

CHICAGO STRIKE
SEEMS DUE FOR
NEW OUTBREAK

CHICAGO, Apr. 19.—Outbreak of a new strike among railroad employees in the Chicago district today confronted the claims of railroad managers and brotherhood officials that the "insurgent" switchmen's strike had been broken and the situation was rapidly returning to normal. Eight thousand freight handlers and 30,000 railroad clerks employed on all lines entering Chicago will take a strike vote tonight after a conference today with railroad heads. George A. Worrell, chairman of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad clerks, announced.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 19.—The railroad labor board announced today that it would not consider complaints from the strikers among railroad men. The board's statement said it would not "receive, entertain or consider any application or complaint from any parties who were not complying with the transportation act or who were not adopting every means to avoid interruption of the operation of roads growing out of any dispute."

The local embarrassment to shippers and consignees caused by the freight embargo, incident to the strike, is eased up considerably today. Merchandise shipments from outside are back to normal and the embargo is off as far north as Portland and as far south as San Jose, on the California coast line and Fresno on the valley route. East of Sacramento the line is open to Reno.

This gives box shippers a wide field of delivery and all the factories resumed work this morning, after interruptions last week from strike and weather conditions.

Five cars of merchandise came in Saturday night and incoming shipments are expected to be virtually normal from now on, the local station reported today, excepting eastern freight. As far as the Pacific coast is concerned the S. P. has the situation well in hand.

The fuel shortage is still acute. One dealer reported today that he was completely out of all kinds of wood and had orders booked to keep him busy a week ahead. Another said a shipment from Dorris was contemplated to relieve the situation if necessary.

PINE GROVE MEETING, MAY 7,
TO BOOST TWO-MILL TAX

A box supper will be held Friday evening, May 7, at the Pine Grove school. A special program has been prepared for the occasion. A speaker will be present to present an argument in favor of the two-mill tax for elementary educational purposes. A special program has been prepared for the occasion and those in charge are issuing special invitation to candidates.

WILL TEST OUT FIRE BELL
AT 7 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

Two false alarms rung in on the fire bell this morning due to some defect in the apparatus and Fire Chief Ambrose announced that he would test the system out this evening at 7 o'clock. He thinks the trouble is in the batteries. During the testing it will be necessary to ring the bell several times, so the chief is advising every one that the bell at 7 o'clock will not mean fire.

AGED MAN IS DEAD

James Fruits, aged resident of Merrill, died at the Warren Hunt hospital this afternoon. He had been in the hospital for a week or more. He was 78 years old. Funeral arrangements wait the decision of relatives.

FINDS BAD ROADS ON TRIP

H. E. Hauger, local representative of the Wellman-Peck Co., San Francisco grocery wholesalers, returned last night from an automobile trip through his territory in southern Oregon and northern California. He says he found the Topsy grade and roads as far south as Dorris in very bad condition and warns other motorists against them.

DRAINAGE EXPERT
FROM CALIF. HERE

G. A. Atherton, a leading California engineer, is here from Stockton to consult with Don J. Zumwalt, engineer of the Klamath drainage association, and directors of the drainage district, in regard to the proposed drainage project, which would eventually cover about 20,000 acres of tule lands in the district. Mr. Atherton is accompanied by his wife.

While here he will go over the district and his opinion as to the feasibility of the scheme will doubtless have great bearing. Mr. Atherton is from Stockton, California, and has had wide experience with problems of drainage of tule lands in the Stockton delta region.

H. R. Ruess, representing the Wehl-Zuckerman interests, who recently purchased land in the local drainage district and who are ardent supporters of the drainage project, is also here.

SOME THINGS
UPSET A GUY

When a man rises at a seasonable Sunday morning hour, all prepared for a quiet, restful and generally uneventful day, and when all his plans are upset before noon by the arrival of a beautiful bouncing son, 12 pounds at that, can you blame him for being excited?

Of course not! Everybody has forgiven R. L. Merritt, printer in W. O. Smith's shop, except the telephone girl and probably she will overlook it all when she fully understands.

Half an hour after the event occurred every friend of the proud paterfamilias accessible by phone or telegraph was either informed or about to be—except one. This one happened to come to the mind of the new-found parent as he was taking dinner at the home of the Rev. S. J. Chaney, having arrived at the Chaney household in some unexplained fashion and been taken in by the kind-hearted minister and fed and soothed into partially normal state of mind.

Suddenly the guest excused himself. One friend had been forgotten. He rushed to the phone and jerked down the receiver. "Number please," demanded central. It never occurred to "daddy" that it was necessary to have a number. What in the world was a number for, anyway. The only number he'd ever heard of was the number "12," standing for pounds. So he blithely plunged in where angels fear to tread, breathlessly, immediately, on the spur of the moment, sans number or anything.

"Hello! Hello! Did you hear about it? Warren Hunt hospital. We've got a baby. Boy! Get me! We've got a 12-pound boy!"

"Nu-m-be-rr-rr-rr p-le-e-se-ase?"

"We've got a boy; tell yah! Twelve-pound boy."

"Well of all things!" exclaimed an indignant young lady as she disconnected the switch plug. "We-we-we-we've got a boy have we. It's the first I've heard about it. And I thought the safety third law was operatin'. We-ee-ee-eeve got a boy. And him a perfect stranger to me. We-ee-ee-ee-ve got a boy. Of all things! Nothing like it ever happened in my whole life before. We-ee-ee-ee-ve got a boy. More likely we've got a bun—a hang-over from Saturday night. The very idea!"

Nevertheless, it's true. They have named him Robert Steele Merritt.

BETTERMENT COMMITTEE TO
HAVE MEETING TOMORROW

The Community Betterment campaign committee will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the basement of the Presbyterian church. The questionnaires circulated by the committee are practically all in and compilation of the data obtained will be begun at the meeting tomorrow. All who can be present are requested to attend.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Tuesday, showers; warmer in east; southerly winds.

C. OF C. TO PICK
DIRECTORATE

Choice of directors to head the 11 different bureaus into which the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce is divided, and other steps toward fully perfecting the reorganized development body, will be up for consideration at the regular meeting at the city hall tomorrow night. The meeting will be important and officers urge a full attendance of members.

At a meeting two weeks ago a committee was selected to nominate directors, the plan outlined at the time being to scatter the personnel of the board as widely as possible throughout the county.

E. B. Hall was chosen president at the last meeting, H. N. Moe, vice president, and A. M. Collier, treasurer. The choice of a secretary rests with the board of directors.

KENO POWER CO.
IS TRANSFERRED

Final transfer of the Keno Power company, lock, stock and barrel, from possession of the Kerns brothers to W. B. Parker, took place today. The sale was announced in the Herald 10 days ago. Today marks the formal turning over of the property to the new ownership.

Speculation as to the possibilities of a merger of the corporation with the California-Oregon Power company has been rife since knowledge of the transaction first became public. Mr. Parker says that the Keno company will continue under the same corporation name, and will be maintained as a competing company, either under his management or under lease.

Mr. Parker is very emphatic in his statement that he owns the Keno Power company. One could gather from his conversation that he was shrewd enough to guess that there is going to be a shortage of electric energy in this territory and learning that the Keno plant was on the market made arrangements to take it over. When asked point blank who owned the company, he made an equally point blank statement:

"I do. And, furthermore, you may state that the company is going to continue. I am considering two very favorable propositions to lease it, but whether it is leased or not it shall continue and will be an important factor in the development of this territory."

ONE DAY MORE
FOR REGISTERING

Tomorrow night closes registration for the primary election, May 21. The county clerk's office will be open this evening from 7:30 until 9 o'clock to accommodate those who are too busy during the day to register, but will not be open after hours tomorrow. All persons who have changed their residence since last registration, or who have not voted at one of the three past general elections, must register.

With time for filing nomination petitions drawing to a close, there is no apparent scramble for county offices.

Fred Peterson of Merrill filed Saturday afternoon as Republican candidate for commissioner. Burrill Short, incumbent, is the Democratic candidate. Mr. Peterson was formerly superintendent of schools.

Speaking of school superintendents, there is no candidate in sight for that position. Miss Twyla Read, incumbent, does not find the salary sufficiently alluring to entice her into the race. It is said that there are but three or four persons in the county who are legally qualified for the position.

No candidate has yet filed for the coroner's office, nor is any one seeking the office of justice of the peace.

GATHERED FOR
LEGAL BATTLE

Attorneys for litigants on both sides in the suit of the J. M. Dougan company against Klamath county and others, the courthouse controversy, are all here for the trial of the case, which is set for tomorrow.

E. A. Reams of Medford, and Harrison Allen, of Portland, who with C. F. Stone of this city, represent the contractor, are in town, and Jay Bowerman, of Portland, one of the counsel for the county and co-defendants, has been here for several days. The plaintiff, Mr. Dougan, is also here.

Allied on defendant's side of the counsel table with Attorney Bowerman are nearly half the members of the local bar, including E. L. Elliott, F. H. Mills, John Irwin, C. M. O'Neill and W. A. Duncan, district attorney, and W. S. Wiley, deputy.

It is said in some quarters that the testimony will be taken within a couple of days.

WITNESSES FOR
HEARING RALLY

Witnesses enough have been rallied by J. H. Carnahan, city attorney, to make a showing in the hearing before the state public service commission in the matter of regulations and service of the California-Oregon Power company, said the attorney today, after spending a busy day yesterday in interviewing a number of persons who allege that the service rendered by the company has given them cause for grievance in various ways.

The hearing is open to all persons with complaints to make against the efficiency of the service, rates, treatment, etc., and all those who have complaints have opportunity to lay them before the commission at this time, whether formally summoned to give testimony or not.

The commission will sit at the courthouse tomorrow morning, according to its announcement, and is likely to be in session for several days as it has complaints against alleged dangerous crossings on both the Southern Pacific and Strahorn railways to hear, in addition to the water consumers' grievances.

FOUR COUPLES
ARE MARRIED

Kenneth K. Wallan, an employee of the Ewauna Box company, and Miss Beryl Naoma Hardenbrook, were married Saturday evening by the Rev. S. J. Chaney at the Methodist parsonage. The bride is a cousin of Byron and Everett Hardenbrook of this city. She has been living in Klamath Falls for some time, coming here from Redding, Cal.

Josiah E. Merritt, until recently of Eugene, and Miss Lottie Wilson of this city, were married last evening by the Rev. C. F. Trimble. The bride is a daughter of Chief of Police and Mrs. Wilson.

Clyde Clayton of San Francisco, formerly employed at the Chelsea box factory here, and Miss Sylvia Preston of Klamath Falls, were married Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. E. P. Lawrence at the Presbyterian manse. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. F. Ethridge of Dorris. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton will reside at Dorris.

About 30 friends of the contracting parties gave them a surprise party at the Ethridge home in Dorris Friday evening. A wedding feast was enjoyed and many presents showered upon the young couple.

Glenn C. Dowling of Central Point, Oregon, and Miss Vera Pearson of this city were married late Saturday afternoon by Justice N. J. Chapman. They intend to make their home here if they can find a house in which to live, they said.

SELLS SHARE OF
CRATER LAKE BOX CO.

C. P. Chastain was in the city yesterday from Bray, returning home this morning. Before leaving he stated that he had disposed of his interest in the Crater Lumber & Box company. Mr. Chastain was one of the organizers of this company and it is understood that he has disposed of his holdings at an attractive figure. For three years prior to his entering the Crater company he was cashier of the Klamath Manufacturing company.

It is the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Chastain to leave in the near future for Portland, Seattle, Bellingham and other northern points where they will spend several weeks visiting relatives and friends and renewing old acquaintances.

POSTMASTER IS
PEDESTRIAN NOW

Prosperity or poverty may equally as well have furnished a motive as far as he is revealing the reason, but anyway Postmaster W. A. Delzell is afoot. Of this much he is certain, wherein he has a decided advantage over a number of his Democratic colleagues who are puzzled to determine just now whether they are afoot or afloat. A number of the genial p. m.'s friends are pedestrians perforce also since he conveyed away all right, title and interest in the well-known silver this morning. The buyer, for obvious reasons, prefers not to have his name revealed.

Friends of the postmaster incline to poverty as a reason for his heartless abandonment of Liz. They say that he can't afford to keep a car on the meager wage the government pays. The other fellows say he has done so well on the federal job that he's gotten out of the silver class and will be sporting around in a Cadillac as soon as the roads get good. Anyway Lizzie has another home, but the former owner was fair enough about it. He served notice right after the sale on all interested persons in formal phraseology as follows:

To Kip Van Riper, James Hilton, Barney Chambers, Jimmy Ryan, A. J. Lyle, Charles Eberlein, Fred Fleet, et al, and to all others whomsoever who have customarily ridden, jolted or bounced in my famous tin lizzie, commonly called Thedabara, this is to notify you that having sold the aforesaid Lizzie, Henry or Theda or by whatever other appellation called, or designated, I am forced reluctantly to temporarily discontinue the free transportation service I have provided you from time to time during the past several years until such time as Fortune's fickle jade shall provide me with another gas wagon. Of this you will take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

To the peace officers of the city to-wit, Sheriff Humphrey, Fred Morley and Chief Wilson, I wish to thank you for never having arrested me for exceeding the speed limit, nor haled me into justice's halls for open cutout, or lack of dimmer on my lights. This will also serve to inform you that the new owner must not be molested for having in his possession the one-time-kidnapped car. It is his to have and to hold with all the appurtenances thereunto appertaining, hereditaments, tail light, shock absorbers, everything. So help me.—W. A. DELZELL.

BIG CROWD AT
DEDICATION

Nearly 500 persons assembled last night to participate in the dedicatory services of the new Presbyterian church at the corner of Sixth and Pine streets, which has very recently been completed through the strenuous efforts of the enthusiastic members and their friends at a cost slightly under \$25,000.

The various churches of the city were present and the affair was as great a success as the most sanguine could wish. The inspiring chorus music for which the choir had been training for weeks under the able leadership of Charles W. Eberlein was of a character that has seldom if ever been equalled in this city, and its excellence was accentuated by the accompaniment of Mrs. Eberlein.

KLAMATH FALLS
CAN PROFIT BY
PITTSBURG IDEA

PITTSBURG, Apr. 19.—Important industrial corporations in the Pittsburgh district are financing home building operations by their employees to relieve the house shortage in mill and mining communities. For the general public, trust companies have adopted similar plans, and are now accepting what they term "installment mortgages" to encourage house erection.

The most ambitious program of the lot is that of the United States Steel Corporation. Under this plan an employee, who is willing to make an initial investment of ten per cent of the total cost, is permitted to select from a large number of plans the kind of house that will suit his family. He then picks out a lot, usually near his place of employment, and the corporation's architects and builders do the rest. When the house is completed it is turned over to the employee who pledges himself to pay for it in monthly installments covering a period of ten years, the total cost being just what the cost has been to the corporation. Although the plan is scarcely a month old, the bureau in charge of building is already swamped with applications.

The Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company also has a building plan and has just completed and sold to employees 50 houses at cost. They, too, are to be paid for on the installment plan. Another and much larger program is in preparation.

The merit of these plans, builders say, is that materials can be purchased in large quantities and the saving passed on to the workman. The buyer, who gets a much better home for less money than if he bought the material and erected the house as an individual.

Moving Day, which is May Day, is expected to prove a trying time to many persons, according to real estate and renting agents. Rents have advanced steadily the past two years until now they are from 25 to 100 per cent higher than in the early days of the war. A Renters' League has been formed for the purpose of fighting the legal battles of persons who may be evicted because of their inability to pay the increases which become operative May 1. The league has opened an office, retained counsel and already is asking the public to send in its complaints. Leaders in the union labor movement are prominent in the league.

FREIGHT TIED UP; SHIPPERS
USE EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION

Express business was one form of transportation benefitted by the strike of railway employees. A carload shipment of fixtures for the new Square Deal drug store arrived Saturday and was delivered yesterday by the express company. The cost, according to Mr. Curran, manager of the pharmacy, did not exceed the charges which would have been made had the goods come by freight.

The Ewauna Box company received two cars of machinery and equipment by express Saturday, also, it is reported.

One interesting feature of the evening was the reading of a letter from Robert McLean, the first Presbyterian pastor here, who, unable to be present for the occasion himself, wrote of the launching of this church more than 30 years ago, bringing out the fact that it was the first church of any denomination to be started in southern Oregon.

Rev. J. Boudinot Seeley of Portland, the speaker of the evening, gave a most impressive message on the "Church of the New Era." He emphasized the big job ahead of the Christian churches of today which is now the biggest institution of the world having a following of over 200,000,000 and dwell on the factors necessary for it to bring about the results in adjusting world problems which it alone is in a position to do.

Preceding the church service there was a big union meeting of all the Christian Endeavor societies of the city, led by Frank B. Robinson. "Courage" was the subject of the meeting.