

OPERATORS AND MEN WILL MEET IN OWN MILLS

Group Conference Agree- ment Reached at Close of Board Hearing

I believe both operators and workers have seen the light, and that and end to the controversy is near. I hope to hear that the whistles are blowing and all men are working within a few days.—Wm. F. Woodward

OUTSTANDING FACTS

1—Workers will meet the employers in groups at their respective plants to seek an understanding, both sides, with the understanding that the hour question is open to discussion.

2—Conciliation board will base its findings on the facts gleaned at the hearing, together with the statements of earnings to the companies to Chairman Woodward at Portland.

3—A better feeling prevails between workers and employers than has at any time since the strike occurred.

In a dramatic session at the conciliation board hearing last night, in which a deadlock developed which threatened to destroy all the efforts of the board to effect a settlement, the first tangible results of the hearing were obtained when the workers and employers agreed to meet in their respective plants in an effort to reach some understanding to end the strike. The meetings will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

Late yesterday afternoon the workers and operators, acting on the suggestion of the board, met in private session to seek an understanding. The board and onlookers were excluded. Forty operators and 125 strikers were present. This resulted in the above agreement which, previous to the opening of the evening session, was repudiated by two men who said they represented the workers. It had been found, they said, that after the meeting a majority of the workers were not in favor of meeting in the mills but would meet the operators at some public hall. These spokesmen were George Bodenhamer and Chas. Brown.

When the hearing opened, Chairman Woodward stated the results of the afternoon meeting of operators and workers and asked whether there were any dissenting voices. Bodenhamer and Brown then repeated their assertions. A recess was then declared while G. A. Krause, acting as spokesman, retired to obtain the decision of the operators. He returned shortly with the announcement that the operators would meet the men at the mills and at no other place.

At this crucial point, after Chairman Woodward had voiced his regrets that a deadlock should appear in the last hour, W. H. Sibbald, assistant state attorney general, advisor to the board, took the floor and made an eloquent plea for a better spirit of co-operation.

"There is no necessity of a deadlock at this time," Sibbald declared. "I think both sides to this controversy have overlooked the fact that there are others than themselves who

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy registers a higher barometric pressure than at the time of yesterday's report although movements in either direction are not long sustained. After rising last night a slight fall occurred this morning. No promise of settled weather can be made as long as this central ground with indications slightly better for fair weather, than otherwise.

Forecast for next 24 hours:—Unsettled weather with brisk winds.

The Tycoos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows:—
High 44
Low 19

Storm Center



Elmer Dover, assistant secretary of the treasury, is a center of a political storm that may result in the resignation of high government officials. Politicians say President Harding supports him in opposition to Secretary Mellon and Internal Revenue Collector Blair.

APRIL 22 WILL BE OBSERVED IN THIS CITY AS ARBOR DAY

Program Arranged by Committee for Saturday Afternoon at Central School Grounds

Decision to observe Saturday, April 22, designated by President Harding as the golden anniversary of Arbor Day, locally, was reached yesterday afternoon by a committee of the Women's auxiliary of the chamber of commerce, meeting in the chamber of commerce rooms. Besides members of the auxiliary, there were present D. Fred Westerfield, commander of the American Legion; W. O. Smith, city councilman, and Robert Goetz, principal of the high school, all of whom promised assistance.

Aid of all agencies and individuals will be asked for the inauguration of a movement, having as its object the ultimate adornment of the city with trees. It was realized by the committee that the amount of actual planting this year might not be large, but it was felt that observance of Arbor Day with a program would be a good starting point for organized effort, which, it was realized, must be spread over a period of years to get any considerable result.

The program on April 22, will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Central school grounds and will consist of an address, music and planting of vines and perhaps a tree. Investigation of the most suitable species of trees for this climate will be made, and residents will be urged to plant trees to adorn their premises, both this spring and this fall.

The week from April 16 to 22 has been set aside by presidential proclamation as Forest Protection week, and the Klamath and Lake Counties Forest Protective association, state and government forest officials, local lumbermen, and citizens generally will join in its observance.

PREPARE FOR DEBATE

High School Students Practicing for Meet With Grants Pass

In preparation for the coming inter-district debate Friday night with the Grants Pass high school on the question, "Resolved: That a graduated income tax should be made a feature of the state system of taxation in Oregon," James Manning and Albert Moorland, representing the affirmative for the Klamath County high school have been practicing daily before the assembly and now have their material and speeches well in hand for the coming contest.

It was learned at the high school this morning that Grants Pass will be represented by Corlyas Courtney and Lulu Garrett, who will probably arrive in Klamath Falls this evening. Principal Goetz also announced that the judges for the debate will be W. L. Smith, Principal of the Malin Union high school, and Don Newberry and B. F. Lindas, attorneys of Medford.

COURT DENIES WRIT

Application for writ of habeas corpus by Carl Schubert, Sr., recently convicted in the justice court on a charge of having liquor in his possession and fined \$175, was denied today by Circuit Judge C. F. Stone. The application was made on the ground that the complaining witness was not present at the trial, but the court held his presence was not essential, as he was not necessarily the only person injured through the alleged law infraction.

ARBUCKLE HELD INNOCENT; JURY OUT 6 MINUTES

Movie Comedian Declares He Will Take Rest to Get Rid of Fat

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Reverend (Fatty) Arbuckle, movie picture comedian, was acquitted in six minutes at the third trial last evening.

Arbuckle said he would take a good rest and get rid of surplus flesh, acquired during the trials. He plans to return to the pictures if the public wants him.

The remaining manslaughter charges against Arbuckle will be dismissed immediately, Assistant District Attorney Friedman announced.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Later today the district attorney dismissed the remaining Arbuckle manslaughter charge.

AMERICANS KILLED

Starving Russians Murder Drivers of Relief Wagons, Eat Horses

PARIS, April 12.—A number of American drivers of relief wagons in Russia have been killed in the street by the famished populace who seized the horses for food, according to reports to the American relief organizations in Paris from the Ufa, Bashke and Tolyllabui famine districts.

TOKIO, April 12.—Japanese troops have driven the Chita government forces from the neutral zone between them and the Vladivostok government troops, says a Vladivostok dispatch. The Japanese forced the Chita troops as far north as Shimakovka, about 100 miles from Vladivostok and are approaching the Usuri station a few miles farther north. The Vladivostok government troops have occupied the town of Olga.

FIRE CHIEF ACCUSED

PORTLAND, April 12.—Charges of inefficiency, misconduct and drunkenness were filed against Fire Chief John Young today by C. C. Brown, a Portland resident, through his attorney.

Chief Young denied the charges, declaring they resulted from a conspiracy by his foes, who hid "behind an outsider not amenable to discipline."

RATE HEARING IS UNDER WAY; HOPE TO PREVENT RAISE

Meeting Convened at 2 o'Clock Af- ter Early Adjournment; Fred Williams Presides

The hearing before the public service commission in the matter of local fire insurance and water charges this morning, adjourned shortly after it was convened, in order that representatives of the city, chamber of commerce, state insurance rating bureau and state fire marshals' office and California-Oregon power company could talk over details of the plan for increasing the local water system, and submit it as satisfying all parties when the commission reconvened this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The situation was outlined by J. A. Gordon, president of the chamber of commerce. He said that the city was threatened with an approximate increase of insurance rates, aggregating \$60,000 annually unless better fire protection was provided and that the power company had promised to enlarge its system to meet requirements of the present insurance rate. If an annual increase in revenue of approximately \$20,000 was assured.

J. N. McCune, manager of the rating bureau, confirmed the statement regarding insurance rates, and said the increase would have been made before this time, had not the chamber of commerce asked delay until the plan for increasing the water system had been submitted.

Among details to be settled are whether the new main line should come along the hill above the business district, or up Klamath avenue; whether the city should own hydrants or pay rental to the power company, and other matters subsidiary to the general plan.

Chairman Fred Williams, of the public service commission is presiding at the hearing. The fire marshal is represented by Horace Sykes, assistant; the power company by Paul B. McKee, general manager; the city by Mayor Wiley and Councilman West; the insurance rating bureau by J. N. McCune, and the chamber of commerce by J. A. Gordon, president.

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BLUC TELLS OBJECTS

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Legislation providing long term credits for farmers, reduction of railroad rates, adequate tariff protection on agricultural products and development of the Muscle Shoals projects as a fertilizer producer was announced to the senate today by Senator Capper, Kansas, as among the objectives of the agricultural bloc.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, April 12.—Cattle steady. Hogs steady; prime light \$11 to \$11.50. Sheep steady; best spring lambs, \$10 to \$13. Eggs 1c higher; buying price 29c to 25c. Butter firm.

Wheat \$1.22 to \$1.26.

AIRMEN KILLED BEFORE START OF WORLD TRIP

Australian Aviator Crashes in Practice Flight; Engineer Dies

LONDON, April 12.—Sir Ross Smith, Australian aviator, who with his brother, Sir Keith, had planned to start from Croydon, April 25, on a flight around the world, was killed when his plane crashed in a practice flight at Brooklands today.

Lieutenant Bennett, engineer, who had planned to accompany the Smith brothers on the world flight, was also killed.

The machine which crashed was the one that the Smiths intended to use in the flight.

NICHOLSON WINS SUIT

Gets Judgment of \$1,653 in Litigation Over Excavation

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CLUB WORK PROGRESSING

Fifty two boys and girls are enrolled in the county club work this year, including a sewing club of 37 members, a pig club of 10 and a dairy herd club of five members. All of the clubs are doing good work, according to Frank Sexton, county club agent, who returned from a visit to Malin and Merrill yesterday.

EXPLOSION KILLS THREE

CHARLESTON, April 12.—Eight hundred kegs of powder, stored in a building a quarter of a mile southwest of the Charleston general ordinance depot, ten miles from Charleston, exploded today. The shock was felt for miles. Three workmen were killed and several injured.

Arrested



General Gregorie Semenov, Russian Cossack leader, has been arrested in New York on a charge of pillaging American merchandise in Eastern Siberia and of being responsible for the death of two American soldiers.

MALIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ANALYZE COUNTY UNIT PLAN

Report of Findings Is Made by Civics Class Through Principal Smith

As a result of class study in the Malin high school on the county unit plan of school administration, Principal John W. L. Smith today issued the following report by the students of the civics class, which included Hazel Hunt, Ruth Purdy, Blossom Turned, Zena Warlow and Annie Spolek:

1. The office of county superintendent would be abolished.
2. All districts having less than 500 children of school age will be consolidated into one district under the control of a school board of five members whose main duties are:
 - (a) To employ a superintendent of the district and fix his or her salary.
 - (b) To employ all teachers in the sub-districts subject to the approval of the local school committee.
 - (c) To employ school janitors.
 - (d) To provide sufficient school buildings and equipment.
 - (e) To prepare a budget and levy school taxes.
 - (f) To consolidate sub-districts when necessary, or transport pupils.
 - (g) To take over all school property of the present school districts and assume all their debt in the name of the county unit.
3. All districts united will become sub-districts with a local school committee elected by its legal voters. This committee will have charge of the local school property and may reject teachers for cause.
4. The county unit plan will produce the following results:
 - (a) It will make all school tax uniform over the county.
 - (b) It will give each child equal school advantages.
 - (c) It will enable the county to retain its best teachers and dispose of the undesirable ones.
 - (d) It will enable the county to secure and retain the best superintendents.
 - (e) It will enable the board to buy school supplies at wholesale and at a great saving to the taxpayers.
 - (f) It will tend toward the unification of school equipment.
5. Some disadvantages might be found:
 - (a) The county may be too large a unit.
 - (b) Centralization of power might become too great.
 - (c) Some schools could be favored more than others.
 - (d) Political influence might enter.
 - (e) If the people were not careful, incompetent board members might be elected.

RUMORS FLYING THICKLY, GENOA ECONOMIC MEET

Most Are Promptly Dis- avowed; Disarmament and Reparations Stand Out

GENOA, April 12.—While rumors of a sensational nature are flying thickly about conference circles today, most of them being promptly disavowed, one fact that appeared to stand out was that neither disarmament nor reparations questions would be brought up for specific action against the opposition of France.

LONDON, April 12.—Lloyd George, Foreign Minister Schanser and Louis Barthou, heads of the British, Italian and French delegations to the Genoa conference, are holding an important meeting today, says an exchange telegraph dispatch from Genoa. It quotes Barthou as saying that the real work of the conference begins tomorrow.

GENOA, April 12.—Nikolas Lenine, soviet premier, will come to Genoa to replace Chitcherin as head of the Russian delegation when negotiations at the economic conference reach a proper stage, says the newspaper, Secols.

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Shortridge will confer with war department officials and if given encouragement will present an amendment.

"K" MEN HOLD MEET

Official Name Is Adopted by High School Students

A meeting of the "K" men of the high school was called last evening by President Pat Montgomery, and various matters of business were discussed.

Among other things the official name for the organization was adopted, which will be "The Order of the 'K'". The president then appointed a constitutional committee which is to report at the next meeting.

Club activities were discussed and it was decided to put on an entertainment and basket social Friday evening, April 21, for the purpose of raising money for student athletic activities. An entertainment committee consisting of Robert Goetz, Dellos Mills, Chester Shriver and Clifford Hogue was appointed.

K. P. WOMEN TO MEET

Organization to Come Before Lodge at Special Session

Reports of general interest in the organization of a lodge of Pythian Sisters here were made last night by Knights of Pythias, and it was decided to ask all eligible women to meet next Wednesday night at the Pythian castle to discuss organization and, if it appears desirable, to organize. There was formerly a lodge here and a number of former members will be present.

Knights of Pythias will hold no session Wednesday night but will hold a special meeting next Monday night to welcome Grand Chancellor Pinneath of The Dalles, who will pay the lodge an official visit.

ANOTHER GOOD THING GONE WRONG

