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CONCILIATORY MEASURES FOR STRIKE SOUGHT

Department of Labor and State Board Called Upon by Mayor Wiley

Aid of the Oregon state conciliatory board and the director of conciliation of the department of labor in effecting a settlement of differences between lumbermen and employees today was requested by Mayor W. S. Wiley in telegrams to W. F. Woodward, chairman of the state board, and Hugh L. Kerwin of the department of labor. The move was decided upon by the mayor following a meeting late yesterday afternoon with a group of business men and representatives of the lumber workers.

The messages follow:
"W. F. Woodward, Chairman Oregon State Conciliatory Board, care Woodward-Clark Drug Co., Portland, Oregon:
"A strike involving a great many men in the lumbering industry in Klamath county has arisen, principally over increase in hours, and has been effective ten days, with no prospect in view for settlement. In the interest of the public welfare I would respectfully ask that your board lend its conciliatory powers in the adjustment of the matter and that you come to Klamath Falls at your earliest convenience."
W. S. WILEY.

"Hugh L. Kerwin, Director of Conciliation, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.:
"A strike involving a great many men in the lumbering industry affecting several plants here and extending into California, has arisen over increase in hours and reduction of pay. Would respectfully ask that you assign a conciliator to aid in adjusting controversy."
W. S. WILEY.

JUNIOR PLAY PLANNED

High School Students Will Present "Welsh Honeymoon" March 17

The Junior class of the high school will make its bow to the theatre-going public of Klamath Falls on March 17 and 18, when it will present two one-act plays in the high school auditorium.

James Manning, Mildred Lewis, Oran Milam, William Clark and Miriam Wortley, assisted by a quartet from the music department, will present "Welsh Honeymoon", a costume play in which excellent comedy and picturesque settings combine to produce a delightful effect. Special stage settings for this play are being constructed by the Junior members of the manual training department.

The second play, "The Neighbors", is a sketch from the life of a small town, written by Zona Gale, author of the 1921 prize play, "Miss Lulu Bett". The cast includes Ione Solomon, Kathryn Ulrich, Letha Miller, Ruth Utter, Helen Caldwell, Bernice Hector, Herbert Landis and Walter Short.

The plays have been chosen with a view to artistic as well as entertainment value, and every effort is being made to make a real contribution to community dramatics in their production. Committees from the Junior class are co-operating in the preparation of costumes and settings, so that the entertainment will be distinctly a student production. The plays are being coached by Miss Ruth Wilson, of the English department.

In order that there may be no fear of overcrowding the assembly, it has been decided to admit only 250 at each performance—the usual capacity of the assembly. Both plays will be given on the evening of March 17 and again on March 18, with a special matinee on Saturday afternoon for the benefit of grammar school pupils. Prices have been made very low in order that everyone may come at regular "movie" rates. Tickets may be obtained from any high school student or at the Bluebird.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, March 9.—Livestock steady; eggs two cents lower, buying price 17 cents to 20 cents, butter steady. Wheat \$1.30 to \$1.32.

SIX PORTLAND FIRMS SUFFER \$225,000 LOSS THROUGH MORNING BLAZE

PORTLAND, March 9.—Six concerns suffered a loss of nearly \$225,000 in a fire here early today when a building at 112 First street burned. The principal loser was the Coast Leather and Shoe Funding supply company.

DIAMOND LAKE WILL BE IMPROVED WITH ROADS AND TRAILS

Extensive Plans Are Announced by Forest Service to Develop Summer Resort

PORTLAND, March 9.—Extensive plans for the development next summer of the recreational facilities at Diamond lake were announced by the government forest service yesterday and include the building of roads along the east side of the lake, a connecting road between the lake and the Crater lake region, the establishment of small resorts at either end of Diamond lake and the improvement of camping grounds for tourists.

The construction of the roads will begin in the near future. The road to the Crater lake region will reach ten miles south from Diamond lake to join the present unimproved road which leads north from Crater lake. It will continue around the south end of the lake toward the east side, turn north at Short creek and continue along the east side of the lake to Two Bear creek at the northeast end.

Camping Grounds Planned

This road will open up valuable camping grounds along the three-mile stretch on the east side of the lake, and with the completion of the road to Crater lake the area will be easily accessible to Crater lake tourists, and since the completion of the road up Rogue river last summer the area also can be reached by machine from the Rogue river valley.

An attempt will be made to intercept private capital to the amount of \$10,000 or \$15,000 for the first three-year period in the issuance of permits for resorts at Short creek and Two Bear creek, where meals and lodging will be provided for tourists, and in the maintenance of a store to carry campers' supplies and gasoline. It is also expected to have placed on the lake from 10 to 15 boats to be rented to campers and a bathhouse also is contemplated.

Innovations Authorized

These plans have been made possible through a special act of congress to protect private capital by granting leases for recreation conveniences, resorts and hotels in national forests.

The fire patrol service will be continued and probably enlarged around the lake. Grazing of cattle and sheep in the areas used by vacationists and tourists is to be prohibited, and there will be no timber cutting allowed where it will interfere with the recreational and scenic values of the region.

No plans have been made for issuing summer home permits, although it was stated that later some policy of leasing such permits for plots back from the lake shore in the timber on the west side may be effected.

The lake is about eight miles in circumference and all but one mile, which is too steep for recreational development, is accessible to campers.

The Plans for Improvements

also embrace the building of conveniences and facilities for the comfort of campers.

WANT "FARMER" SMITH

Noted Irrigation Advocate May Be Requested to Come Here

Word was received today by the chamber of commerce from "Farmer" Smith, the widely known irrigation advocate and statesman that if he could make arrangements he would come to Klamath county to discuss with residents of Langell Valley the proposed contract for government development of the Langell Valley and Horsefly irrigation districts, which is to be voted upon March 22nd.

A meeting for general discussion of the matter is scheduled to be held at Bonanza March 18, at which the chamber of commerce, the county court and organizations and individuals, besides the residents of the districts, interested in the development of irrigation in Klamath county, will be present.

It is hoped, said T. A. Stevenson, secretary of the chamber of commerce, that Smith can arrange to be here for that meeting.

COUNTY COURT TELLS OPINION OF C. C. BROWER

Approval Given to Olcott's Suggestion that District Attorney Resign

(Special to The Herald)

SALEM, March 9.—Approval of Governor Olcott's suggestion that District Attorney C. C. Brower of Klamath county relinquish the position if he finds himself unable to cope with alleged "deplorable and damnable" conditions there, is contained in a letter from the Klamath county court to the governor, made public today. The letter, signed by Judge R. C. Bunnell and Commissioners Short and Fordyce, denies that the authorities of either city or county are failing to enforce the laws. It says:

"The undersigned desire to compliment you upon the stand you have taken regarding the statements made by the district attorney of Klamath county, relative to the crime situation and his ability to cope with it.

"We desire to add to what you may already know, that the matter of crime in this county is 99 per cent purely petty, and that the officers, both municipal as well as county and state, at all times are doing all in their power to accomplish the arrest and conviction of malefactors with what co-operation they can obtain from the office of the district attorney, which latter, as we are informed and to a small extent of knowledge, is practically nil.

"The fact of the matter is that the district attorney of this county is not only incompetent, as an attorney, but is mentally deficient. We wish further to add that this court, as such, is unable to call upon the office of the district attorney of this county for any assistance in any matters whatsoever and receive the same.

"Any assistance that you may see fit, in your wisdom, to render us in having that office vacated by the present incumbent without obligating the tax payers and voters of Klamath county to resort to the expense of a recall will be greatly appreciated by a large number of voters and tax payers."

EXPLOSION KILLS FARMER

DAYTON, Ore., March 9.—Frank Stephens, a farmer, 65, was killed by an explosion while blasting stumps. He had lived in this region since he was a young man.

REGISTERED MAIL IS STOLEN BY TWO ROBBERS AT WEED

Men Fle Southward in Automobile Which Later Was Found at Dunsmuir

Two robbers broke into the Southern Pacific baggage room at Weed yesterday and stole a mail pouch containing registered mail. It was reported here today. The report was verified by J. J. Miller, local agent for the Southern Pacific, who said complete details were lacking here. The men were said to have fled southward in an automobile which later was found at Dunsmuir.

WILL COMPLETE ROAD

Standard Construction Proposed on McKenzie Pass Route

EUGENE, March 9.—One Oregon highway project which will be carried to completion this year is construction of a standard road across the summit of the Cascade mountains by way of McKenzie pass. Contracts have already been let for the work, and as soon as the snow is sufficiently melted, work will commence.

The contract calls for a road from Belknap, 70 miles east of Eugene, over the crest of the mountains, seventeen miles long. When this work is completed a highway of standard width will extend from Eugene up the McKenzie river, considered one of the most beautiful streams on the Pacific coast, to a point three miles east of the summit. The highway is almost completed from that point to Bend, in central Oregon, where it will connect with The Dalles-California highway, a state project. The state and forest service are co-operating in the construction of McKenzie highway.

Many Pay Bachelor Tax

Would Marry, Ask Return

MISSOULA, Mont., March 9.—Forty seven requests for refund of bachelor taxes, paid before the Montana supreme court had held the collection of the tax unconstitutional, are piled up in a basket in the office of the county commissioners, awaiting action, while the attorney general has ruled the money must be returned to those making claim for it.

One bachelor, in applying for return of his tax money, was said to have been greatly disappointed because it was not given him at once. "I paid the money out for bachelor tax," he explained to the county auditor, "and now I want to get married. I thought if I could get the money back this morning, I'd buy my marriage license while I was in the courthouse."

The county commissioners, now that the ruling of the attorney general has been received, are expected to refund the money.

CONTROLLER IS AGAINST PLANS FOR VET BONUS

Says He Would Advise Banks to Decline Acceptance of Certificates

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Controller of the currency, Crisinger announced today that in event of passage of bonus legislation providing for payment to ex-soldiers by adjusted service certificates, he would advise the National banks to decline to accept the certificates as security for loans.

Crisinger described the proposed plan to ex-soldiers men placing the certificates as collateral for loans to 80 per cent their face value as the "worst kind of frozen credit" and declared that while he could not order the National banks to refuse to accept the certificates as security, he would strongly advise against their acceptance.

NINE ASK APPRAISALS

Local Board for State Commission Will Ascertain Values

Nine requests for appraisal of land under the soldier bonus act have been referred to the local appraisal board by the state commission, to which applications, are originally directed, said M. L. Johnson today.

The land is scattered over the county, said Johnson, from Crescent to Langell valley. Appraisal depends upon the weather, he said, although he indicated individual willingness to start off immediately if the applicants would shovel the snow off the ground so the appraisers could see it.

"PRINCE OF LIARS" IS PRONOUNCED BEST YET

Tonight the "Prince of Liars" will be presented by the University Club at the Star theatre with an all-star local cast, all of whom have previously demonstrated their ability. The play is pronounced one of the best ever to be shown here and it is believed by the management that the S. R. O. sign will be hung out before eight o'clock. A second performance will be given tomorrow night.

PRESIDENT OFF TO FLORIDA

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—President Harding and his party plan to leave tonight for a week's vacation in Florida.

HAD \$1,000 ON HIS HEAD, SAYS LESTER HIXON

Man Arrested for Shooting Hamaker Says Life Had Been Threatened

That a number of Bly residents had threatened to lynch him because of his alleged horse rustling activities, and the same threat had been carried out with Anderson Allen about two weeks ago, was stated today of Lester Hixon, arrested and brought to jail here last night for shooting Arthur Hamaker in his bar.

In his statement Hixon said he had heard the threat of a lynch party of 25 men and that he had \$1000 reward to anyone who would "leave him out of the run." He said he had come to Bly on business, and that upon finding Marvin Cross out he went to the Hamaker place where he found Arthur Hamaker cleaning out his bar. In the conversation that followed, he said he would like to know who these were who had threatened to lynch him. Hamaker, he declared, answered, "I am one of those . . ." and turned upon him with a pitchfork, striking and slightly wounding Hixon in the left wrist. Hixon said he immediately pulled his automatic and shot twice. The first shot, he said, took effect in Hamaker's left side, causing him to whirl about so the second shot missed. He tried to shoot a third time, he said, but the gun jammed.

"I had no intention of shooting Hamaker, merely wanting to talk the matter over with him," was Hixon's statement. "We had never been anything but good friends."

Hixon declared Bly men had instituted their own laws and that he didn't see why it was necessary to call in the sheriff. He said about two weeks ago, in broad daylight, Anderson Allen was strung up to a barn rafter three times, after which he was given \$24 for two horses and started toward Lakeview minus coat or hat with the warning never to return. He named the principals in this affair who, according to his statement included nine prominent Bly stockmen.

Hixon said he had told Bly residents that he was not guilty of rustling, asserting they still held a grudge against him because of his having been freed on a similar charge by a circuit court jury here in January.

Hixon is about 28 and has been working in the Langell valley. His hearing had not been set this afternoon. Hamaker was reported to be resting easier today and it was believed he was out of danger.

OBENCHAIN TRIAL ON

Woman Charged With Murder Is Called to Stand

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Madelaine Conner Obenchain today told her story in her trial for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy. She smiled when sworn in. She was pale and spoke in a low voice; her eyes were on the jury most of the time.

Referring to her diary to refresh her memory, she told of frequently meeting Kennedy and asking that he return her letters, saying she "wanted everything ended." Kennedy wanted to continue their relations, she said, and told her that owing to his mother's illness he could not do that which his heart asked.

She shed tears as she read one of Kennedy's letters.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The barometric pressure has fallen steadily, and quite rapidly since midnight, the Cymo-Stermograph at Underwood's Pharmacy registering 30.10 a fall of 40 points in the last 12 hours. Undoubtedly another disturbance is headed this way and will probably reach us tonight, or tomorrow morning accompanied by rain or snow.

Forecast for next 24 hours:—Cloudy and warmer, followed by unsettled weather.

The Tyson recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows:

High	49
Low	38



PAVING QUESTION UP

Members of City Council and C. of C. Committee Hold Meeting

Whether there will be any further paving until the financial condition of the city has improved, was the subject of a meeting last night of the city council and a chamber of commerce committee composed of J. A. Gordon chairman, H. A. Moe, E. M. Bubb, Ed Martin and A. J. Voye.

While opinion was divided on the question, it was agreed that an amendment is necessary to the city charter at the May primaries by which the city would be permitted to create a revolving fund to bid in property at sales on account of delinquent paving assessment. By the plan proposed the city would be permitted to issue bonds from time to time, as the need arose, thus enabling it to provide funds to buy the property.

A letter stating the financial condition of the city, signed by the mayor and council, will be mailed to residents within a few days.

SMOKE FROM JEFFERSON

MADRAS, Ore., March 9.—A column of black smoke was reported issuing from the west side of Mount Jefferson crater today. It was reported that the heat was melting the snow on that side of the mountain.