

Builders to Confer on Wage Scale

Employers and Union Heads Will Thrash out Problem; Former Favor 20 Per Cent Reduction.

Labor Has Proposition

The first serious effort of building contractors and building craft unions to agree on a new scale of wages will be made Monday afternoon at the Builders' Exchange.

Although no definite decision will be made at this meeting, both contractors and labor representatives predict it will result in a speedy adjustment of scales.

Contractors hope to show union representatives some reduction of the existing scale is necessary to encourage building.

Union representatives will attend the meeting to listen to arguments of the contractors and report back to the bodies they represent.

To Present Propositions. Both contractors and union men will have propositions to present.

The contractors will put a 20 per cent reduction proposition before the union men," said E. W. Currey, of the Selden-Breck company.

There is no building activity now, but contractors believe building will start rapidly if there is some indication labor will do the reasonable thing.

The attitude of building trades on a wage reduction has been misinterpreted, according to John M. Gibb, secretary of the Building Trades Council, a body made up of 6,000 workers.

Will Stand Some Reduction. "We are willing to consent to a reduction in proportion to the reduction in the cost of living," said Secretary Gibb.

"I don't believe the men would consent to a 20 per cent reduction and when that proposition is presented Monday afternoon I have a counter proposition which I believe the contractors will consider reasonable.

Government statistics show the cost of living has dropped 7 1/2 per cent over the high level. I cannot reveal the proposition I intend to present, but I can say that the men would not be apt to consider a reduction of more than 10 per cent.

50 Per Cent Employed.

About 50 per cent of members of the council are employed at present. We are doing something necessary to make building activity.

The representatives of the unions will report back to the men details of the Monday meeting and it is up to them to decide. Something definite should be reached during the regular meeting of the Building Trades Council Thursday night.

The present wage scale agreement between the Builders' Exchange and the Trades Council expires March 31, at which time a new set of scales will be agreed on for either six months or a year.

Under the present scale bricklayers, electricians, structural iron workers, plasterers and hoisting engineers should receive \$12.25 an hour; carpenters and sheet metal workers \$11.12 1/2 an hour; elevator constructors and cement finishers \$11.00 an hour, and painters \$10.00 an hour.

Memorial of Nebraska Woman Acknowledged By Woodrow Wilson

A personal acknowledgment of the Thanksgiving memorial sent by Nebraska women to Woodrow Wilson has just been received in Lincoln.

A formal acknowledgment from Mr. Tumulty, to whom the document was sent, was received immediately after its arrival in Washington, but the appreciation by the president himself has just reached a member of the committee.

The Thanksgiving memorial prepared by Nebraska women has just been brought to my attention and has given me the deepest and most sincere gratification. I wish I could express to the signers personally the pleasure and encouragement which their action has given me. Cordially and sincerely yours, "WOODROW WILSON."

Demotion Planned In Behalf of Eugene Debs

Boston, March 5.—A demonstration to be held in Washington, April 13, on the second anniversary of the imprisonment of Eugene V. Debs, several times socialist candidate for president, was announced today by the national executive committee of the socialist party as part of a national campaign for the release of all so-called political prisoners.

Spring Plowing is Under Way Near West Point

West Point, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—The warm weather of the past three weeks has extended farm work to a considerable extent. Many farmers are now discing, plowing and otherwise preparing the ground for the spring. Grass is getting green and trees are budding.

Central City High School To Give Play for Athletes

Central City, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—A five-act comedy-drama will be staged at the Donelson theatre, by the High School Athletic association, March 7 and 8. Proceeds will be used in defraying the boys' expenses at the state tournament.

Mail Truck is Robbed Near Police Station

Chicago, March 5.—Five men in an automobile held up a mail truck within a block of a police station tonight. Several of the bandits boarded the truck, which was filled with mail and drove it away. They were closely followed by the police in automobiles.

Confirmation of Sale of Denver Road Postponed

Stockholders of Rio Grande Line Given Until March 25 To Purchase Property For \$10,000,000.

Kansas City, Mo., March 5.—Postponement of confirmation of the sale of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad until March 26, during which time the stockholders would be given an opportunity to purchase the road for \$10,000,000, was ordered by Federal District Judge Lewis of Colorado, sitting with Federal Judge Walter Sander.

Judge Lewis announced the decision after an all-day hearing on an action to enjoin confirmation of the sale fixed by the court November 20, at \$5,000,000.

"It is ordered," the court instructed, "unless the stockholders shall make a deposit of \$100,000 with the clerk of the court and also cause such depositary to consent in writing, the said \$100,000 may be and shall be paid over to the receiver for the benefit of the property under administration if the depositary fails to bid and purchase the equities in the properties described in the masters' sale for the sum of \$10,000,000 or more within 20 days after March 5. Unless no higher bid is made of accepted the sale already made will be confirmed."

The court took under advisement several briefs filed by parties to the litigation.

Attorneys for the stockholders, who are opposing the sale of the properties, ordered by the court, but not confirmed, present objections to the confirmation, and argued for a preliminary injunction to restrain the sale of an amended ancillary bill in equity to vacate all orders and judgments relating to the Denver & Rio Grande.

Attorneys for the Equitable Trust company of New York, trustees for the bondholders of the road, opposed efforts to prevent confirmation of the sale.

The Colorado judge sat here for the convenience of the litigants who had to come from distant parts of the country.

Telephone Hearings Of Rail Commission Set for This Week

Lincoln, March 5.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Railway commission has three hearings set for the coming week, all of them relating to telephone matters.

The second application of the Nuckolls County Telephone company for a rate increase will be held at Nelson, before Commissioner Thorne A. Browne Tuesday.

The Madison County Telephone company's application to issue a dividend is to be heard in the commission's offices Thursday.

Friday Commissioner H. L. Cook will go to Rising City to hear a complaint against the quality of service offered by the Surprise Telephone company.

Arguments in the Doxstader case, wherein the commission held farmers' mutual telephone companies to be common carriers and within the jurisdiction of the commission, was put over until the first sitting of the supreme court in April.

Stock and Bond Salesman Dies Following Operation

Frederick W. Hawksworth, 40, prominent stock and bond salesman of Omaha, 4919 Chicago street, died Friday night in the Nicholas Senz hospital following an operation for appendicitis.

He is survived by his wife and son, 7, his mother, Mrs. D. Hawksworth of Plattsmouth, one sister, Mrs. E. W. Cook of Plattsmouth, and three brothers, Frank, W. Hawksworth of Denver, Joseph E. Hawksworth of Omaha and David W. Hawksworth of Detroit.

Mr. Hawksworth was an Elk and a Sigma Chi. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his mother in Plattsmouth. Burial will be in the family lot at Plattsmouth.

Plan School Carnival

Gothenburg, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—A high school carnival is being planned at the High School building Monday. The proceeds will be used to defray the expenses of waiting for city ordinances to regulate driving in the streets, took the law in their own hands.

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A detail of policemen quelled the riot. The drovers were cut and bruised, but seemed most concerned over the loss of their charges.

Pigs Run Wild When Women Take Law Into Hands at East Buffalo

Buffalo, March 5.—Several hundred pigs ran wild through the streets and yards in the East Buffalo section today, when 200 women, a part of waiting for city ordinances to regulate driving in the streets, took the law in their own hands.

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Governor Discusses Patronage

McKevie, With Nebraska Union, Favors T. J. McGuire of Omaha For U. S. Attorney

Dry Laws to Be Enforced

By E. C. SNYDER. Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor McKevie put in a busy day today paying his respects to the members of the Nebraska delegation and talking over with them phases of the patronage situation. He had a particularly long conference with Senator Norris and went over the political situation in the state at some length.

The governor says that the delegation should get behind T. J. McGuire of Omaha for United States attorney. He says he is convinced that the American Legion deserves substantial recognition for the active manner in which its members supported President Harding and the whole state ticket at the November election.

As Mr. McGuire has the endorsement of the Legion it would be good politics to make this appointment, and the governor did not hesitate to express his views along these lines to the members of the delegation.

Endorses York Man. Upon the question of prohibition enforcement commissioner in place of James H. Hanley, Governor McKevie, like Mr. Howell, is insistent that a man should be appointed who has the endorsement of the anti-saloon league. His candidate is C. E. Sandall of York.

"We want a man who will enforce the federal law and help us in enforcing the state law," he said. "We want a man who will work with our enforcement officer and not against him, as Mr. Hanley has done. The Volstead act is on the statute books and it must be lived up to rigidly. There can be no half-way measures about it. And yet, I want a man appointed who will have common sense behind the enforcement. One thing I want to see stopped and that is giving encouragement to bootleggers."

Quizzed on Candidacy. Asked if he would be a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Senator Hitchcock, Governor McKevie said:

"Oh, that time is too far off. I certainly am not thinking about it now. What I want done in the way of patronage is in the interest of the republican party. We have a great opportunity to clinch the men and women who came to us for the first time in 1920 and we ought to do it at once. There can be no ulterior purpose in that position, I feel sure."

Governor and Mrs. McKevie had intended going to New York today, but Mrs. McKevie developed a mild attack of ptomaine poisoning this morning and it was thought best to postpone the New York trip until later. They will leave for Nebraska, instead, tomorrow afternoon after dining with General Pershing. Asst. Adjt. Gen. Major Stein will go west with the governor and Mrs. McKevie.

Walter A. Head of Omaha, who accompanied Governor and Mrs. McKevie to the inauguration, left Thursday evening for New York.

Move Made to Reduce Democrat Members on Standing Committees

Washington, March 5.—A decision to reduce the number of democratic members on standing committees of the new house of representatives, was reported by the republican committee on committees.

Chairman Mondell announced that the ways and means committee, now eight in number, a tariff bill would be made up of 12 republicans and eight democrats, while on other principal committees of the house there would be 15 republicans and six democrats.

The reduction in democratic committee memberships arises, it was explained, out of the reduced size of the democratic minority in the new house.

Oil Company Resumes Full Operation in Oklahoma

Tulsa, Okl., March 5.—The Sinclair Oil company discontinued its prorating order and started running 100 per cent of the oil from leases from which it purchases. Increased storage facilities was given by company officials as the reason for the change. The Sinclair company is the fourth major company to announce a resumption of 100 per cent runs, the Prairie Pipe Line company being the only one not running the full amount.

Victim of Holdup Turns Tables Against Robber

Salt Lake City, March 5.—Two weeks ago at Shoshone, Idaho, M. Villacana alleges that he was held up at the point of a gun by M. Alvino and robbed of \$1,000. Last night Villacana is alleged to have held up Alvino on a Salt Lake City street. Eye witnesses of the dramatic meeting said that Villacana pressed a gun at his victim's side.

Negro Pastor Killed

Madison, Wis., March 5.—Rev. J. G. Fox of Beloit, a negro pastor, was killed and J. Anthony Jesse, a negro politician, was badly wounded in a shooting affray three blocks from the capitol.

Marsh O'Bannon, negro, was arrested and charged with the shooting. O'Bannon refused to discuss the affair.

New Congress to Take Up Immigration Bill

Washington, March 5.—The immigration restriction bill, which was "pocket vetoed" by President Wilson, will be one of the first measures introduced at the coming special session of the Sixty-seventh congress, according to congressional leaders. It is the plan to send it to President Harding with the least possible delay, as proponents regard its early enactment as necessary to keep out hordes of undesirable emigrants from southern Europe.

Some slight modifications in the bill may be made. Many senators are known to desire to increase the present limitation to 5 per cent.

Texan Trails Crook Through United States

Rancher, Fleeced of Fortune, Ends Grim Hunt Through 18 States By Landing His Man.

By KENT WATSON. International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 5.—The man hunt has ended after 14 months of searching through 18 states and Mexico, and J. Frank Norfleet, grimacing ex-asst. plainsman, has come home to Hale Center, Tex., to rest. Joe Furey, the man he sought and the man who is alleged to have fleeced him out of \$45,000 on a fake "stock scheme, is in jail here. He will go to trial before a jury in Judge George E. Hovey's district court here early this month.

Like a western melodrama run the details of Norfleet's search for Furey, who also is wanted in California, Florida and Washington.

Norfleet was swindled out of his life's fortune on November 10, 1919. Three men, it is alleged, did the job. Then the man hunt started. It was a month later that E. J. Ward and Charles Gerber, two of the alleged swindlers, were arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., and after a fight to prevent extradition, were returned here to stand trial. In turn, they both were given the maximum sentence of 10 years each.

And while Norfleet conducted his nationwide search for Furey, Charles Gerber remained in jail here where he now is awaiting a decision on his appeal to a higher court. E. J. Ward, taken to Washington to stand trial on a charge similar to the one under which he was convicted, committed suicide in the Washington jail in November, 1920.

Begin Long Chase. "It has been 14 months since I lost my money," declares Norfleet. "But as the day went by I still had hope. I grew more determined. The folks back at Hale Center, where I live issued a silent and stinging ultimatum that I wouldn't be a welcome neighbor if I didn't get my man. I quit the ranch and became a deputy. I was given a warrant for Furey's arrest and told that the governor of Texas would ask for the extradition of Furey from any state in which I captured him."

"I took my son, Pete, out of a normal school to aid me in the chase," he said. "We started feeding my useless lambs from a bottle and attending to the household duties."

"Pete and I followed Furey's trail from Tia Juana, Mexico, to St. Paul, going through 18 states. We went to Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, El Paso, San Antonio, Oklahoma City, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Hot Springs, Birmingham, Atlanta, Mobile, Biloxi and Tampa, finding evidence of Furey's rambunctious in all of those cities."

"At Jacksonville, Fla., we landed him and got extradition papers. When we arrived in Jacksonville I went to the detective bureau. They told me Furey was wanted there and that he's not likely to light. But I kept on. There were eight large hotels there. I knew Furey would be stopping at one of them, for he always has plenty of money. I started Pete at one hotel, while I made the rounds of the others. We had arranged to meet each other every 45 minutes. I went to the meeting place and there was Pete."

"I've found him," he said. I went immediately with him to the hotel where he had been staying. We trailed Furey into a cafe. As I neared the table where he was seated he raised his head. His eyes met mine. He recognized me. He jumped to his feet and started to run. I pulled (Turn to Page Two, Column Three).

The Only Mourner



Opening of White House Grounds Causes Delight

Nebraska Congressman in Raptures Over President Harding's Order; Says Democracy Again in Saddle

By E. C. SNYDER. Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman McLaughlin, who is an intense lover of nature, was in raptures today over the order given by President Harding yesterday to open the iron gates surrounding the White House and let the people roam about the grounds as they were wont to do under former republican administrations.

"The sheep and the cops are all of the lawn in front of the White House and the people are on," said the York representative. Representative democracy is once more in the saddle and it did my heart good to see the people throng over the beautiful grounds. The people chattered in groups under the trees, they walked over the historic porch on the north front of the White House and they covered the lawns just as if they owned the place. And the American people do own it. President Harding in his inaugural address recognized their supremacy and he surveyed the vast concourse of people in front of him.

Makes Harding Popular. "Throwing open the grounds of the White House to the people and removing the police from the barred gates, gates that have been shut tight for eight years, has made President Harding the most popular man in Washington. In the language of Teddy, 'It is bully.' One note in President Harding's address that has found instant response among congressmen, and it is thought by them will appeal to the business world, is the suggestion that no legislative miracle can bring about prosperity, but that natural causes must operate."

Will Take Time. "There is no instant from disorder to order," he said. "We must face a condition of grim reality, change off our losses and start afresh. It is the oldest lesson of civilization. I would like the government to do all it can to mitigate them. In understanding, in mutuality of interest in concern for the common good, our tasks will be solved."

Congressmen deduced from the address the conclusion that the president will have no suggestions to make concerning the scope of tariff rates, leaving that to the legislative branch. He strongly advocates a protective tariff sufficient to protect American labor, but it is not likely, it is assumed from his words, that he will side with any faction on high or low rates.

Submarine O-8 is Floated By Coast Guard Cutter

New Bedford, Mass., March 5.—The submarine O-8 was floated late Friday by the coast guard cutter Acushnet, assisted by the crew of the Cuttyhunk coast guard station. The submarine grounded on the Penikese island yesterday. The Acushnet narrowly escaped going aground herself, getting very close to Gull island in the heavy seas, but in a short time both submarine and cutter were safe in deep water.

Railroad Workers Strike Against Wage Reduction

Atlanta, Ga., March 5.—Approximately 1,500 employees of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad went on strike today in protest against a wage reduction order put into effect March 1, by E. L. Bugger, receiver for the road, on instructions of Judge Samuel H. Sibley of the United States district court.

\$5,000 to Be Sent Chinese Monday

First Installment of Nebraska \$200,000 Quota Already Collected.

Five thousand dollars, the first installment of Nebraska on its quota of \$200,000 to help the Chinese in the famine-stricken districts of that country, will be wired Monday to national headquarters, Isaac Carpenter, vice chairman of the drive, announced last night.

Because of the urgent need of money, Mr. Carpenter said, the sums will be sent to national headquarters in \$5,000 lots. The following already have contributed in Omaha: Carpenter Paper Co., \$500. Union Stock Yard Co., \$500. Iben Biscuit Co., \$500. A friend, \$500. Dr. and Mrs. Callias, \$500. Dr. and Mrs. Patten, \$500.

According to word received here from national headquarters of the Chinese relief, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the Laura D. Spellman Rockefeller foundation each contributed \$500,000.

C. F. Wolsifer of China, a son-in-law of Dr. J. P. Connolly of Omaha, will speak at the Chamber of Commerce Monday noon on conditions in the famine districts of China. He will arrive in Omaha this morning and will be the guest of the Connollys here for several weeks. The public is invited to attend the lecture at the Chamber of Commerce. A luncheon will be served.

Vice Chairman Carpenter said additional information received Saturday from national headquarters emphasized the importance of gathering funds quickly. Contributions should be mailed to Dale Clark, vice president Omaha National bank.

Nebraska Baby Lodge Of Elks One Year Old

Chadron, Neb., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska's baby lodge of Elks located here has completed 12 months of successful fraternal development. The membership close to the 400 mark, includes business men, railroad men and ranchers from territory reaching from Gordon to Lusk along the Chicago Northwestern.

At the first annual election the following officers were elected: W. S. Bosteder, exalted ruler; A. G. Fisher, esteemed leading knight; P. P. Proudfoot, esteemed loyal knight; E. M. Birdsall, esteemed lecturing knight; J. H. Cuddy, secretary; H. F. Maika, treasurer; Nick Tritz, tyler; J. H. White, and Ben Lowenthal, trustees.

Past Exalted Ruler George Babcock was unanimously elected by the lodge to represent them as representative to the grand lodge in Los Angeles.

Scottsbluff Man Convicted Of Assault on Hotel Waitress

Scottsbluff, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—John Guyton, once a professional gambler in Colorado, was found guilty in district court of assaulting Marie Dawkins, 18, Lincoln hotel waitress at the hotel, January 15. The jury returned its verdict after 12 hours' deliberation. On the stand the girl testified that she had been decoyed from her work in the dining room at noon by a false note and was held prisoner in Guyton's room until 6 o'clock the following morning.

South Carolina Town Passes Sunday Blue Law Ordinance

Union, S. C., March 5.—The Sunday blue sky laws will become an established fact in Union March 13, when an ordinance prohibiting the sale of anything but medicines on Sunday goes into effect. The new law was backed by religious organizations.

Big Eagle Carries 10-Year-Old Boy Up Into the Air

Montana Lad Escapes Death When He Falls Into Ravine From Rope on Bird's Legs.

Billings, Mont., March 5.—Arnie Melatte, 10-year-old boy living on a ranch in the upper Yellowstone valley, is alive today after a narrow escape from an "aviator's death." Melatte, ambitious to earn bounty money for the pelts of coyotes, set two traps in a runway frequented by the varmints. Visiting his traps the lad found two monster bald eagles that inhabit the mountainous sections near where the cabin of the lad's father is located.

While endeavoring to tie one of the eagles, after having liberated it from the trap, the bird spread its great wings for flight and rose in the air with the frightened lad clinging to the rope that he had tied around the eagle's legs. The boy released his hold and the eagle soared away while young Melatte tumbled into a ravine. He was shaken up badly but suffered no serious injury.

Protect U. S. Interests. It was said that the American government had no official information that either Panama or Costa Rica intended to submit the dispute to the League of Nations as reported in press dispatches. Today's action of the State department, it was added, was taken without reference to such reports.

President Harding and his advisers were said to have given their approval of the steps taken to protect American interests in the zone of hostilities and indicated that unless the two American warships on their way south proved adequate, larger forces might follow.

President Harding has taken a keen personal interest in the situation was said to be anxious to see everything possible done to restore peace.

Weeks, Wallace and Fall Members of New Power Commission

Washington, March 5.—Secretaries Weeks, Fall and Wallace, who took office today, will constitute the new federal power commission. Many applications for power grants are pending and the new commission is expected to hold an organization meeting in the near future.

Ten regulations designed to make effective the waterpower act were issued by the three retiring commissioners, former Secretaries Baker, Payne and Meredith. One prescribed the manner in which corporations were to set aside depreciation reserves, and was adopted to cover the immediate situation.

The other regulations were said to be of a more or less routine nature, covering general conditions of approval of permits from the point of best serving the public interests, whether the plan was efficient and whether the applicants had sufficient capital to carry the proposed plans.

Italian Chemist Perfects New Artificial Rubber

Madrid, March 5.—The invention of an artificial rubber is reported in a telegram from Barcelona. The inventor is Washington Rossi, an Italian chemist in the Barcelona laboratories. The substitute possesses all the qualities of natural rubber at one-twentieth of the cost, the report declares.

High School Operetta

Gothenburg, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—Princess Chrysanthemum, a Japanese operetta, will be presented by the High School Glee club under the direction of Miss Irene Raabe, teacher of music, March 14.

Federal Officers Seize Liquor in Raid at Union

Plattsmouth, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—Discovery of several barrels of mash in a vacant house at Union followed the visit of a federal law enforcement officer to that village. The owner of the mash has not been apprehended.

John Ervin was fined \$100 for unlawful possession and Nelson Martin, another Union man, was fined \$20 for being intoxicated.

New Buildings Replacing Condemned West Point Stores

West Point, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—The old buildings of the city, condemned some time ago by the fire department, are gradually being removed and will be replaced in each case by modern structures. Among the last to be removed is the old West Point House, built nearly 60 years ago and for many years the leading hotel in the valley.

Bandits Fail to Get Loot From Safe in Mitchell

Scottsbluff, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—Two masked bandits held up the night operator in the Burlington station at Mitchell and when he could not open the safe, they tried in vain. One struck him over the face with his pistol. They escaped without loot. The safe contained \$72.

The Weather

Forecast. Sunday fair and colder. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 40 1 p. m. 47 7 a. m. 44 3 p. m. 52 8 a. m. 48 9 p. m. 55 10 a. m. 52 11 p. m. 58 11 a. m. 56 12 p. m. 59 12 noon 60 7 p. m. 54 12 noon 70 8 p. m. 57

Shippers' Bulletin. Predicted conditions during the next 24 to 36 hours from temperatures as follows: north, east and west, 30 degrees. Shipments south can be made safely.