

# LOCAL RATES ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC ORDERED CUT ABOUT 20 PER CENT

## THREE HONOR MEN BREAK THEIR PLEDGE

After Having Kept the Faith for Two and One-half Months J. W. Riley, Albert Saloni and Frank Arara Endeavor to Escape.

## OTHER HONOR MEN FORM POSSE TO RETAKE THEM

All Avenues of Escape Are Closely Guarded and Escape Is Impossible.

After having kept the faith for two and a half months, the strain became too great and three "honor men" broke their pledges to Governor West and deserted Westville Thursday evening about 7 o'clock. It was 9 o'clock before their absence was discovered. Intense indignation reigned among the 24 others and search for the renegades at once began, the entire camp turning out. With lanterns the runaways were traced through the brush to the Crater Lake road above Peolers, thence down to the hill to the Plounee rock or Peyton bridge, thence along the road towards Derby. It was dawn before some of the pursuers returned to camp, horses were secured and a posse of honor men led by James Grieves started in pursuit of the deserters. Should they be captured they will be brought to Medford and taken direct to Salem, as lynching is feared should they be returned to Westville.

**In for Petty Larceny.**  
The missing men are J. W. Riley, Albert Saloni and Frank Arara, all in for petty larceny, serving indeterminate sentences. Saloni's minimum sentence was about to expire and Governor West had already sent a conditional parole to the camp. The maximum sentence of the other two would have expired in a few months. Now all face from six to nine years additional time if captured, as against speedy release if they had remained with good behavior.

Word of the get away was telephoned Engineer Harmon by Charles Gay, who had arrived at the camp Thursday with six new prisoners who replaced six taken back Wednesday by Warden Curtis. Joe Parker of the Pacific & Eastern at once called up all points between Medford and Derby and a lookout for the escapees is being maintained. It was thought that an attempt would be made to reach Derby before dawn, steal a hand car and make a get away, but at noon nothing had been heard or seen of the convicts, who are evidently coming down the Rose creek road or still between Peyton and Derby.

**Roads Deep in Mud.**  
The roads are deep in mud, while a light snow makes trucking ensy. Constable Singler left Medford to hunt the escapees Friday morning, while lookouts are being maintained at Derby, Ayres Spur and Eagle Point. The police of Medford are also on the alert. There is a reward of \$50 alive or \$400 dead on each honor man who makes a get away. There seems little likelihood of this trio making good their escape.

Riley weighs 165 pounds, is rather slight, 5 feet 10 inches in height, aged 30. Saloni is an Italian, aged 28, weighs 150 pounds, 5 feet, 9 inches high, dark complexion, with slight mustache. His picture was published in a group of drillers in the New Year's Mail Tribune. Frank Arara is a Mexican, weighs 176, 6 feet high, dark complexioned, aged 21. Riley was serving from one to 10 years term for larceny in dwelling, a second offense. He is a photographer by trade. Saloni was serving from one to five years for larceny and had already been paroled to take effect at the expiration of the year, though he did not know it. Arara was serving from one to seven years for larceny. The get-away followed a reprimand

## WHY DID BACON RESIGN?



Much surprise is expressed in New York at the action of Robert Bacon in resigning as United States Ambassador to France to become a fellow of Harvard. As his resignation followed a visit from J. Pierpont Morgan, it is hinted that he may be about to associate himself with the Morgan house.

## MERCHANTS NAME NEW OFFICERS AND ADJOURN SESSION

Resolutions Are Adopted Covering Many Matters—John Stockton, Well Known Merchant of Salem, Is Chosen as President.

With the election of officers and adoption of a number of resolutions the Oregon Retail Merchants' sixth annual convention came to a close in this city Thursday afternoon, to meet again next year at Albany.

New officers were elected as follows:  
John Stockton, president, Salem; John Collier, first vice president, La Grande; W. A. Bell, second vice president, Eugene; E. N. Warner, third vice president, Medford; Leo Merriek, secretary, Portland; Thomas C. Watt, treasurer, Ruben.

Directors—Southern Oregon: H. C. Garnett, Medford; Willamette valley: C. M. Eppley, Salem; and J. A. Henderson, Dan Kellner, J. W. Fink and J. C. Mann, all of Portland; Eastern Oregon: E. Polack, La Grande, and R. Alexander, Pendleton; Astoria: E. Heinkle.

The election of John Stockton of Salem as president of the organization was considered an unusually happy choice, for Mr. Stockton is one of the most revered of the many merchants of the state.

The association adopted the following resolutions:  
"Resolved, that the O. R. M. A. at all times give preference to Oregon-made products and materials, endeavor to create a sentiment against bleached flour and obtain any legislation that it can towards its abolishment.

"That the members of the convention support Congressman Hawley in his effort to secure an appropriation for the Crater Lake highway, and recommend that local associations throughout the state instruct their representatives in Washington to support the measure.

"That the O. R. M. A. assembled in Medford commend the action of Jackson county in bonding the county for \$1,500,000 for the construction of permanent highways, and we earnestly hope that the action taken by the people of Jackson county will be upheld by the higher courts of the state.

"That this convention is opposed to the parcels post or any legislation in favor of the creation of the same.

"That the convention wishes to convey its thanks and appreciation to the newspapers of the city for the interest that they have taken in the

by Foreman Grieves to Saloni, Riley and Arara pretended illness Thursday afternoon and laid off work during the afternoon. All showed up at supper. The escape was evidently done on the impulse of the moment, as no preparations were made—not even the phone wire being cut.

## UNION MEN TO THE DEFENSE OF TVIETMOE

In Strongly Worded Comment Building Trades Convention Declares Absolute Belief in Innocence and Integrity and Devotion of Leaders.

## COMMITTEE REPORT URGES FORMATION NEW PARTY

Hearst Is Condemned as Arch-enemy of the Workingmen of America.

FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 19.—Absolute belief in the innocence, integrity and devotion to the labor movement of its indicted officials, with pledges of moral and financial support, was declared by the California Building Trades convention here today, when a strongly worded report comment on Secretary O. A. Tveitmoe's annual report was unanimously approved.

In the report of the committee, United States Special Prosecutor Oscar Lawler in the McNamara action and actions outgrowing therefrom was roundly flayed. Lawler's alleged intimidation of Tveitmoe, Anton Johannsen and E. J. Clancy, and his alleged promises of immunity for them if they would implicate Samuel Gompers were cited as "proof positive of the dastardly character" of the actions against Tveitmoe and his fellow officials.

Lawler was accused in general terms of brutality and unfairness toward all labor officials, while W. R. Hearst was described as the arch-enemy of the toiler. Delegates to the next convention of the American Federation of Labor were instructed to support the proposal of nationwide boycott against the Hearst papers.

The report of the committee also urged an immediate conference of the executive boards of the state federation of labor, the state building trades council, the union labor party and the socialist party to secure political solidarity for the present year in the labor campaign.

## WANT MINIMUM WAGE FOR LABOR

Statewide Campaign for Minimum Wage Law and Eight-Hour Law Is to Be Launched in the State of California.

FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 19.—A statewide campaign for a minimum wage law and an eight-hour law for all employed men, women and children in California, the minimum wage being \$2 daily, was authorized at the convention of the state building trades council here.

On this issue the value of the referendum, initiative and recall to the wage earners will be tested next November. The resolution was submitted by S. W. Sullivan of the San Francisco carpenters' union. Officers of the council will be elected late today.

convention and the space that has been accorded to the reports.  
"That the delegates of the convention wish to convey their appreciation for their entertainment to the Medford Business Men's association and to the citizens of the city."

You can't make an interesting advertisement of an uninteresting store—but really you should be careful that your really interesting store is not misrepresented by an uninteresting advertisement.

## American Whom Pope Honored



This Photograph, the First Taken Since His Elevation, Shows John Cardinal Farley in His New Robe of Office.

## VARYING REPORTS OF DECISION OF MANGHUS HEARD

One Is That Abdication Has Been Decided Upon and Another Is That Question Is Still Open But Will Be Finally Settled Later.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19.—Varying reports of the decision of the Manchu imperial clan, which met this afternoon in Peking to consider abdication of the throne, reached here today. One report is that abdication has been decided upon. Another is that the question is still open, but finally will be settled at another meeting tomorrow.

Yuan Shi Kai is quoted in dispatches reaching here today as declaring that he will resign the premiership.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19.—Dispatches received today from Canton state that bandits are looting the temples and monasteries, destroying all holy shrines throughout southern Kwai Tung province. A volunteer corps has been organized for protection.

## GRAND JURY NOW PROBING ACTIONS DARROW'S STAFF

Turn in Investigation Based on Darrow's Assertion That Confessions Were Made "In View of Developments Leaving No Other Course."

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 19.—That the United States grand jury investigating the alleged nation-wide dynamite conspiracy is probing into the activities of Clarence Darrow's assistants during the progress of the McNamara trial was learned here today. Several investigators employed by Darrow in connection with the trial, including C. P. Cooney of Chicago, testified today.

This turn in the investigation, it is reported, was based on Darrow's assertion when the McNamaras confessed that "in view of developments that there was no other course open."

## WOMEN MAY STUDY LAW ON THE COAST

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 19.—When the women's law class conducted by Mrs. Shortridge Foltz, a Los Angeles attorney, opens its spring term tomorrow, aspiring Portias will be permitted to register as freshmen in the first women's law college on the Pacific coast.

## CANON WOULD BE DELEGATE TO BALTIMORE

Social Democratic Leader Announces His Candidacy for Delegates to the National Democratic Convention Next Summer.

According to the request of the democratic state central committee, Judge W. H. Canon has announced his candidacy for delegate to the national democratic convention to be held in Baltimore the latter part of June. The delegates have been apportioned to the various sections of the state so that there will be no conflict.

According to the construction at present placed upon the presidential primary law, people can only vote upon one delegate, and the requisite number receiving the highest votes are elected to attend the convention and carry out the wishes of their constituents. However, an appeal will be made to the supreme court for the construction of this law, and it is hoped to secure a decision whereby the people may be entitled to vote upon the entire delegation instead of one only.

Mayor Canon has received pledges of support from Josephine, Douglas and other counties that indicate that he will receive the undivided support of the democrats of southern Oregon, thus rendering his selection probable. He has attended many national conventions as a delegate in states he formerly resided in.

## ALL DISTANCE TARIFF RATES ARE REDUCED

Order of State Railroad Commission to Be Completed This Afternoon Contains Sweeping Reductions on Distance Tariff Rates in Oregon.

## EXACT STATUS NOT KNOWN UNTIL ORDER IS RECEIVED

Will Prove a Special Boon to Southern Oregon According to Dispatch.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—That orders to be completed by the state railway commission late this afternoon are to contain sweeping reductions on distance tariff rates in Oregon, is the statement of Commissioner Campbell today. Orders have accumulated through the past year of hearings involving every road in the state. The reductions will go into effect March 1, at the same time as the recent orders from the interstate commerce commission become effective.

On the Southern Pacific and Oregon-Washington Railway and Navigation company, with all their branch lines excepting the new line up the Deschutes valley, the following rates have been ordered on a basis of 100 pounds:

Fifty miles, 32 cents; 100 miles, 50 cents; 150 miles, 62 cents; 200 miles, 72 cents; 250 miles, 82 cents; 300 miles, 91 cents; 350 miles, \$1, and 400 miles, \$1.10.

The material reductions begin at the 200-mile haul. This will be an especial boon to eastern and southern Oregon and will make it possible for them to enjoy approximating low rates already enjoyed by cities within 100 to 200-mile radius of Portland.

When above dispatch was shown to A. L. Rosenbaum, local agent of the Southern Pacific company, today, Mr. Rosenbaum stated that approximately the reduction would amount to about 20 per cent of the present rates, assuming that the figures contained in the dispatch are those covering articles taking a first class rate. There are commodity rates in effect from Portland here and in what way these will be affected the dispatch does not show, and until Mr. Rosenbaum sees the order of the commission he is unable to make a further statement.

Assuming that the figures contained in the dispatch cover articles requiring first class rates the reductions will be as follows:

Miles.	New Rate.	Old Rate.
50	32	37
100	50	52
150	62	70
200	72	87
250	82	105
300	91	118
350	1.00	1.41

Medford is principally affected in the reduction of the \$1.18 to 91 cents. This order will in no wise affect interstate shipments from California. Shipments from the east, in many cases, are made up by the terminal rate to Portland plus the local rate to Medford and, of course, these interstate shipments would be materially reduced.

## HILL STOCKS RISE ON NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The feature of today's stock market was the strength of the Hill stocks. When Great Northern preferred and Northern Pacific each rose 1 1/4, the entire list responded in sympathy. Canadian Pacific made a sensational jump of 4 1/4. The tobacco stocks were very firm, Lorillard advancing an extreme nine points and Liggett and Meyers five. The list receded after the opening advances. Around noon the tone was firm, with the specialties in good demand.