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HILL MEN GET RAISE IN WAGES

Increase to Equal Standard on Steam Lines for Oregon Electric Line.

SCALE IS NOW MOST SATISFACTORY ONE

Conductors and Brakemen Have Contracts Signed After Month of Parleying.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Portland, Or., Feb. 27.—Conductors and brakemen of the Oregon Electric and United Railways, the electrified lines in Oregon of the Hill system, will have a raise in pay equal to the standard wages paid on steam lines, it was announced today. Contracts were signed last night with General Manager W. D. Scott whereby the employes receive practically every concession demanded.

Representatives of the Order of Railway Conductors and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen have been working over the schedule for nearly a month. Passenger conductors who have been receiving from \$105 to \$151 per month are to receive not less than \$165 and as much as \$205.50. Brakemen who have been getting \$75 to \$110 will receive \$92.50 to \$106. The maximum is lower than the old maximum, but affects practically none of the brakemen now in service.

Work train conductors will be paid on an advanced scale, based on an hourly computation. Freight and yard service will be on the 100-mile time, computed continuous from time of duty until finally released at the end of the day.

The increase is said to be one of the most satisfactory ever allowed electric trainmen on the Pacific Coast. The increase will affect 150 employes.

PEPPER'S CONDITION SERIOUS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Abraham Pepper, slayer of Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, his former fiancée and a bride of but a week, who attempted suicide after committing the murder, took a turn for the worse today, and his condition was reported serious. Pepper was removed to the county hospital, where an operation will be performed on his fractured skull, the result of the bullet wound inflicted on himself.

COVE TO BE CLOSED TIGHT

There will be no war at Cove, and no calling out of the troops or state officials. Huerta, Villa, Carranza and all the balance of the hordes of lawless, whoever they may be, have quit, laid down their arms or glasses, or whatever it was they were armed with, and will eat hay out of the public manger just as it is furnished them. Following close on the heels of Miss Hobbs' visit and a letter written by the governor on her return, the judge of Union county this morning sent the following dispatch to the governor:

"La Grande, Or., Feb. 27, 1914.
"Hon. Governor West, Salem, Or.:
"Your letter at hand and would say that the county court will convene Wednesday, March 4th, and at that time will declare the town of Cove dry.
"Yours,
"J. C. HENRY,
"Judge of Union County."

TAFT URGES COURT REFORM.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Washington, Feb. 27.—Ex-President Taft was expected to appear before the house judiciary committee to advocate a bill to effect reform in federal court procedure. The measure, introduced by Representative Clayton, is to empower the supreme court to regulate the pleading procedure and practice on the common law side of the federal courts.

Late News Bulletins

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Washington, Feb. 27.—Passage of his bill calling an international conference to plan the abolition of gambling in food stuffs was urged in the house today by Congressman Harrison of Miss. The high cost of living problem is not American, he argued, but world wide. He maintained that speculation in food was responsible for it, and that only its effective prohibition will end the evil.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Former President Taft was a guest at the White House for luncheon today, the first time since the late President Harrison was in office that a chief executive and his predecessor had dined together at the White House. Taft is here at the invitation of the house judiciary committee to diagnose judiciary procedure and to discuss the causes for the present congestion in the courts.

Portland, Or., Feb. 27.—By a vote of three to two today the Portland city commission voted to install water meters as a substitute for the flat rate and unlimited use which was the system heretofore.

Tien Tsin, China, Feb. 27.—General Chao Ping-Crun, governor of Chi Li province, died here today. It is believed he was poisoned.

NEVADA TO SPEND \$200,000.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Reno, Nev., Feb. 27.—Nevada's Panama-Pacific exposition commissioners voted yesterday to spend \$200,000 on the Nevada building. A general meeting is to be called here soon to discuss the best means of gathering exhibits.

WOULD LIMIT PARCELS BY MAIL TO 50 POUNDS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Washington, Feb. 27.—By a vote of 33 to 24 the senate this afternoon decided that the amendment taking from the postmaster general the power to change rates, weights and zones of the parcel post system was not in order and could not be considered in connection with the postoffice appropriation bill.

An amendment forbidding the postmaster general increasing the weight limit above 50 pounds was then introduced by Senator Bankhead of Alabama.

NEWSPAPER MEN FINED FOR NOT DISCLOSING SOURCE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
New York, Feb. 27.—Newspaper men who get grand jury room news before it comes to the surface in open court must tell the source of their information when called on to do so or pay heavy fines, United States Judge Hand ruled here today.

The case was that of Ex-City Editor George Burdick of the Tribune and William Curtin, a reporter, who knew what the federal grand jury was going to do in the recent Lillauer and Heitner-Alexander smuggling prosecutions before the court did.

WOMAN FINALLY FREED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Reading, Pa., Feb. 27.—After living in the shadow of the gallows for 13 years, Mrs. Kate Edwards, convicted of the murder of her husband in 1901, was given her freedom here today. She was sentenced to hang, but three governors of the state refused to set a date for the execution. Her release was ordered by the state pardon board.

OBJECT TO PROGRAM ADS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Paris, Feb. 27.—A boycott against using programs in the theaters has been proposed here on account of the steadily increasing price of the booklets, which sell anywhere from eight to forty cents, motion picture theaters selling them for six. It is contended that the programs are so bulky from paid advertisements that the spectator, after paying twenty cents for the information is put to great pains to find out what he seeks.

NEW SUPREME COURT BUILDING DEDICATED IN APPROPRIATE WAY

Governor West Makes Interesting Address and Justice McBride Responds.

HISTORY OF COURT TOLD

Something About Splendid New Structure Which Was Built at Total Cost to State of \$320,000.

The supreme court and library building was dedicated this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with brief but appropriate ceremonies. Governor West made an interesting address, and was followed by Chief Justice McBride, who gave a very interesting history of the Oregon supreme court from its first meeting in Oregon City to the present time. While his address covered a long portion of time, it was too brief, for it was decidedly interesting from start to finish, as is everything else the learned chief justice describes.

The dedication was made in the supreme court room of the new building, which was comfortably filled for the occasion there being a notable attendance of the members of the bar of the city and quite a number from other points.

Fine New Building.

The supreme court and library building, quartering the law library, supreme court and its judges, and the state printing plant, covers an area 96 feet by 136 feet, and was built at a cost, including the purchase of grounds and central heating plant, of \$320,000.

Throughout the building is of absolute fireproof construction, with an exterior finish of ivory terra cotta. Vermont and Alaskan marble form the decorative factor of the main corridors and stairways. In the supreme court and judges' rooms, and in less proportion throughout the building, an admirable note is the rich mahogany woodwork.

Law Library on Second Floor.

The entire second floor is given over to the state law library. Space is economized in the stack section by the use of a balcony, thereby accommodating 36,000 books.

The supreme court room, with those of the judges, stenographers and the filing rooms surrounding it, occupies the third floor. This central room is lighted by means of a skylight with the seal of the state of Oregon as its decorative motif.

The state printing plant is located on the ground floor. It is splendidly designed and lighted, a model of its kind. The plans for this building were prepared by Architect W. C. Knighton.

APATHY IN STOCK MARKET.

New York, Feb. 27.—Apathy was general at the stock market's opening today. While the undertone was good business was very light.

'BRIDGIE' WEBBER GONE ON EVE OF SECOND BECKER TRIAL

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
New York, Feb. 27.—"Bridgie" Webber, one of the principal witnesses against the four gunmen convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, a gambler, has been missing. It developed today, since former Police Lieutenant Becker was granted a new trial a few days ago by the court of appeals. Becker was convicted of having instigated the murder. Webber had been working in a box factory at Passaic, N. J.

The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon, rain tonight. Warmest east, cooler west portion. Saturday rain west, fair east portions, southerly winds.



VARMINTS KILLING OFF SHEEP AND STATE IS SAVING THEIR SCALPS

Silverton Farmer Says Coyotes, Wild Cats and Cougars Are Fierce.

HIDE ON FOREST RESERVE

Settlers Not Allowed to Follow Them and Result Is They Are Killing Off Stock.

"There are 8000 acres of state forest reserve in the near vicinity of Silverton on which there are hundreds of sheep-killing coyotes and other animals and the state will not allow us to kill them."

This was the statement made to Deputy County Clerk Boyer this morning by M. W. Barkhurst, a Silverton farmer, who brought in a coyote pelt for bounty. According to Mr. Barkhurst, the coyotes and wild cats are thriving in the sheep raising district near Silverton and the cougars are becoming more numerous than ever before in the history of the district. Varmints of every kind are flocking to the preserve made by the state, declares Mr. Barkhurst, and the sheep and cattle raisers are compelled to stand by and watch the animals kill their young stock which roam the mountain range.

Becoming Serious.

Unless there is something done within a very short time the coyotes and wild cats will take possession of the stock ranges near Silverton, declared Mr. Barkhurst today. The beasts cannot be killed unless hunters are allowed to use their hounds to run them down and, under the late act passed by the legislature, hunting of any character is not allowed to be carried on in any territory which the game commission proclaims as "preserve."

According to the Silverton stockmen and several stock raisers in the vicinity of Gates and Mill City, the coyotes are living fat and happy off their sheep and other young stock. The beasts seem to realize that they are being protected and in the event the preserve is within any reasonable distance of a stock farm, the coyotes can easily grab a lamb or a young pig and soon run beyond harm on lands selected by the deputy game warden.

Defeats Own Purpose.

Under the conditions mentioned by Mr. Barkhurst, the preserve provisions in the new act defeat the identical purpose for which it is intended. Members of the game commission explain that the law was created to protect birds more than any other class of game. While the birds are being protected from the hunter, the varmints are thriving upon them unharmed say those who are interested in the gun and rod sports in Marion county.

Also, under the present law in regard to game, a man will be subject to arrest if found on a game preserve with a gun in his possession while there is another law (older and much wiser, according to the sportsmen) which authorizes the counties in the state to pay bounties for coyotes, wolf and cougar pelts.

It is an unquestioned fact that a coyote is the worst enemy of sheep. A cougar is also a deadly brute when in the midst of a band of sheep or cattle. The question is now with the stockmen whose ranges are in the game "preserves," what can be done if these animals are permitted to live and wax fat on the sheep and cattle by a law which virtually compels a farmer to subject himself to be taken into the game preserves.

The stockmen in the east portion of the county are working hard to kill off the varmints which destroy their herds but say that it is a most difficult matter when the beasts are safely located on a preserve which is situated half a mile away from their farm.

FLOOD PREVENTION URGED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Washington, Feb. 27.—President Wilson was urged today to appoint a committee of business men from the country at large to provide means for flood prevention. Members of the national drainage congress impressed upon him the shortage of funds for this work. The congress' educational work has been halted through scarcity of money, and it is likewise short of funds with which to carry out actual prevention measures.

Hospital Trains in Mexico Not Fit for Injured Dogs



How Mexican Wounded Were Removed and Taken Care of After Battle.

Presidio, Texas, Feb. 27.—Many federal and rebel soldiers were killed or injured during the early fighting at Ojinaga, in Mexico, near the United States border recently. Before the government soldiers fled from the city across the Rio Grande to Presidio, Tex., the fighting was vicious, and many fell. The picture shows how the rebel wounded were removed from the field and taken back to Chihuahua, where Villa made his headquarters. Flat freight cars were turned into hospital trains. After the rebels had crossed the border they were disarmed by the United States troops and taken to El Paso.

SHERIFF DIDN'T WANT CHURCH MEMBERS AS DEPUTIES

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Trinidad, Colo., Feb. 27.—"We admit the sheriff didn't want church members for deputies; he was looking for dead shots," conceded Judge Northcutt counsel for Colorado's coal mine owners, at today's hearing before the congressional investigating committee of the mine strike in the southern part of the state.

His comment followed an admission by Under Sheriff Zeke Martin, who had charge of the deputies in the strike zone before the militia arrived, that he killed a man in Trinidad in 1912. He added, however, that a coroner's jury exonerated him.

His statement was made in response to questions asked on cross examination by Attorney Costigan, representing the miners, designed to bring out how many of the deputies had previous records as gunmen.

On direct examination Martin said he led the deputies in several battles with strikers and strike sympathizers and had charge of the force and the machine gun which, as he expressed it, "shot up" the Forbes tent colony October 17. He testified that Sheriff Graham repeatedly asked the governor for troops before he got them.

COMMITTEE VISITS MINES.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Calumet, Mich., Feb. 27.—The congressional committee which has been investigating at Hanceck the Michigan copper mine strike, came here today and descended 900 feet into the Calumet and Hecla mine. General Superintendent Knox and Captain Richards acted as guides for the party. The congressmen questioned the miners and trammers, and in some places handled the machinos themselves for a few minutes.

WHERE BANKS WILL BE.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
New Orleans, La., Feb. 27.—An official of the American Bankers' association declared here today that he had seen the first draft of the plan for the reserve banks under the new currency law, and that there would be 12 banks, distributed as follows: Portland, Or.; San Francisco, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Atlanta, Denver and New Orleans.

BENTON'S BODY WILL BE VIEWED

General Villa and Washington Government Come to Terms Regarding It.

EXAMINATION BUT NO AUTOPSY PLAN

Representatives of British and American Governments Will Be Present.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Washington, Feb. 27.—The administration and General Villa came to terms today concerning the Benton case. The statement was made on Secretary Bryan's own authority.

The secretary seemed more hopeful than hitherto when he attended today's cabinet meeting, that international complications would be avoided. In addition to having reached an understanding with Villa, it was believed that he had received a reply from General Carranza, though this was a matter he would not discuss. From Mexican constitutionalist sources here it was intimated that Carranza had promised to prevent a recurrence of "Villaism" in Northern Mexico.

Draws Line at Autopsy.

Villa, it was learned, agreed to permit Mrs. William H. Benton to see her husband's corpse in company with two American and two British government representatives. He had no objection to letting an American army surgeon examine, but drew the line at an autopsy. General Scott, commanding the American troops at El Paso, it was expected, would designate a surgeon to go with the party, and it was taken for granted that British Consul Perival, of Galveston, would be one of the British representatives.

Villa's Offer Seems Frank.

"Villa's offer," said Bryan, "made through United States Consul Letcher, at Chihuahua City, seems perfectly frank. He says positively that Benton's body is buried in the national cemetery at Chihuahua City. He offered to furnish a special train to take Mrs. Benton, with two representatives of this and two of the British government, all of whom may be surgeons, if deemed desirable, to the spot."

"The party will be taken directly to the cemetery, where the body will be disinterred, and every opportunity furnished to examine and identify it."

Getting Ready for Trip.

"I directed Letcher to notify Villa that we accept. I have also notified the British ambassador here of what we have done and are doing. The details of the prospective visit are being worked out."

Before the house foreign affairs committee Congressman Ainey of Pennsylvania made a strong plea for a favorable report on his resolution calling on the president for details of the Mexican situation and an account of all outrages committed on foreigners in Mexico.

Bauch Believed Dead.

United States Consul Edwards at Juarez notified the secretary of state that Gustav Bauch, the missing German American, positively is not there. The consul he had incontrovertible proof that Bauch had not been in Juarez since February 15, when a court martial was convened to try him on the charge that he was a federal spy.

State department officials did not try to conceal their belief that the missing man was taken to Chihuahua City and executed.

It was stated that the only foreigners in jail at Juarez at present are accused of nothing worse than such minor offenses as drunkenness and brawling, and are in no danger.

Bryan Watches Governor.

Bryan was keeping a close watch on the doings of Governor Colquitt of Texas, whom he warned against sending Texas troops across the border, which he has been quoted as threatening, an invasion of a foreign country being a sufficient army.

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