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FIGHT ON EIGHT-HOUR LAW NOW ON

Affects 4,550 Burlington Men—Company Claims Measure Void, No Method of Enforcement

Suits to enforce the operation of the Adamson eight-hour law, passed by congress to prevent a nation-wide strike of members of the four big railway brotherhoods either have been filed or are to be filed in every state in the Union.

The Burlington in its petition to the federal court in this state has named the following as defendants: United States Attorney Thomas S. Allen and eleven Burlington employees, which include representatives of the brotherhoods affected by the new law, namely: Joseph D. Andrews, Leslie McCoy, George H. Moore, Fred E. Allen, James C. Baker, Hugh Kelley, William E. Zollinger, Lewis H. Asdell and Eugene Martin.

The following, in addition to United States Attorney Tedrow, are defendants in the Burlington suit in Colorado: F. B. Searle, Denver chairman of the engineers' brotherhood, and Frank Hawkaworth, an engineer on the same road; H. A. Husted, Denver chairman of the firemen and engine-men's brotherhood, and Geo. Mickelson, a fireman; E. E. Stafford, Denver chairman of the trainmen's order, and T. C. Hughes, a conductor, but a member of the trainmen; R. R. Lawler, Denver chairman of the conductors, and L. A. Garver, a conductor; W. E. Secord, Denver chairman of the switchmen's union, and P. Moscow, a switchman.

The Allegations It is asserted that it is unconstitutional and void; that it will hamper the formation of contracts with its men in the future; that it is not a regulation of commerce, but an experiment instead of a legislative judgment; forces the railroads to pay increased wages, depriving them of their liberty and property without process of law.

The law is declared to be unworkable because it cannot be applied to the subject matter with which it deals, imposes enormous penalties and supplies no rules or standards by which the roads can know how to comply with it. Because of its unworkability, it is declared not to be a proper exercise of power possessed by congress. It is declared that the classification of the employees is unjust because it increases the wages of the highest paid class of employees and discriminates against the others.

Claim It is Arbitrary Increase

The complaints charge that the Adamson law is a mere arbitrary increase in wages. It is set out that the work of the men involved is measured by mileage and not by hours; that many contracts now made with employees provide for a fixed monthly wage with overtime provisions and that the schedules consist of many supplementary measures or standards of reckoning compensation. In asking for an injunction to prevent the enforcement of the law, the roads assert that they are willing to take steps to prevent loss to the employees if they are enjoined and asks the court to indicate what steps shall be taken by them to keep special accounts to protect employees and roads alike until there is a final adjudication of the constitutionality of the law.

It is asserted that if the United States district attorney enforces the law it will cause heavy loss to the railroads and a large number of suits and prosecutions. If the enforcement of the law is now enjoined it is stated that there will be no way to collect the extra pay given the men after January 1, 1917, should the act be held void by the supreme court of the United States. It is believed that in some instances, Colorado at least, that an injunction will not be granted but that an understanding will be reached to leave the situation as it is until the supreme court has passed upon the law.

The fact that the various railroads separately and individually have brought suits in each state in which they do business is in itself evidence that the railroads do not intend to let the matter be settled by one test case.

Department of Justice to Defend

The trainmen are looking to the federal authorities to defend this law and will not be disappointed, for it is stated that the Department of Justice will take direct charge of the defense of all suits attacking the Adamson law. Attorney General Gregory plans to defend each and every suit as it comes up for hearing. Assistant Attorney General Underwood will be in direct charge of the government's defense and expects to appear personally in every case possible, but it is likely that their number will make it necessary to employ additional counsel. Frank Hager-

SHERIDAN COUNTY

Official Canvass of Sheridan County Votes Shows the Following Interesting Figures

The official count of the Sheridan county vote, cast at the general election, November 7, is given as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Issue/Candidate and Votes. Includes Prohibitory Amendment, Pure Food Amendment, For President, For U. S. Senator, For Secretary of State, For Auditor of Public Accounts, For State Treasurer, For State Superintendent, For Attorney General, For Comm. Public Lands & Bldg., For Railway Commissioner, For Board of Regents, For Representative, 73d District, For County Clerk, For County Treasurer, For County Attorney, For County Superintendent, For County Surveyor, For County Assessor, For County Sheriff, For Associate Justices, For Judge District Court, For Judge County Court, Sale of Sheriff's Old Residence.

Engineer and Draftsman

On December 13 and 14 the Alliance civil service board will hold examinations to qualify as structural engineer and draftsman, for men only, to fill vacancies in the office of the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. The salary is \$1,600 to \$1,800 per year.

NEW POST OFFICE FOR O'NEILL

O'Neill—Word has been received here that Congressman Kinkaid succeeded in getting a new federal building, in which to house the post office of this town. An appropriation has been made to buy the site. It has gone through the house and awaits action of the senate.

man of Kansas City, Mo., has been retained by the Department of Justice to assist in the preparation and trial of these cases.

For Speedy Trial

Under accepted practice in any of the courts where the cases are brought the judge may call in one or two district or circuit judges to sit with him at the hearing. It is said that after a decision by such a court, as the constitutionality of an act of congress is under question, that an appeal can then be made direct to the supreme court. No matter what the outcome is in the lower courts the cases will be appealed to the supreme court, the trial to the lower courts being the means to that end. It is believed that when the matter is taken to the supreme court of the United States that the case will be advanced for an early hearing and discussion despite the congestion of important cases already on the docket.

THE MERCHANT

When all your cash has faded, quite, And your friends are scarce, and your larder's light, Who gives you grub 'till tomorrow night? The Merchant.

Or if you ever farm at all, And you haven't a bit of grain to haul, Who carries you till the following fall? The Merchant.

And then if the crops are a little slack, You skip out some night; never come back, Who is the man who holds the sack? The Merchant.

When debts pile up that you cannot pay, And you go through the bankruptcy court some day, Who loses—but smiles in the same old way? The Merchant.

When the church's funds are running low, 'Cause the members' gifts are rather slow, Where do the Deacons get the dough? The Merchant.

Balls and picnics, lodges galore, All take their toll from the general store; But he'll get his reward on that beautiful shore— The Merchant.

—Rocky Mountain Rube.

FARMERS TO GRAPPLE WITH CAR SHORTAGE PROBLEM

The Nebraska Farmers' Co-operative Grain & Live Stock state association, the Farmers' Dealers association of Nebraska, will hold its fourteenth annual convention at the Hotel Rome, in Omaha, November 21, 22 and 23. Delegates are expected to be present from every farmers' elevator company in the state, of which there are 325 at present. This convention will grapple with the car shortage problem and endeavor to do something to prevent a recurrence of it in the future, and especially to such an alarming degree. The car shortage matter is of concern at present to every citizen of Nebraska and the desire for action is expected to bring a very large delegation to the convention.

ABSCISS ON BRAIN IS CAUSE OF BOY'S DEATH

Duane Pratt, aged 16 years, son of V. Pratt of Mullen, died at the hospital here Friday morning following four weeks of suffering from an abscess on the brain caused from an infection of the ear. He was brought to Alliance from Mullen Thursday and although it was believed there was but a small chance for his recovery it was desired to give him that chance. The father accompanied him here and returned to Mullen with the remains. Burial was made at Mullen.

Office supplies at The Herald office. Phone 340.

DEATH OF MRS. DON WAGNER

Mrs. Don Wagner of Kewanna, Ind., well known to many Alliance people, a sister of Mrs. Guy V. Allen, formerly of this city, died at her home near Kewanna, Sunday, October 22. The following obituary is taken from the Kewanna Herald of October 27: The community was shocked Sunday forenoon when it was announced that Mrs. Don Wagner had died at her home southwest of Kewanna. Last week's Herald carried a brief announcement of her illness but the real seriousness of her condition was not realized by her many friends and vast army of acquaintances. Her death was due to a complication of diseases, the primary cause being of the nature of pneumonia. Mr. Wagner has for some weeks been building a fine new house and was just preparing to remove his wife into the new home Sunday, when her death occurred shortly after 11 o'clock. Elsie Olive Ayers, daughter of William S. and Maria Belle Ayers, was born in Ottawa county, Kansas, January 29, 1887, and departed this life October 22, 1916, aged 29 years, 8 months and 24 days. She was united in marriage to Don B. Wagner on September 7, 1908. To this union was born two children—Donna Belle and Frank L. She united with the United Brethren church in early life, and so lived that she was honored, admired and respected by everyone who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She leaves a husband, son, daughter, mother, two sisters—Mrs. G. V. Allen of Bridgeport, Nebr., Mrs. W. N. Willoughby of Kewanna—with many other relatives and a large circle of friends to mourn the untimely death of a good woman. The funeral services were held Wednesday forenoon from the M. E. church, Rev. G. S. Reedy officiating, and burial was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

BEGIN WORK ON LIBRARY

Blair—Ground has been broken for the new \$10,000 Carnegie library building at the corner of Fifth and Lincoln streets. The structure will be of buff colored brick and is expected to be completed and turned over to the library board by May 1. Preparations are being made for elaborate ceremonies at the laying of the cornerstone, which will take place within two weeks. Work will be rushed on the structure and advantage taken of the fine weather.

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HAD ONE HUSBAND—TOOK ON SECOND—ARRESTED

One husband is the limit as far as the law is concerned and when Mrs. Clara Overly Vonback, wife of Gustav Vonback, now living at Sidney, and formerly a resident of Alliance was united in what was supposed to be the holy bonds of matrimony at Denver she took a bigger order than she could fill. The bridegroom, if such he can be called, is Edward J. Trowbridge.

Mrs. Trowbridge or Vonback was arrested in her room in Denver on the charge of bigamy. Mr. Trowbridge, the bridegroom, had left for Ohio, and was not aware of the fact that his new bride, according to law belonged not to him but to Mr. Vonback. The couple were married in Denver by Justice Rice, going to Denver from Gering. Husband No. 1 learned of the whereabouts of his wife and her bridegroom and informed the police at Denver.

MONEY TO IMPROVE CHURCH

Beatrice.—At a duck dinner to the men of the First Presbyterian church the sum of \$11,000 was subscribed to be used in enlarging the church building. The plans will require about \$15,000.

REMAINING 1916 ISSUES FREE

New subscribers for The Youth's Companion for 1917 who send \$2.00 now will receive free every remaining weekly issue of 1916. The Companion improves every year—new features, captivating stories, side-splitting sketches of down-east life. If you have a growing family whose pure ideals you wish to see reflected in their reading you cannot choose a more satisfying publication for every one in it than The Youth's Companion.

Let us send you free the Forecast for 1917, which describes in detail the good things promised to Companion readers during the 52 weeks of the coming year.

New subscribers for 1917 will receive free The Companion Home Calendar for 1917.

The publishers of The Companion have arranged with the publishers of McCall's Magazine—the famous fashion magazine—to offer you both publications for 1917 for \$2.10.

This two-at-one-price offer includes: 1. The Youth's Companion—52 issues in 1917. 2. All remaining November and December issues of The Companion free. 3. The Companion Home Calendar for 1917. 4. McCall's Magazine—12 fashion numbers in 1917. 5. One 15-cent McCall Dress Pattern—your choice from your first copy of McCall's—if you send a 2-cent stamp with your selection.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, St. Paul St., Boston, Mass.

BETTING POPULAR THESE DAYS

Alliance is a distinguished town in more ways than one. Of course there was much betting just before election and also just afterwards—until the Republicans finally gave up the ghost and the "betting ghost" walked. But it remained for one of our well-known citizens to pull off a new one Saturday evening. There was much local interest on the football game between the Nebraska and Kansas university teams. One of the local sports, who often bets and prefers to do so when he has something substantial to work on, got wind of the result of the game ahead of the other sports. He gamshed up town and by giving favorable odds was able to get up \$100, more or less, to suit himself. He then quietly waited until the storm broke. The result is that the stakeholder still has the money, the "winning bettor" cannot get his hands on it, and more betting is now going on as to whom the coin will eventually go. Can you beat it?

TWELVE MORE JOBS IN FEDERAL SERVICE

Examinations to Be Held in Alliance and Other Points This Month and Next to Fill Vacancies

F. W. Hicks, secretary of the local United States Civil Service Board, has been a busy man the past week. Your Uncle Samuel needs men to fill responsible positions. He needs a number of good men to fill man-sized jobs for which he is willing to pay man-sized wages.

The last issue of the Herald told of twenty-eight jobs waiting to be filled in the federal service. Now comes Secretary Hicks announcing twelve more openings or a total of forty positions waiting to be filled. The civil service examinations for most of the positions may be taken here in Alliance on the dates announced, but in a few instances—where the position is a hard one to fill and requires expert knowledge of the subject—the examinations are held at a few central points over the United States.

From the register of eligibles resulting from the examinations held here and at other examining points, certification will be made to the successful applicants for the positions announced. Those who might be interested and desire to learn more about the positions now open may secure the desired information by procuring a copy of the November 16 issue of the Alliance Herald or by applying to Secretary Hicks at the Alliance post office. Secretary Hicks states that already he has received a surprisingly large number of applications from persons desiring to take the various examinations and confidentially expects to receive a number more.

On December 6 examinations will be held at the request of the Department of Commerce of the United States for ten positions for men. These ten positions are not in the classified-competitive service but they are embraced under Schedule B of the Civil Service rules. Positions under this schedule are filled without regard to the relative standing of the eligibles in the examination. Upon completion of the ratings, the papers of all who pass the examination will be turned over to the Secretary of Commerce. The salaries for these positions will not exceed \$10 per day for every day in the year. In addition, an transportation expenses will be paid and \$4 per diem will be allowed for living expenses. The titles of the positions are as follows:

The Ten Jobs

- 1. Trade Commissioner to investigate ports and transportation facilities of Russia and the Far East.
2. Trade Commissioner to investigate motor vehicles in Russia and the Far East.
3. Trade Commissioner to investigate mineral resources in the Far East.
4. Trade Commissioner to investigate investment opportunities in Russia.
5. Special Agent to investigate South American markets for fancy groceries.
6. Special Agent to investigate South American markets for furniture.
7. Trade Commissioner to investigate Russian markets for metal-working machinery and prime movers.
8. Special Agent to investigate Brazilian markets for metal-working machinery and prime movers.
9. Special Agent to investigate South American markets for jewelry and silverware.
10. Trade Commissioner to investigate the markets of Africa, the Near East and India for hardware.

Duties of Appointees

The duties of appointees to all these positions will be to obtain information concerning the demand in foreign markets for the particular commercial line which they are to study, and to present the data obtained in straightforward readable reports, which will enable American manufacturers and exporters to plan campaigns for the sale of American goods in the markets investigated. The Herald is giving this information because it believes there are men in this section of western Nebraska who are competent to hold some of these positions and who might not have their opportunity if they did not read of it here. If the information imparted by the Herald proves of value to but one man and he is successful as the result of this effort the Herald will feel amply repaid. Every job open is a worth-while one and any one qualified should investigate further. All applicants must have reached their twenty-fifth birthday by December 6, when the examinations are to be held.

For Women Only

On December 12, 1916 examinations will be held to fill vacancies in the position of assistant junior extension work specializing in home-demonstration projects, in the States Relations Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. This is a position for women only, and pays from \$1,800 to \$2,400 a year. The duties will be to assist supervisory officers in both office and field work in the organization of boys' and girls' extension work, and will require considerable travel in the northern, central and western states.

Read the special Thanksgiving page in this issue.

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GARAGE MEN MAKE RE-ADJUSTMENT IN RATES

All Alliance garage men unite in announcing that owing to the increased cost of operating they have been compelled to make a readjustment of rates for storage, taking effect immediately. The storage rates from November 1 to May 1 will be \$7.50 per month; and \$5 per month from May 1 until November 1. Night storage will be charged for at the rate of fifty cents for the first night and twenty-five cents for each succeeding night. Day storage is twenty-five cents. Cars left after 10 o'clock at night will be charged night fees.