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SHOPMEN READY TO END STRIKE; ROADS WILL NOT YIELD SENIORITY

SHOP STILL OPEN FOR PEACE MOVE, THEY SAY, BUT NOT ON BASIS OF RESTORING RIGHTS

Shop Craft's Representatives Vote to Accept the President's Proposal; Their Resolution Subject to Amendment by More Than 100 Labor Chiefs; No New Developments.

Washington, Aug. 2.—In rejecting President Harding's proposal for settlement of the railway shopmen's strike as it was laid before them yesterday in New York, the railway executives have informed the administration that the door for further negotiation is still open, if it can be undertaken on the basis of preserving the seniority rights of the men who have remained at work, but not otherwise.

Hoover Returns
Washington, August 2.—Secretary Hoover, after reporting to President Harding today on the railway executive's meeting yesterday in New York which the commerce secretary attended, said he did not look for any settlement during the day by the executives in the rail strike situation.

New Employes Protected.
Topeka, Kan., Aug. 2.—Assurances of all new employes in the service of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad that their seniority rights will be "fully protected" was contained in a notice posted at the Santa Fe shops here this morning.

Shop Crafts Accepted.
Chicago, Aug. 2.—The federated shopmen today voted approval of President Harding's plan to end the strike and appointed a committee to draw up a reply accepting them. The reply, however, will be subject to amendment by more than 100 labor chiefs before going to the president. The first announcement from the labor leaders simply said that they had voted acceptance. Later it developed that some opposition had sprung up in the meeting and that a fight against the acceptance might be made after the text of it is drawn up. For this reason it was made subject to amendment. The meeting will resume its session at 3:30 p. m.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—More than 100 labor chiefs, headed by B. M. Jewell, leader of the striking railroad shopmen workers met here again today to act on President Harding's plan for settlement of the shopmen's strike. Following yesterday's session it was anticipated that formal acceptance of the plan would be voted.

While this action was thought probable here, new moves for peace were expected to come from the railroad executives and from Washington. It was pointed out that definite rejection of the president's proposal regarding restoration of seniority rights to men who went on strike would leave the next move to Mr. Harding. Well informed railroad men here believed the president might address an open letter to the labor executives urging them to stop disputing over seniority when the national welfare is menaced. Such a letter would serve at the same time as an address to the country at large. Although chiefs of 148 railroads at a meeting yesterday in New York voted to reject the seniority proposal, the belief was current here that this did not constitute the executives' final word in the matter.

Grain Growers Open Office in Minneapolis

NORTH DAKOTA MEMBERS REPRESENTED IN NORTHWEST ORGANIZATION.
 Fargo, July 31.—The directors of the North Dakota unit of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., met in Fargo today and decided to join the North Dakota Wheat Growers' pool. The offer of the North Dakota Wheat Growers to accept the members of the U. S. Grain Growers without a fee provided they signed the contract of five year 100 per cent pool contract was provided. W. J. Johnson of York, John Dawson of Mandan, A. G. Bergeson of Douglas, and J. J. McInnes of Dawson, were named members of the board of directors for the joint pool.

Minneapolis, July 31.—The Northwest Wheat Growers, associated, representing 19,000 growers in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and North Dakota opened a sales agency here today. The organization will apply immediately for a membership in the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, according to George C. Jewett, manager of the organization who is in Minneapolis to arrange for the opening of agencies. The Minnesota law declaring the chamber of commerce and other exchanges open public markets provides for the admission of co-operative organizations in the exchange. The wheat growers plan to make use of sample market, but will not deal in futures, Mr. Jewett said. Under normal conditions the growers in these five states will produce 400,000 bushels of wheat," Mr. Jewett said. "Approximately one-half this amount will flow through the sales agencies at Minneapolis and the other half will go to the Pacific coast." F. L. Jeklin, formerly in charge of the London sales office of the organi-

zation will be in charge of the Minneapolis office. Mr. Jewett will appear before the War Finance corporation in Washington, August 9, to apply for a loan of several million dollars to be used in the Wheat Growers' pool. Under the plan the growers receive 75 per cent of the market value of the grain when it enters the pool and the balance when the pool is cleaned up.

Niels Christiansen Denies He Has Political Ambition

Says That If He Had, He Would Run for State Senator on the Democratic Ticket and Not for Public Administrator on the Republican Ticket.

Dagmar, Mont. August 3, 1922.
Editor, Producers News, Plentywood, Montana.

Dear Sir:
In your paper for July 28th, appears the statement that Niels Christiansen of Dagmar may file on the republican ticket for Public Administrator. Allow me to state that you have not the slightest ground for such statement! If I had any political aspiration whatsoever (I have none), I would file as candidate for State Senator on the Democratic ticket, for the reason that I consider it very unfortunate should Sheridan county be represented at Helena with either a banker, lawyer, business or newspaper man. To my mind Sheridan county is one vast farming country with great possibilities and should belong to the homestead farmer, who made farming a success, and Sheridan county a possibility, and only a successful farmer can fully represent Sheridan county at our state capital. Yours truly, NIELS CHRISTENSEN.

Wheat Poolers and Elevator Directors Meet

OUTLOOK, TUESDAY, AUGUST 8.—C. M. STRAWMAN, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE WHEAT GROWERS WILL BE PRESENT.
There will be a joint meeting of the Directors of the Outlook Farmers' Elevator and the members of the Montana Wheat Growers Association at Outlook, Tuesday, August 8th, when a definite contract between the poolers and elevator for the handling of the grain will be worked out. First the poolers will organize and elect local officers and directors and then negotiations will commence. General Manager of the Montana Wheat Growers Association, C. M. Strawman will be present to represent the state office. Every pooler is expected to be present as well as every member of the board of directors of the elevator.

First Annual Corn and Spuds Show at Malta

At a meeting of county agents of northern Montana and representatives of the State College held at Fort Assiniboine recently, Malta was chosen for the first annual northern Montana corn and potato show to be held during the month of November, the week prior to the State Corn Show at Miles City. The counties of Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Valley and Roosevelt have definitely agreed to finance a corn and potato show, these being the only counties represented at the meeting, but other counties will doubtless come in as the matter was left open so that any portion of northern Montana may exhibit. Details for the show are now in course of preparation and will be announced later. Northern Montana has taken rapid strides to the front as a corn and potato section during the last few years and the chief purpose of this show will be to provide an educational means for stimulating interest in these crops. Exhibits will be limited to standard varieties of corn, spuds and small grain as adopted by the different county Farm Bureaus in the northern part of the state. Arrangements are being made to make this one of the largest shows of its kind in the state and every county on the high line has guaranteed a definite number of exhibits together with funds with which to finance the show. The Great Northern Railway will be asked to cooperate. The increased acreage of corn and the growing interest in feed crops in Sheridan and Daniels counties will no doubt result in many exhibits being entered from this section. With anything like favorable weather, between now and harvest the fine fields of corn should produce excellent show material. This part of the state is well known as a district of more than ordinary merit and should acquire itself creditably at the Malta show.

MILES CAVANAUGH VISITS PLENTYWOOD
Miles Cavanaugh of Butte, member of the legislature from Butte the last session, candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, was in Plentywood Sunday in the interest of his candidacy. He and his son are traveling by Ford. Mr. Cavanaugh is a progressive republican and is entitled to a lot of support.

Commissioners Would Gag The Producers News

Unanimously Pass Resolutions Instructing the Clerk and Recorder Not to Allow the Publication of the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Until They are Read and Approved.

PAPER WILL INSIST ON PRINTING PUBLIC RECORD

The Board of County Commissioners took desperate steps at their meeting Monday and passed a resolution instructing Clerk and Recorder O'Grady not to give out copies of the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners until the said minutes are read and approved by the Board and signed by the chairman on the grounds that the minutes were not official until they have been so read and approved. The motion was made by Jud Matkins and seconded by Jens Ibsen and unanimously passed.

Of course the Board of County Commissioners have no such power this occasion to tell them so, and that no person does not intend to pay any attention to them, and even if we have to copy them off from the Journal as was done this week the minutes will be published just as they occur. The Journal of the County Board is public record and are available to the public at all times and the readers of the Producers News are going to know what the Commissioners are doing at all times, even if the commissioners are ashamed of their own acts, for which we can't blame them in the least, they ought to be ashamed, but when these poor sumps think they can suppress the records, then the Producers News is going to show them that they can not.

No other Board of County Commissioners in the world outside of the Sheridan county board would try to pull a thing of this kind—it was never heard of before.

It has been known for some time that the members of the Board were peeved at the Producers News for printing the minutes; that was one of the reasons why it did not get the county printing. The county commissioners find that it is embarrassing to pull some of the things they would like to pull when the minutes of the board are published each week.

POLITICAL POT STEWS

More Democratic Candidates File—Still Ten Days Left For Filing—Lucks Out Campaigning.

PROF. PETTIE AND HANS DIXON FILE FOR SENATE COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

The Sheridan county political pot is still brewing and whether the brew will be two per cent or something harder only time will tell—but one is going to a fine crop of candidates, thing is apparent; that is that there are not to have it all their own way in furnishing opposition to the league for Prof. Pettie, the well known scientist and meteorologist who has become famous as a weather prophet throughout the length and breadth of the state, filed Monday on a very progressive ticket, one which will sound good to any progressive democrat. Prof. Pettie is well known, is well thought of and is a good speaker and is not afraid to express his opinions at any time and he has had campaign experience as he has spoken and campaigned in many political battles. Prof. Pettie will not be the only democratic candidate for Sen. Hans Dixon, the league senator who was elected with league endorsement last election on the democratic ticket has at last felt for the persuasion of his friend, Niels Christiansen, the great fixer, and today filed for the senate on the democratic ticket. Mr. Dixon had given out that while he had been approached by the bankers to make the race for them he had declined as his name had been before the league convention and that he would abide by the results of the convention and would support the league ticket straight, but it seems that Niels Christiansen who took the pledge to support the ticket as a league delegate from Dagmar is not they say, a man whose word or even written pledge is worth much and is now out trying to bust the league from stem to stern. That is a habit of Neils' and he can't help it. He always tries to bust anything that he can't himself run. He has done that many times before. He was one of the Harry Loucks crowd at the last convention who did not openly bolt the ticket at the time, but did, it seems from all reports, secretly support C. E. Comer for judge to the best of his ability and when that is told, enough is told to indicate just how honest Neils is in any protestation that he stands for economy or even public decency. Neils Christiansen himself wanted to make the race for the senate, but he did not have any excuse to come after Hans Dixon made up his mind to come. The boys claim that he urged Dixon in order to get Dixon's positive refusal in order that he might have an excuse to back in, but that Dixon was persuaded and has filed, thus leaving Neils out. Mr. Dixon is a strong candidate and if he is nominated and elected, the bankers will not have gained very much anyway and the great harm will have come to the county and state—Dixon is not a bad fellow and his record in the senate is good, as far as voting goes. He was, however, not as aggressive as many would have liked to have had him and exerted very little influence if any upon that body. He is personally a fine gentleman, an honest man and a good citizen.

GEORGE MUNSON TREASURER
George Munson also filed today for county treasurer. Dan Olson thought for a while that he was going to have everything his own way as Mr. Gregg of Medicine Lake had not filed yet, but it seems that he will have a critical competition. Mr. Munson is a well known, wealthy farmer, who lives

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Name	Reduction on land
Barge, Math.	\$780.00
Berquist, Thos.	284.00
Cooney, Cyril	1058.00
Christensen, Fred	223.00
Eason, Andrew K.	68.00
Erner, W.P.	770.00
Hanson, H. M.	1221.00
Hanson, Lars	480.00
Island, Adolf	240.00
Jensen, Astrid	160.00
Kronen, Andrew	1264.00
Kronen, Nels	1440.00
Hansen, E. E.	310.00
Kellams, Pearl	1540.00
Kellams, F. C. (Wirtzberger)	880.00
Simonson, O. S. (Mecham)	1438.00
Simonson, O. S.	640.00
Lundberg, C. A.	240.00
Neuron, O.	144.00
Olson, Ole M.	1040.00
Palutzke, R. A.	900.00
Redmond, Joe	1302.00
Riley, E. K.	914.00
Standeford, Mrs. W. F.	582.00
Selvig, Bert	290.00
Selvig, Bert	2016.00
Sather, Carl W.	576.00
Sather, John	770.00
Sather, John E.	663.00
Smith, Robert E.	1540.00
Winther, Lars B.	946.00
Winther, Lars B.	740.00
Wagnild, Inga	408.00
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On motion the Board recessed until 9 o'clock A. M., Saturday, July 29th, 1922, and thereupon met as a Board of Equalization pursuant to recess taken; all members and the Clerk present.

At this time W. T. Stephens, Nettie Lipscomb, Ernest F. Lipscomb, A. J. Rasmussen, M. A. Cannole by P. Canole, her agent, Guy H. Andrews and Henry Hagen, filed affidavits praying for reductions in assessments as outlined therein. On motion, agreeable to resolution passed by this Board under date of July 18th, 1922, said affidavits were turned over to the County Assessor for investigation.

Commissioner Ibsen moved to make the following reductions on the assessment roll in accordance with the recommendations of the County Assessor:

Many Are Called; But Are Few Chosen

FORTY-FIVE HAVE ENTERED RACE FOR STATE AND FEDERAL JOBS.

Helena, July 31.—Forty-six candidates for nomination to congressional or state offices have filed their declaration of intention with Secretary of State Charles T. Stewart.

Five republicans and four democrats have filed for nominations for United States senator in the primaries. The republican candidates are J. C. Alexander of Kalispell, J. W. Anderson of Sidney, Charles N. Pray of Great Falls, Wellington D. Rankin of Helena and Carl W. Riddick of Lewistown. The democratic candidates for the nomination so far filed are James F. O'Connor of Livingston, Tom Stout of Lewistown, Burton K. Wheeler of Butte and Hugh R. Wells of Miles City.

For the nomination for representative in congress from the First district Washington J. McCormick of Missoula and John McLaughlin of Stevensville have filed on the republican ticket and Byron E. Cooney of Butte; John M. Evans of Missoula, Mert S. Gould of Twin Bridges and Maggie S. Hathaway of Stevensville on the democratic ticket.

For the congressional nomination in the Second district, the republican filings are J. M. Burlingame of Great Falls, Oscar J. Collins of Plentywood, John J. Fleming of Forest Grove, Paul R. Flint of Great Falls, Fred C. Gabriel of Malta, Scott Leavitt of Great Falls, Jerome G. Locke of Livingston and Harrison F. McConnell of Poplar. The filings for the democratic nomination to date are Dan McKay of Glasgow and Preston B. Moss of Billings.

For chief justice of the supreme court, Theodore Brantley of Deer Lodge, the incumbent; E. A. LaBosse of Great Falls and Frank Utter of Havre have filed subject to the republican primaries and John W. Stanton of Great Falls, subject to the democratic primaries.

For association justice, Miles J. Cavanaugh of Butte, Frank B. Reynolds of Billings, Albert P. Stark of Livingston have filed as republicans, and Arthur G. Waite of Big Sandy as democrats.

For clerks of the supreme court, the filings are Dana M. Easton of Poplar, republican, and J. T. Carroll of Billings, the incumbent, democrat.

For state railroad and public service commissioner, Daniel Boyle of Helena, incumbent and L. B. Saunders of Whitefish, has filed on the republican ticket, and J. W. ("Jim") of Lewistown and E. J. Johnson of Silver Bow, on the democratic ticket.

Farmers in Need of Harvest Hands

Mr. Tucker of the Federal Labor Office of Fargo, N. D., co-operating with the Montana State College has made arrangements to establish a labor office at Bainville.

The available help for Eastern Montana will be distributed from that office, and every effort will be made to get sufficient help. North and South Dakota and Montana will need considerable help to take care of the crop, and are employing all available help now. The Dakotas have fixed a price of from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per day and it is not likely that we in Sheridan county will be able to get help for less, unless it be local.

Anyone who is in need of help please notify Carl B. Peterson of Plentywood, Montana, stating number of men wanted, length of time wanted, whether for general farm work or harvest, and wages paid.

Mr. Peterson will file the wants with the office at Bainville and will be in touch with what help is available from that point. Do not hesitate to make your wants known as there is no doubt but what additional help will be needed in this county.

The co-operation of the different commercial clubs and farm clubs throughout the county will be greatly appreciated.

ALEX. GRAHAM BELL DEAD
ALL TELEPHONE STATIONS SUSPENDED BUSINESS MINUTE, 4:25 TO 4:26 IN HIS HONOR.

Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, died at his home at Bedded, Nova Scotia, Tuesday evening at the age of 75 years, being born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1847. The great inventor had been ailing for some time. During late years, Bell had been interested in aviation. The Bell telephone had flags on buildings at half mast Wednesday.

Buyers Invade Montana But Farmers Stand Pat

SEN. ANDERSON NAILS WILD RUMORS

In Interview With Press, He Denies Stories Circulated by Interested Parties In Reference to the Sources of His and Oscar Collins' Campaign Funds.

Sidney, Montana, July 28th.—Senator J. W. Anderson, candidate for the United States Senate on the Republican ticket with the endorsement of the Farmers' League conventions of six counties in the strongest organized league territory in the state, together with the personal endorsement of Clair Stoner, President of the Non-partisan League State Executive Committee of Montana, besides the endorsement and support of such League papers as the Producers News and the Scobey Sentinel and the personal support of Sen. Greenup and Rep. Hanson of Daniels county, Sen. Rorvik and Rep. Carlson, of McCone county, Sen. Hans Dixon and Rep. Clair Stoner for Sheridan county, and R. C. Arnold of Valley county, candidate for Lieut. Governor, J. P. Mead of Richland county, candidate for Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner, Mrs. R. M. Lord of Cascade county, candidate for State Treasurer at last election with the league endorsement on the democratic ticket, and also endorsed by hundreds of prominent league farmers and progressives all over the state of Montana, said to representatives of the press today, upon being interviewed in regard to the story that is being circulated by interested parties to the effect that his candidacy was being supported by certain predatory interests for the purpose of drawing votes from certain candidates on both party tickets, that the rumor was absolutely false and was one of the many such stories that self promoted office seekers are quite likely to circulate in order to damage the chances of a formidable opponent, which occur in any campaign and it is not likely that this campaign will be an exception in that regard.

Sen. Anderson said further: "Wild and amusing rumors are afloat throughout the state concerning why I entered the race and how and by whom my candidacy is being financed, the world knowing that I am, myself a poor man."

"Friends of almost every candidate on both tickets have written me that I was in the race to defeat their candidate. I plead guilty to all such charges. That was my deliberate purpose. My campaign funds are being raised by small donations from bankrupt farmers and deflated workers. As far as I can learn not one dollar has been contributed by any large corporation. I have never asked their support, have never been offered their support and don't want their support."

These reports, circulated by certain prominent democrats for the senate and congress, is to the effect that Editor Taylor of the Producers News and Oscar J. Collins, LaFollette Republican Farmer-Labor candidate for congress from the second district, endorsed by League conventions of six counties, made a trip over to Butte and secured \$5,000 from certain parties, the insinuation being the mining companies, as a contribution to the campaign fund of Anderson and Collins.

Editor Taylor and Sheridan Collins both deny the rumors and say that it is absolutely false, and that the parties circulating the story know it to be false, that not one cent has come from corporations nor persons connected with corporations and that the entire contributions received to date from the western part of the state is ten dollars, contributed by a well known progressive lawyer of Butte. And that they have never even seen or had any dealing with any representatives of the copper interest lately or at any other time and that these stories are being circulated by those who have betrayed and are now working to absolutely destroy the farmers' movement.

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