

## TIMBER WORKERS LAUNCH UNION

A local branch of the International Timber Workers was organized at a meeting yesterday afternoon at the Central Labor council hall, with between 100 and 125 workers signing the charter. The following temporary officers were elected: James Stevens, president; Fred Plowman, vice-president; W. F. Kay, financial secretary, and Ray Crawford, secretary.

The meeting was opened by W. F. Kay, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, who surrendered the gavel shortly to Frank E. Fall of Weed, organizer for the I. T. U., who explained the purposes of the organization.

The I. T. U., he said, is broad in scope, embracing all men connected in any way with the lumber industry, even to the railway employees who help transport the product. The chief aim of organization at this time, locally and in every timber-producing locality, is to establish the eight-hour working day. There are other objects which the organization seeks, but first and foremost comes eight hours as a basic working day.

At Weed, the organizer said, there are 1,000 or more workers under jurisdiction of the Weed local, most of whom have affiliated with the union, and relations with employers are harmonious. While maintaining the right to strike, the I. T. U. urges caution in the use of the strike to enforce its demands and will sanction a strike only as a last resort. Also, according to its organizers, reports to the contrary notwithstanding, it does not recognize the I. W. W. or any kindred organization, and no one holding a red card can affiliate with the I. T. U.

Yesterday's meeting, a most important step in advancing unionization of Klamath county from the labor viewpoint, went through without a hitch, apparently following a prearranged program. If there are I. W. W. organizers at work here, as the regulars claim, there was nothing in evidence at the meeting to show it.

There are between 1,500 and 2,000 workers in the local field, whose jurisdiction includes all mills and camps from Kirk on the north, roughly speaking, to Bray, and an active effort will be made to gather them all into the local union.

### Telegraph Tabloids

**MANILA, Mar. 8.**—The extra session of the legislature adjourned today, after adopting a resolution pleading for immediate independence of the Philippines.

**WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.**—President Wilson went riding today in an open automobile.

**WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.**—Minnesota won the suit in the supreme court against Wisconsin to determine the boundary line between the states, by a decision rendered today.

**WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.**—The supreme court today decided that the provision of the income tax of 1916 taxing as income all dividends declared by corporations accruing subsequently to March 1, 1913, was constitutional.

**LONDON, Mar. 8.**—Lloyd George announced in the house of commons today that Great Britain had no intention to sell any part of the British West Indies to the United States in part payment of the war debt.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 8.**—Cane sugar dropped from 15 to 14 cents on account of large Cuban receipts in New York, local refineries announced today.

### WILSON FUNERAL

The body of Harry Wilson, resident of the Klamath reservation, who died here of pneumonia, was shipped to Chiloquin today. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 11 o'clock, burial being made in the Wilson cemetery at Williamson River.

## EX-SERVICE MAN HELD FOR RANSOM.

**EL PASO, Mar. 8.**—Joseph Williams, an employe of the American smelting refinery company of Padricena, Mexico, is a captive in the hands of Villa and held for \$50,000 ransom, according to passengers reaching Juarez today. Williams, a war veteran, suffering from gas, was returning to the United States for treatment when the train from Mexico City to Juarez was held up Thursday near Corralitos, 400 miles south of the boundary. An Arabian merchant was taken by the bandits. Other passengers were mostly stripped naked and left on the desert.

## STRAHORN ROAD HAS BUSY YEAR IN PROSPECT

Two thousand carloads of lumber will be handled by the Strahorn railroad this season, from the mills on the Strahorn line, according to an estimate of one of the operators in the district tapped by the road. In addition the road will probably deliver to the mills 1,200 to 1,500 cars of logs, making a total of 40,000,000 feet of lumber and 10,000,000 feet of logs handled before the season closes.

In the territory served by the Strahorn road there are eight corporations and individuals operating. Several mills are operating, more are building, and there is prospect of still others being built this year.

Nine Brothers have one mill built and another one building. DeArmond Brothers are in the same position. The Swan Lake Lumber company's plant will be completed soon, so will the big Edmonds mill on Sprague river, and so will the Parker & Hamaker mill. There are two other mills that will be working this season, on which construction has not yet started.

Schultz & Parks are already operating, and so is the Kitts mill.

## DUCKS LEADING IN TOURNAMENT

The Ducks trimmed the Never Slips two games out of three in the Elks bowling tournament contest Friday night. The tournament closes this week. Following is Friday's score:

Ducks	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Lavenik	187	203	142	532
Kelly	129	164	168	461
Jester	178	210	186	574

Never Slips	494	577	496
Ackley	304	188	159
Noel	301	175	147
Mason	178	173	146

Standing of the Clubs	Won	Lost	Pct.
Ducks	16	11	592
Never Slips	14	13	518
Saw Dust	14	13	518
Spark Plugs	12	12	500
Rookies	12	12	500
Duffs	10	17	370

### RECEIVES APPOINTMENT AS MANAGING EDITOR

Phillip J. Sinnott, formerly a local newspaperman, has been appointed managing editor of the San Francisco News, on which publication he has been working for some time. Mr. Sinnott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sinnott of Oregon City and is a brother-in-law of Mrs. George J. Walton of this city. He has many friends in Klamath Falls who will be pleased to hear of his advancement.

### BANK CLEARINGS.

The total bank clearings for the week ending March 6, 1920, were \$270,856.15. This total compared with that of the corresponding week in 1919, \$135,886.32 show a decided increase.

## RUSSIAN "RED" AFOUL OF LAW

J. F. Morley, county detective, while in California last week had a busy time in dealing with cases in which former residents of Klamath Falls are connected. Besides the Osterman forgery case in Los Angeles, in which the authorities sought his aid because Osterman is suspected of having been part of the gang in which Fred Ford, now in jail here on a forgery charge, was implicated, he had cases in San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento.

In San Francisco, Albert Mamado, who at one time conducted a small auto repair shop near the White Pelican garage, is in the hospital with a bullet hole through his lungs and wounds in his leg and wrist as the result, it is believed, of an attack by partners in a robbery. At first Mamado placed the blame on two Russians, "red" propagandists, who, he said, were moved to kill him because of his betrayal of their plans to the police. He made the accusation as a dying statement, but both men named had complete alibis. In the presence of Morley, however, he partly admitted that he was involved in a robbery and was shot by his accomplices because they feared he would inform the police. Mamado has been mixed up in "red" activities around the bay, it is said, and as a result of information supplied by him against his radical comrades a number have been deported. His reputation as a "stool pigeon" spread in the under-world and it is believed he was shot by men who feared that their betrayal would be Mamado's next move.

As soon as he is out of the hospital Mamado will probably be prosecuted for robbery. He was in jail here for several months at one time, after an S. P. freight shipment was looted and tires consigned to the Biehn garage were found in his possession.

In Oakland Detective Morley learned that Mrs. R. Van Campen, a former resident of this city, who was in detention at Yreka for a time on an insanity charge, is sane and has taken her 12-year-old son from the school that he was attending in Oakland and gone to Lansing, Mich., where relatives reside. When she came for the boy, the school superintendent said, she was accompanied by her sister, who lives at Lansing. Mrs. Van Campen appeared perfectly rational, and the authorities believe that she feigned insanity as a ruse to get her eastern relatives to interest themselves in herself and son.

## NO RED ALLIANCE SAYS FARM BUREAU

**CHICAGO, Mar. 8.**—The American Farm Bureau federation, at its first annual meeting here, adopted a resolution denouncing the attempt to ally the agriculturists of America with the radicals of the industrial world. The organization is composed of 1,060,000 members of farm bureaus in 28 states.

The resolution declares: "We wish the American people definitely to understand that the organization styled 'The Farmers' National Council' has no authority to speak in behalf of the farmers of this country and any and all efforts on the part of 'The Farmers' National Council' to ally agriculturists of America with radicals in the industrial world are hereby denounced."

### WILSON BALKS AT LODGE SUGGESTIONS.

**WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.**—It was announced from the White House that President Wilson will probably state his position today on Senator Lodge's reservations to Article Ten in the form of a letter to Senator Hitchcock. Administration officials said the President would not accept the Lodge reservations. Administration officials said the President discussed the Taft reservation to article ten with Senator Glass, and while the President did not state his approval, he did not say he would not accept it.

**WEATHER REPORT**  
Oregon—Tonight and Tuesday probably rain. Moderate southerly winds.

## MILLS BACK TO NEARLY NORMAL

Lumber mills in western Oregon and western Washington are running practically at normal again, according to the weekly report of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. The output last week of 123 mills contributing to the report was 85,370,474 feet. The normal output would have been 89,803,000 feet. Actual production was thus within 4,432,526 feet, or 95.06 per cent, of normal.

The only unfavorable element in the lumber situation, the report continues, lies in the continued shortage of cars. Shipments for the week were 1943 cars, but the unshipped orders remaining on the books of the mills aggregate 12,601 cars. These unshipped orders would be substantially heavier were the mills to accept all the orders that are offered to them. Knowing that they cannot depend upon adequate car supply, the manufacturers regularly reject more business every week than they accept.

Despite this practice, acceptances last week aggregated 54,828,579 feet, of which 43,350,000 feet were booked to move by rail. Costs of lumber production give no promise of diminishing. Logs remain scarce and prices are firm. Other costs have shown a slight increase since the first of the year.

### FRANCE PAYS \$100 A TON FOR COAL.

**PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 8.**—France is paying \$100 a ton for coal, said Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the late J. P. Morgan, in an address to the French War Relief Committee and the American Committee for devastated France citing the high cost of necessities in that country.

She said the general attitude in America is "now we're through." She declared America can never be through while France is in its present condition.

### GETS TWO LIONS

**SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Mar. 8.**—Fred Worthington, of Deep Creek, saved the lives of two deer a week for the remainder of the winter. It was estimated when he trapped and killed on his ranch two female mountain lions. Each measured six feet from tip to tip.

## Personal Mention

Fred Peterson from Merrill was in town Saturday.

A. E. Bensingler of Swan Lake was in town last week.

Ed Sutton of Miller Hill spent Saturday in Klamath Falls.

Mrs. L. B. Dixon is in town today on business.

W. A. Weist, who recently came here from Salem to practice law, has filed his bar certificate with the county clerk.

Fred Houston left for Los Angeles Saturday on account of the illness of his daughter, who, a telegram said, was to undergo an operation for the removal of a mastoid.

J. F. Morley, county detective, returned last night from Los Angeles, where he was called in connection with a forgery case.

William Boldoin, proprietor of the Pioneer Printery, who has been confined to bed for four weeks by influenza-pneumonia, is better and is considered out of danger. Mrs. Virginia Breuner, Mrs. Boldoin's daughter, has also been critically ill, but is also improving.

Mrs. Jennie Hurn returned last night from a three month's visit in Portland, where she visited her sons, Ralph and Will, who are in business there.

Mrs. J. M. Watkins, and little son, will leave in the morning for Eugene for a two weeks' visit with friends. Mr. Watkins left last week for a business visit in the Willamette Valley and will return with his family.

James Milne, resident manager of the White Pelican Hotel, returned Saturday night from Seattle, where he was called by the death of both parents. His mother died first and his father passed away within a few days.

## STORM DAMAGE IN NEW ENGLAND HEAVY

**BOSTON, Mar. 8.**—A "digging out" holiday was proclaimed in several northern New England states today, while railroad industries and community workers combined to restore passenger and freight transportation cut off by Saturday's storm. The situation in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont is the most serious in many years. Hundreds are marooned in many small cities and feeding refugees has become a problem.

## CONSTITUTION MAY FORCE OUT CARRANZA

**EL PASO, Tex., Mar. 8.**—Mexican constitutional lawyers have been discussing seriously the question of whether President Venustiano Carranza will have the right to continue as president of Mexico after November 30, 1920, in case the scheduled summer elections should fail to take place or in case the successful candidate should fail to present himself for the oath of office.

Possible conflict between two articles of the constitution of 1917 is pointed out in an article recently published in Excelsior, of Mexico City.

"Article 83 contains the absolute injunction that any one who once has held the high office of president of the republic shall not hold it for another term," the Excelsior says, quoting a number of legal experts.

"But Article 84 reads: 'If at the beginning of a constitutional (presidential) term, the president-elect should fail to appear, or if the election should have failed to take place by December 1, the person whose term is about to expire shall cease to function, and there shall be named to the presidency, with title of provisional president, such persons as may be chosen by the congress of the union.'"

It is argued that Article 84 contains no provision that prohibits the outgoing president from being named provisional president by the congress in the event the contingencies specified in the article should occur.

The weight of opinion, however, according to "Excelsior," is that the spirit, if not the letter, of the constitution is opposed to the continuance in office, even by congressional authority, of a person whose term as president is about to expire.

## STATE TREASURER ASKS FOR PROBE

**SALEM, Mar. 8.**—At the request of State Treasurer Hoff, Governor Olcott today directed Attorney General Brown to call a special grand jury to investigate the purchase of securities by Hoff with the funds of the industrial accident commission, particularly the bonds of Warrenton, Reedsport, Monmouth, Oakland, Ontario, Yamhill, Rainier and port of Bay City. Charges have been made that the purchases have resulted in profits to a Portland bond house.

### GLENN FARMERS PLAN CO-OPERATIVE SAWMILL

**WILLOWS, Cal., Mar. 8.**—Members of the Glenn county farm bureau have subscribed \$20,000 for the purchase of a sawmill and it is intended to produce lumber for sale to members at cost. This is part of a broad plan of the farm bureau for centralizing its purchasing power and marketing activities.

### REPEAL OIL TRAFFIC

**JUAREZ, Mex., Mar. 8.**—A decree by President Carranza, recently issued, exempts from duty benzine, petroleum, ether, gasoline and solarine imported into Mexico, beginning January 1, 1920, according to reports received at the American consulate here. These products were formerly dutiable at the rate of \$1.13 per 100 pounds.

## HOUSTON SELLS FILM THEATERS

A deal is being closed this afternoon by which F. L. Terwilliger and F. U. Patrick will take over the theater properties of J. V. Houston in Klamath county, with the exception of the Houston opera house. The new owners will operate the Star theater in this city and the theaters at Merrill and Dorris. The Temple theater here will be closed.

Mr. Houston will remove the equipment from the Temple theater to the opera house, and may use it on special occasions but will cease to be a competitor in the local film exhibition field. The sale marks the close of his career as a moving picture exhibitor extending over a dozen years or more in the local field.

The new owners bring to the business a plentiful supply of business experience. Mr. Terwilliger is without question one of the best motion picture operators in the state and fully familiar with all other details of the business. For the last year he has been the operator for the Liberty Theatre here. For eight years before that he was in the employ of Mr. Houston and is thoroughly in touch with all details of the local situation.

His partner, Mr. Patrick, has been conducting the Auto Supply company at Seventh and Main street. This place will be closed and the stock moved to the White Pelican garage.

Both the new theater managers are well known to Klamath Falls people and their personal popularity coupled with energy and experience should win them success.

## WAGE NEGOTIATIONS START WEDNESDAY

**WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.**—Representatives of the railroads and brotherhoods will meet in Washington Wednesday to begin negotiations for a settlement of wage demands, with 15 executive heads representing the brotherhoods and a committee of nine members representing the corporations. Both sides anticipate a long fight. The corporation officials, it is said, would enter the conference ready to co-operate as far as revenue would permit in granting wage increases.

### NOT COMPELLED TO REVEAL NEWS SOURCE.

"There is no law in Oregon to compel an editor of a newspaper to reveal the source of information contained in news articles. This is the reply which Attorney General Brown makes to a letter of inquiry from George Frieberger, an instructor in the school of journalism of the University of Missouri. Mr. Frieberger wants the information for the use of the college."

### CALIFORNIA WOOL MEN TO FORM POOL

**AUBURN, Cal., Mar. 8.**—J. A. Teagarden, of Auburn, chairman of a committee of the State Farm Bureau federation, has called a meeting of wool growers of the state to meet at Berkeley, Wednesday, March 10, to form a pool of all the wool of the state.

### LOCAL WOMAN LOSES MOTHER BY DEATH.

Word has been received by relatives of the death in Sacramento Saturday evening of the mother of Mrs. C. J. Renner of this city. Mrs. Renner was with her mother at the time of death.

### REINDEER RAISING PROFITABLE INDUSTRY

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 31.**—(By Mail.)—Natives of the coast region near Nome are raising reindeer as their principal industry. D. C. Crowley, Nome merchant, said on his arrival here, enroute to the "States" recently. "One company, Mr. Crowley said, has a herd of 18,000 reindeer, and expects to ship 2,000 carcasses south during the summer. It plans to erect four cold storage plants in the neighborhood of Nome. Other companies expect to make shipments during the summer."