

MINE OPERATION MEANS EMPLOYMENT OF LARGE FORCES

By W. W. WATSON.

At a meeting yesterday of the board of directors of the organization heretofore informally known as the Mineral Development league, that association was given an official name. It will hereafter be known as Blue Ledge District Copper league. Of course, it cannot encourage the development of our immense copper resources in that district without developing also the gold and silver; nor can it develop these without also developing the timber interests, in a large measure. Therefore, it selected the mineral that gives the district its character, because it is one of the largest and richest copper fields on the continent.

The competition for the commercial trade of this great district is keen and vigorous at least between three different points. Medford is one of these. The fact that the Blue Ledge district lies practically at our back door has so far been made to appear to be our misfortune. We have up to this time taken too much for granted. Hence our dangerous lethargy. Either of the other competing points is more than twice the distance in possible road mileage from the center of that district. We have foolishly assumed, therefore, that the Medford way must be the outlet. That is a risky assumption. It may cost us the very thing we so much desire.

Mines Make Cities.

Mining companies know that their combined activities in a large field afford sufficient business to build cities. They know, also, that every village or hamlet nurses the ambition to become great, industrially, commercially and socially. Hence they await the development of this ambition, in the assurance that the sum it eventually costs the successful bidder for the business will be deducted from their cost of constructing an outlet. For this reason, in part at least, those interested in the Blue Ledge district properties are watching the progress of the rivalry between Medford, Grants Pass and Yreka. Medford possesses every natural advantage in this contest. It is nearer by half to the district involved than either of the other points; road-way possibilities are much better, and it is the natural distributing center for a magnificent pastoral district as well. By natural selection, therefore, Medford is the logical trade center for the Blue Ledge district—the point of easy convergence and divergence.

Means Large Payrolls.

When we consider the vastness of the tonnage already prepared for shipment from the Blue Ledge district and the incomparably greater tonnage awaiting the mining processes, we can begin to count the greatness of the forces required to handle that output industrially. With transportation facilities provided, it is the estimate of reputable mining men that a force of five thousand workmen would be small compared with the industrial demand of the district for general development. Figures will be published in the course of these articles to prove the correctness of that estimate.

Five thousand workmen could reasonably mean a mining population for the Blue Ledge region of 15,000.

The monthly payroll for that district would, therefore, be nearly \$400,000!

These estimates are very conservative. With a rush to the mines and vigorous activities in all of the sectors of that great mineral region, together with the necessary development of the lumber industry for mining purposes, the consequent increase in demand for valley products and the required augmentation of the forces necessary to produce them, it is not unreasonable to estimate an early increase in population of 25,000, whose business center would be Medford, many of them being engaged in enterprises in the valley and foothills.

Prize Worth Winning.

This running summary and comment are given merely to suggest the immensity of the prize for which the three competing points are now in earnest rivalry. It is very incomplete, to be sure, for there are very many small enterprises and relative developments of business that cannot be enumerated in such brief space.

The purpose of the Blue Ledge District Copper league is to collect vital data in this proposed development and to publish it to the world that yearns for information of this kind. One of the excellent and substantial results that will follow will be the awakening of our own people to the absolute necessity of hurried and effective effort to make Medford the great business center of the marvelously rich district for the vast trade of which every ambitious town in southern Oregon and northern Calif.

MILLION DOLLARS MUST BE SLICED IN APPROPRIATIONS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 10.—Slashes totalling over \$1,000,000 must yet be made on the budget and pending appropriation bills before they will be brought within the sum available for the use of the state under the six per cent tax limitation law, according to a statement submitted to the Oregon house of representatives by its ways and means committee.

Time for the slashing is growing short, so it is probable the next few days will see drastic action taken by the committee. Several appropriation bills are now reposing with committees, and will probably be buried beyond all hope of resurrection and a number of items will be cut completely from the budget. More departments, too, will be consolidated by acts of the legislature, if possible.

The statement showed there were still budget items totalling \$1,943,749.67 awaiting the committee's action and unliated appropriation bills, and claims totalling \$950,624.27. The revenue available and unapportioned total \$1,585,040.95, leaving an excess of \$1,309,304.89.

New Highway Code.

Believing that there is a demand for the remodification of state and county road laws in Oregon and that the short time before the legislature adjourns makes the task impossible at present, Senator B. L. Eddy, Roseburg, has introduced a resolution providing for appointment of a highway code committee to make an investigation and report back at the next session of the legislature.

Cut Prison Fund.

New barns and cement walks asked for by the officials of the Oregon state penitentiary at Salem will not be built this year, on account of the scarcity of state funds. The ways and means committee of the house has cut the prison appropriation down to \$207,940 from \$303,656. More than \$10,000 was cut from maintenance, \$9,000 asked for a new cow barn and cement walks was refused and \$1,000 asked for painting was eliminated.

GOVERNOR PARDONS ERNEST B. DENNISON

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 10.—Ernest B. Dennison, who two years ago, on the testimony of C. M. Jackson, was convicted in the Josephine county circuit court of extortion and sentenced to the Oregon penitentiary, took an appeal and then left the state, and was located in Pennsylvania a few days ago, has been brought back to this state by Sheriff George Lewis, of Josephine county, has been pardoned by Governor Withycombe.

According to an affidavit in the hands of Judge Carey, Dennison's attorney, Dennison and Jackson were associated together in extensive deals in New York several years ago. They broke up partnership, with Jackson owing Dennison a large sum of money for which the latter received a \$50,000 judgment in the New York courts. Jackson is said to have disappeared, to be located after some time in Grants Pass, where Dennison, with two private detectives, found him and turned him over to the Jackson county officials. Jackson cleared himself to the satisfaction of the officials and charged that Dennison had attempted to blackmail him. In the circuit court Dennison was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary. He gave bail and appealed his case, after which he left the state and was not located until a few days ago.

FORD PEACE BUREAU AT HAGUE CLOSED

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A Reuter's dispatch from The Hague states that the Ford peace bureau, established by Henry Ford, the American manufacturer, will be closed on March 1, in account of the breach of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany.

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AMERICAN SHIPS SAIL FOR FRANCE, BALTIC ARRIVES

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—American shipping circles were stirred today by news that two freighters carrying the stars and stripes would sail immediately for the European war zone. They will be the first American vessels to start from New York for the proscribed area since the beginning of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare.

The ships are the Orleans, owned by the Oriental Navigation Company, and the Rochester of the Kerr Steamship company. Both are bound for Bordeaux, France. The ships already have received their clearance papers.

The Orleans has an American captain, Allan Tucker, and a crew of 35, 12 of which are American citizens. The Rochester has a two-thirds crew of Americans. Both vessels have their names and "U. S. A." in large letters on their black sides, but are not striped or marked in the manner prescribed for American vessels by the German blockade regulations. Neither is armed.

The arrival of the Baltic of the White Star line at Liverpool, removes from the danger zone another British vessel carrying American citizens. Bankers, manufacturers and railway men said today that the reduced number of sailings from American ports was beginning to be felt, although as yet there was no serious congestion of cargoes at railroad terminals. It was said that many shippers are withholding their goods from the railroads at the point of production, because they could not obtain the necessary ocean tonnage.

ANTI-PICKETING BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

SALEM, Feb. 10.—With Sheldon and Thomas opposing and Gore voting in favor, the Kuhl anti-picketing bill was passed by the house Friday after a hard fight lasting from 10:30 to 1 o'clock. The vote was 33 for, 25 against, and two, Griggs and Elmore, absent on account of sickness. The detailed vote was as follows:

Yeas—Ashley, Barber, Bean, Bowman, Brand, Brown, Burdick, Callan, Cartmill, Clark, Corbett, Cornelius, DeLman, Fuller, Goode, Gordon, Gore, Hodgen, W. Al Jones, Walter B. Jones, Kubll, Mackay, Mann, Meek, Paek, Porter, Portwood, Rowe, Schimpff, Stafrin, Stephens, Willett, Speaker—33.

Nays—Anderson, Belland, Brownell, Burton, Childs, Crandall, Eaton, Elkin, Forbes, Jones, Seymour, Laferty, Laurgaard, Lewis, Linger, Martin, Mathieu, Mueller, Ritner, Sheldon, Small, Stott, Sweeney, Thomas, Thompson, Tichenor—25.

Absent—Griggs, Elmore—2.

Sheldon, when the bill was called, moved to indefinitely postpone, and the house went into battle order on that motion.

With Medford trade in Medford made

WILLARD MATCHED TO BOX FULTON AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Jack Curley, who is associated with Tom Jones in the management of Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion pugilist, today confirmed the announcement from Albany that a ten-round boxing bout between Willard and Fred Fulton had been arranged for March 26 at Madison Square Garden.

The announcement from Albany said that the Willard-Fulton bout was conditional on Fulton's winning from Charley Weinert in their bout next Monday night.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Jess Willard asserted here today that the announcement that he had been matched with Fred Fulton for a ten-round bout in New York on March 26, was news to him. Willard added, however, that he understood that such a match was a possibility, but that he had not been informed it was a certainty.

Tom Jones, Willard's manager, reiterated his statement of last night in which he said that Willard would not meet Fulton or any other fighter in New York on March 26.

SEATTLEITES INJURED BOSTON HOTEL FIRE

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—H. Chesire Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell of Seattle, Wash., and Edwin C. Tew of New York, are in a hospital here today suffering from slight injuries received when fire, starting in a guest room of the hotel Lenox, in the Back Bay district, caused \$60,000 loss and drove 250 guests and employees to the street in scanty clothing. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were taken down a fireman's ladder from the eighth floor. Mrs. Mitchell suffered from nervous shock.

COPPER DATE DATE NOT YET ANNOUNCED

The executive committee of the Blue Ledge Copper league met Friday evening and discussed plans regarding the movement. It was decided not to fix a date for Copper Road day until the transportation committee had met with the county court and arranged for the same. On this day it is the idea to have every man in the valley who possibly can volunteer to put in the day working on the road to the Blue ledge.

At a regular meeting of the county court held this week, examination of the Bear Creek bridge at Central Point was ordered, in response to complaints as to its safety. The grading of a mile of the Pacific Highway below Rogue river was ordered as well as the improvement of other stretches of road.

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He was warned that the mills were not able to keep up with the legitimate demands of the newspapers for paper and that such waste of paper would not be tolerated. He was told that this was an excess usage of paper and warned that he must practice the most rigid economy because the mill could only furnish paper for his regular edition.

Even in view of the fact that the price has risen over 150 per cent on this grade of paper, the publishers are unable to have all their requirements taken care of by the mills.

The difference in the old and the present price of news print costs papers with the circulation of the Mail Tribune more than \$300 per month, while papers like the New York Globe are paying tribute to the paper combine exceeding \$2000 per day.

This increase in costs goes into every department of newspaper making and increased advertising, and subscription rates are being put into effect by publishers all over the country to prevent them going into bankruptcy. There is no relief in sight, and even the committee appointed by congress to investigate the cost of print paper have failed to arrive at any conclusion other than to economize all possible in paper use and raise rates to offset the increased cost.

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