. Robison Employed—Mrs. C. A. Robison has taken up her duties as clerk in Hall's Cash store. She replaces J. M. Swenson, who resigned last Saturday.

Guests at Murphy Home—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Anderson were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Murphy. Mrs. Anderson, who lives in Eugene, is a sister of Mr. Murphy.

Portland Man Here—W. H. Harter of Portland, secretary of the Willamette Valley Grain Dealers' association was a caller at the office of the Springfield Mill and Grain company last Saturday. Harter was on a business tour of the valley.

Here for Time—Louis K. Posvar, former Springfield resident who moved to West Fir some time ago, is in town for a few weeks while recuperating from an injury received while working in the woods. His wife and children are with him here.

Confined to Home—L. E. Murphy is confined to his home with illness.

Back from Trip—M. B. Huntly is back from a trip to Portland and Astoria.

Thurston People In—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parrot of Thurston spent a part of Monday in Springfield.

Platts In—Mr. and Mrs. George Platt of Thurston were business visitors here Monday.

Brookman In—L. E. Brookman of Wendling was a visitor in Springfield Monday.

Eugene People Visit—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weber of Eugene visited friends here Sunday.

Here from Leaburg—James Hart of Leaburg was a business visitor in the city Monday.

Dexter Woman In—Mrs. Ira Higgins of Dexter paid Springfield a business visit Monday.

Goes Under Knife—S. M. Duguid of Marcola was operated on at the Pacific Christian hospital Monday.

Here from Wendling—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Matthews of Wendling were visitors in Springfield Monday.

Drive to Snow Line—James Mitchell and a group of friends drove to the snow line on McKenzie pass Sunday.

Eastons In—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Easton of Walthville were in town for a short time Monday.

In from Jasper—Mr. and Mrs. George Hill of Jasper were shoppers here Monday.

Thurston Man In—Charles Grant of Thurston was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Spend Sunday Here—Sunday was spent in Springfield by Mr. and Mrs. B. Clark of Cottage Grove.

Called to Portland—Ronald Roberts was called to Portland Tuesday afternoon.

Parks Here—Mr. and Mrs. William Park of Walthville were business visitors here Tuesday.

Is Ill—O. H. Caltrain of Mill street is confined to his bed with a case of the influenza.

Go to Corvallis—Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Planery motored to Corvallis Sunday, where they spent the day visiting relatives.

Undergoes Operation—Mrs. Leland Eubanks of Springfield underwent a major operation at the Pacific Christian hospital Monday.

Visits Sister—Miss Lillie Schiewe, teacher in the schools at Noti, was a visitor here Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Frese.

DePues in Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Frank DePue were in Portland over the week-end visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Wilnot Foster, and their son, Frank, Jr.

Visit Father Here—E. G. Sutton went to Portland Saturday. On his return he was accompanied by his sons, Darrel and Herschel, who will spend several days here.

Returns from Portland—W. F. Walker returned Saturday from Portland, where he attended a meeting of the state embalming board.

Goes to Washington—Robert Markee of Springfield left Sunday for Everett, Washington, on a trip in connection with field work for the Woodmen of the World.

Auditor Here—G. H. Campbell, traveling auditor of the American Railway Express company, was a visitor at the local offices of the company Monday.

Visits at Neet Home—Orrie Neet and wife of Portland were visitors at the Levi Neet home last Sunday. Mrs. Neet remained over for a few days.

Buys Eugene House—W. A. Swane, who recently sold his interest in the Elite rooming house here, has purchased a similar place in Eugene and has moved to that city. The Elite is now being operated by A. T. Brewer, formerly of Camp Creek.

Hand Improving—Clifford Bryan, whose left thumb was nearly severed from his hand last week, has hopes of regaining the use of the injured thumb, his physician reports. The thumb was struck by an ax, which cut the bone completely in two.

Sworden Well—C. A. Sworden, who was the victim of an accidental shooting in the woods east of here several weeks ago, is now completely recovered. Sworden received a gunshot wound in the leg, which made it necessary for his physician to make both a tendon and a skin graft.

Open the Mines is Cry of Freezing Eastern Public

Gougers Boost Coal Prices Poor Freeze, as Miners and Operators Haggle, Congress Yawns and Twiddles Its Thumbs

Must We Be Subjected to This Outrage Year After Year? Let Us Demand That Steps Be Taken To End It Now and For All Time

By Edward Percy Howard. Nothing but the hand of Providence has saved the people of America from untold suffering as a result of the coal strike. Seemingly nothing but the hand of Providence will bring relief. Appeal to the operators is as futile as a titmouse roaring against thunder; appeal to the miners is drowned in the clash and din of a seething mob; the congress sits supinely by, and the President of the United States declines to interfere.

So far as the public is concerned the situation presents one of the most outrageous pictures it has ever seen. The lot of capital and labor to paint. The people are ground between the nether mill stones. They are powerless, and left ignored and panting on the mat. Coal prices are soaring beyond the bounds of all reason. Indeed in thousands of towns and villages it is impossible to get coal at any price. In the great cities where the burning of soft coal is normally prohibited, the ban has been lifted, with the result that half the streets of the nation resemble the offspring of a wedding between London and Pittsburg. Merchants are in arms. In the city of New York alone hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of delicate silks, satins and other flimsy fabrics have already been ruined beyond saleable value.

In the smaller towns denunciation is being poured onto the heads of local companies for "gouging the public" out of inordinate coal prices.

As the strike continues the public demand for facts increases, but there is little likelihood of the public ever ascertaining what really lies back of this titanic struggle. The canned statements issued by the miners for publication are as receptive as the canned statements issued by the operators. The result is it has been impossible to marshal an intelligent public opinion. It is in the clubs of the rich and the restaurants of the poor that one must look for information, where in casual conversation a fact may be picked up here and there that throws a little light on the situation.

There is no doubt that the root of the evil lies deeper than any wage dispute. From what can be gathered, for example, the strike, while vital in its import, is only symptomatic of the attitude of mind prevailing among the millionaire coal owners. The forces behind the coal industry,

and these include the forces of finance, of speculation, of railroads and others, are said to have sensed the fact that the life of coal as a universally used fuel is now known to be of reasonably short duration. It is believed that in from ten to twenty years, oil, electricity, or some other form of heating, will be in general use and that the use of coal be confined to great central plants dispensing steam and possibly to some extent to the railroads themselves. As one extensive coal operator in New York said a few days ago: "The operators know that coal is doomed and they propose to clean up while the opportunity lasts." This may be a crude way of stating a basic truth and of pinning responsibility on the operators because there are so many great interests inseparably linked with the prosperity of the coal industry, that even the operators are not king in sole command.

So far as the public knows the rock upon which the recent coal conference split is the rock of arbitration. The operators say they stand firmly for arbitration. John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America scarcely takes the trouble to explain his opposition. "Arbitration," he says, "is not necessary," adding in the most matter of fact way, "and it would not be advantageous to the miners." Seemingly that which is not advantageous cannot be entertained. Between the factions justice, stripped of her robes is dragged, yelling through the streets and cast into the gutter. The miners contend they will never arbitrate wages unless they be permitted to arbitrate profits. This says Mr. Lewis, the operators have persistently refused to permit. On the other hand the operators flatly deny this statement. The plain fact is that the struggle is continued with determination to re-establish the theory that might is right, and both sides are fixed in a belief they can win.

It is openly charged that back of the refusal of the miners to arbitrate the wage question lies the fact that there is no guarantee that wages would not be reduced by an arbitration board. In other words arbitration as the miners see it is that it must be heads we win tails we lose.

Meantime there is a growing demand that congress take some steps to end the dispute or at least to guarantee the further production of fuel. There appears to be no sound reason in opposition to the contention that coal is a public necessity and as such can justifiably be brought rapidly under governmental control. On the other hand the people are resentful of further encroachments of centralized government on what shreds remain of their rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The net result of the controversy, however, is that the coal industry admits its complete inability to govern itself; therefore some power greater than either miners or operators must take the reins if the struggle is to be brought to an end and anything like a permanent peace is to be established.

More Truth Than Poetry. "Lend me five dollars?" "Nothing doing. You never pay your debts." "I need it badly. Just lend me five more dollars and you'll never see me again." John Barleycorn says that it wasn't right to take this country away from the Indians—but it would be a meaner trick to give it back the way it is now.

Slightly Tangled. Diner: "Say, waiter this roast beef tastes like mutton!" Waiter: "I'm sorry. I gave you another customer's pork by mistake."

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