

M. & N. A. PROPOSE

WAGE SCALE

Would Make 25 Per Cent Cut and Give Workers Surplus.

Chicago, Ill., December 21.—Proposing a unique plan of lower wages to enable the road to begin operations once more, with a promise to employes of additional pay from any surplus earnings above expenses at the end of the year, the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad today brought its troubles to the United States Railroad Labor Board for solution.

Through J. C. Murray, Receiver and General Manager of the road, the proposition was made to cut wages 25 per cent below the present scale set by the board to resume operations, and if, after operating expenses, taxes and interest are paid, there is any surplus, it is to be divided among the employes up to the existing scale of wages on other roads.

Murray brought the road's difficulties to the board, following the failure to reach an agreement with his former employes. As an alternative, he asks that he be allowed to operate an open shop, which, he said, could be done for "one-half the pay roll of 1920," which amounted to \$1,410,000. That figure has been reduced by 12 per cent under the board's July wage reduction, so that the present pay roll would amount to \$1,240,000, from which Murray proposes to cut 25 per cent or \$310,000. Such a cut would still leave the total labor bill 34 per cent above 1917, when the road paid \$895,000 annually in wages, he said.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

ENTERTAINED

A. C. Squibb's class of young men of the Methodist Sunday school were entertained with a mulligan stew at the church Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The event was in honor of the class scoring second in an automobile race from San Francisco to New York City, in which the different classes of the Sunday school are the participants.

There were seventy young men present, thirty members of the class and twenty members of Prof. Lee's Concert Band, who were guests of honor, Mrs. Squibb, Mrs. Bert McCaslin and Dr. J. D. Shaddrick.

The delicious banquet was served cafeteria style, and the menu consisted of mulligan stew, bread and butter, pickles and coffee. Mr. Charles Bertalot, owner of the Broadway Hotel, and Mr. Fred Walton, prepared the mulligan stew.

Following the banquet the band rendered several beautiful selections, closing with the Band's Famous Air. They adjourned at 8 o'clock.

FOUR KILLED BY TRAIN

AT MOUNTAIN GROVE

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 21.—Four lives were the toll of a crossing accident at Mountain Grove tonight when a southbound Frisco freight train crashed into an automobile in which seven persons were riding.

The ones killed are all of the same family. They are: Mrs. Thomas Dobbins; her two sons, Phil, 22 and Omer, 5, and a daughter, 2 years old.

Two other members of the party are not expected to live until morning. All members of the party resided at Drury, Mo., southeast of here. They were on their way home from Mountain Grove when the accident occurred near the city limits. Thomas Dobbins, who was driving did not see the train. The machine was demolished.

PERRY CASE CONTINUED

The case of the State vs. Walter Perry came up for preliminary hearing Tuesday before Justice Sons. The State filed a motion to amend the information which was granted and then a continuance was asked for by the State so that additional witnesses might be obtained. The case was then reset for Wednesday, December 28.—Cassville Republican.

W. J. Farwell, age 76 years, died very suddenly at his home southeast of Cassville, Tuesday evening, December 20, from hemorrhage of the lungs. Funeral services were held Thursday.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

One of the prettiest parties of the holiday season was given on Thursday evening by Miss Josephine Price and Miss Margaret Price who were hostesses to the Bachelor Girl's Club at their home, The Maples, on West County street. The home was lavishly decorated with Christmas bells, cedar, mistletoe and holly. The lights throughout the home were dimmed with sprays of cedar and holly, and mistletoe was used very charmingly in decorating the door-ways. In the living room was an immense Christmas tree prettily decorated. The Club members drew names several weeks ago and exchanged gifts, which were placed on the tree. Miss Loretta Henry acted as Santa Claus very nicely, in appropriate robe and wig, and distributed the gifts. Dancing was indulged in until a late hour when lunch was served. The dining room was beautiful in Christmas decorations. The guests were seated at five small tables. The centerpiece for the tables were lighted candles in cut glass candle sticks tied with red maline bows and the scarlet shades added their crimson glow to the color scheme. The delicious lunch was served in two courses, the hostesses being assisted in serving by Mrs. Harry Osborn and Mrs. Clifford Parry. The menu consisted of chicken a la King, potato apple, cranberry sauce, A La Pear Salad, hot rolls, date pudding and coffee. Christmas place cards marked covers for the guests and miniature Santa Claus and poinsettia's in small pots were given as favors. Club members who were there included Misses Bee Masoner, Christine Johnston, Mildred Callaway, Loretta Henry, Florence Hobbs, Ruth Hobbs, Lucille Wagner, Virginia Townsend, Fay Baum, Mildred Keithly, Mattie McNeil, Grace Newman and guests of the club were Misses Georgia West, Margaret Chapel, Ruth Cole, Lois Wright, Helen Davis, Rose Smith, Lois Gerkin, of Colorado, and Mrs. Leslie K. Grimes.

REPORT DELIGHTFUL TRIP TO PITTSBURG

The members of the Oh Millie caste who went to Pittsburg, Kans., to assist in putting on the play at that place Wednesday night, report a delightful trip and a successful entertainment.

Walter Lanyon, who directed the play here, asked that Mrs. W. R. Isbell, Edna Lautaret, Gladys Jeffries, Homer Counts, Lloyd McKinney and Norman Nordin go to Pittsburg to take part in the play being sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of Security at that place.

The entertainment was given in Carney hall and they had a large audience at \$1.25 per ticket. The play was a great success. Mrs. Isbell gave the same reading there which she gave as a special number at Monett. It was well received and Mrs. Isbell was presented with a bouquet of carnations.

MRS. WOODS IS CLUB HOSTESS

The Auction club was delightfully entertained on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. J. P. Woods at her home on Third street. The afternoon was devoted to cards, Mrs. W. J. Fleming receiving the Club prize and Mrs. W. F. Landrum the guest prize. Carnations and Christmas decorations were used profusely in the decorations for the home and the color scheme was also carried out in the delicious two course lunch.

Club members present were Mesdames A. Coie, John P. Davis, George Edgar, James Mansfield, Charles Mansfield, W. M. West, W. H. Such, John Walsh, M. C. Shipley, L. H. Gabriel, J. P. Martin, W. W. Lehnhard, W. F. Landrum, E. W. Pfau, Thos. Markwell, George Morrow, Louis Tucker, O. H. Hudson, Alvin Cox, W. J. Fleming and W. D. Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Yates left Thursday morning for Lincoln, Ark., to spend Christmas with relatives.

Luther Lautaret, of Western Kansas, is visiting his parents south of town. The Lautarets own 1200 acres of land in that section of Kansas.

Ray Lynde, of Kansas City, is visiting his father, Theodore Lynde, and sister, Mrs. David Marshall, and Mr. Marshall.

Myron Dunlap, student at the School of Mines at Rolla, Mo., is home to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Jeanette Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Locke, of Oklahoma City, who have been visiting relatives at St. Louis arrived Thursday morning to spend the holidays with Mrs. Locke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Greathouse.

The commissioners of the Flat Creek Special Road District have bought a road razor to be used for maintaining the roads after they have once been put into condition. It is recommended very highly by experienced road men. Mt. Vernon and Aurora districts have bought the same kind of machine.

FRISCO TO PURCHASE MINERAL BELT LINE

Springfield, Dec. 22.—Though it has been known for several months that the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad had an option on the Mineral Belt railroad of Miami, Oklahoma, until about the first of next year, according to reliable information received here today, the company intends to exercise its option and purchase the latter system and combine it with the Frisco lines.

The plans of the railroad if approved by the interstate commerce commission, on which the company is awaiting permission to close the deal, according to the information will affect a number of Oklahoma towns in the district and two Kansas towns. These towns affected are: Cardin, Century, Hockerville, Picher and Quapaw, Okla., and Baxter Springs and Treece, Kan.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

L. P. Cramer, 24 Purdy
Alma McCormick, 20 Monett
Wm. V. Montgomery, 27 Cassville
Blanche E. Berry, 20 Cassville
Marion McCullah, 19 Newtonia
Mae Stephenson, 19 Purdy
Lewis Barnes, 22 Seligman
Eula Gibson, 17 Seligman
Lawrence Haddock Rocky Comfort
Kathryn Lee Cassville
Frank Gautney, 22 Mano
Jewell Larkin, 16 McDowell

AMERICAN LEGION

ANNUAL BANQUET

The Walford Anderson American Legion post will hold their annual election of officers and banquet on the evening of December 29. The banquet will be served at the Martin Hotel at 7:30 o'clock. This promises to be a very enjoyable affair.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED OUT

The fire department was called out shortly before noon today to the residence of H. P. Lamb, 801 Fourth street, by the flue burning out. No damage resulted.

ANOTHER GREAT MEETING AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Evangelist Martin preached a strong sermon on "The Unpardonable Sin" at the Baptist church Wednesday night. Four united with the church and two others confessed Christ.

The house was well filled and ten fine young men and women were buried with Christ in baptism.

Engineer T. A. Frossard was a visitor in Joplin, Wednesday.

Kenneth Guinney visited in Springfield, Thursday.

Viga Hall was a visitor in Joplin, Thursday.

Mrs. E. E. Johnson and daughter, Miss Isabelle Johnson spent Friday visiting at Joplin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Green left Friday morning for St. Louis to spend Christmas with Mrs. Green's parents Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Jolley.

Junior Westbay, who attends Missouri University at Columbia, Mo., came home Thursday morning to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Westbay.

Paul Matthews, student at the Missouri University at Columbia, Mo., is home to spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mahoney, of Muskogee, Okla., visited between trains Wednesday evening with Mrs. C. E. Mahoney and Miss Ruth Mahoney. They were enroute to Indianapolis, Ind., to spend Christmas with Mr. Mahoney's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frear and sons left Friday morning for Sapulpa, Okla., where they will visit Mrs. Charles Frear and children, and from there they will go to Oklahoma City to spend Christmas.

Mrs. C. C. Cook and son Harold went to Rogers, Ark., Friday morning to spend Christmas with relatives. Mrs. Cook will return following Christmas and Harold will spend the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. T. D. Pitts is seriously ill with grip. She has been confined to her bed with a broken hip and in her weakened condition the complication with grip makes her recovery doubtful.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of Lawrence, Barry and Stone County Mutual Life Association will be held at the City Hall, Aurora, Mo., January 2, 1922, at 1 p. m. to transact any and all business that may come before members assembled, also to elect officers for ensuing year.

All members are urged to attend, and offer suggestions for good of association.

John S. Ryker, President
Mrs. E. I. Bagby, Secretary.

HENRY WATTERSON DIES IN FLORIDA

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—Henry Watterson, one of the country's best known journalists and former owner and publisher of the Louisville, Ky., Courier Journal, died at a local hotel at 6:15 this morning.

Colonel Watterson's death was unexpected, though it had been known for some days that he was ill.

The veteran publisher had been here six weeks as was his custom on his annual trips to Florida. He had for many years been spending his winters largely at Fort Myers and it was his intention to go to that place when his condition improved sufficiently to take the trip. His wife, son and daughter were at his bedside when he died.

Colonel Watterson's death was due to heart failure superinduced by congestion of the lungs, according to physician.

He was conscious for a few minutes at intervals and 30 minutes before his death called his wife into the room and conversed with her. After a few words with Mrs. Watterson, the son and daughter were summoned. Members of the family said his death was peaceful. Colonel Watterson having lapsed into unconsciousness again a few minutes before he passed away.

FRISTATT SELLS ROAD BONDS

F. P. Sizer, president of the Monett State Bank, closed a contract yesterday, whereby he became the purchaser of the thirty thousand dollar bond issue recently voted by the Fristatt special road district. As soon as the bonds are registered this will give the Fristatt bond district sufficient funds when doubled by the government, to build a lot of good roads through their district connecting with Monett and other road districts.

ATTENTION DAIRYMAN!

L. M. Davidson, "Uncle Dan" as he is familiarly called, has added to his herd, "Brown Bessie's Fawn No. 188, 576 O. J. C. C." This young bull has the blood of some of the most noted sires of the Jersey breed in the United States in his veins. He is a lineal descendant of four of the St. Lamberts and Noble of Oaklands. His dam Rhodora's Brown Bessie, is now a producer of 6 per cent milk. See Uncle Dan at home on Scott street or at his farm northwest of Monett for further particulars. d138t2w16t4

WHY SET APPLE TREES NOW?

Because there are over 50 per cent less apple trees now than there were in 1910, according to the Washington Bureau of reports. There are also over 50 per cent less peach trees than in 1910. What will be the result? There is going to be a scarcity of fruit in a few years, therefore now is a fine time to get into the game. We have the biggest and nicest block of TWO YEAR old trees we have ever grown, including Black Ben, Ben Davis, Gano, Staymens Winesap, Grimes, King David, Jonathan, and all the leading varieties. We also have a block of one year old trees that pleases all those who have inspected it. This includes all the standard varieties. We have about 40,000 nice peach trees, also berry plants, cherries, ornamentals and etc. Don't fail to write us at once for our new price list. We will do you right THE CLEVER NURSERY CO., w11tf Clever, Mo.

James Moody is visiting friends at Springfield for a few days.

Clinton Ault, of Cassville, was in town on business Friday.

Mrs. Joe A. Jackson left this morning Harrison, Ark., where she will spend Christmas with her son, Leslie Jackson, and Mrs. Jackson.

Mrs. Joe Jackson left Friday morning to visit her son, Leslie Jackson, at Harrison, Ark., through the holidays.

Dr. Van Feist is at home from Washington University at St. Louis, to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Feist.

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48 MEN SENT TO BRANSON TO FILL JOBS ON BIG DAM

Forty-eight unemployed were sent to the Ozark Power and Electric Company at Branson, Mo., yesterday from Red Cross headquarters, Third and Joplin streets. The Red Cross was the clearing house for the men who were given identification slips to present at the office of the Empire District Electric Company here, where transportation was furnished.

The men will get \$2.50 a day and will be employed on the dam at Powersite.

Walter Over, executive secretary of the Red Cross chapter, said yesterday that many of the men applying for work were mechanics and turned the job down because it was not in their line.—Joplin Globe.

DEMOLAY OFFICERS APPOINTED

DeMolay officers appointed to serve for the following six months are as follows: M. C., Milton Reynaud; S. C. Fred Steele; J. C. Loy Shepherd; S. D., Tom Steele; J. D., Vernon Chumbley; S. S., Carol Donlavy; J. S. William Pearl; Sentinel, Victor Cox; chaplain, Lyle Baker; marshal, Russell Gilbert; standard bearer, Paul Wilson; almoner, Ralph Waltrip; preceptors, Clarence Bridwell, Otto Boss, Amos Gurley, Jr., William Stewart, Edgar McMahan, Burt Johnson and George Bass.

MOORE AND KIRBY CASE IS DISMISSED

The hearing of L. C. Moore and Raymond Kirby, charged with taking merchandise from Frisco freight cars was held before Judge Hobbs in police court Thursday morning. The case was dismissed for lack of evidence to prosecute.

A preliminary hearing of the case was held Monday before Justice O'Dwyer, and the defendant requested a change of venue, which was granted.

NOTICE TO CITIZENS

After this date, citizens of the town who find that their flues are burning out, are requested to open the stove door, which will stop the flames. If this simple precaution is taken it will not be necessary to call the fire department.

J. H. WAGNER, Fire Chief.

H. S. Ferrell, of Cassville, has built up quite an industry in shipping live rabbits to the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Randall, of Springfield, are spending the holiday season with relatives in the city.

A song convention was held at Arnhart, southeast of Purdy, Sunday. The Gunter, Fairview and Macedonia classes took part, with J. G. Henderson, Elisha Fly and Floyd Inman as leaders. Will Riddle presided.

Miss Margaret Amsberry, a student at Montecello Seminary at Godfrey, Ill., visited between trains Wednesday evening with Miss Georgia West, enroute to her home at Wichita, Kans., to spend the holiday season.

The construction of a new bridge over the Osage river at Belvoir was ordered Monday at a joint meeting of the county courts of Bates and Vernon counties with officials of the Kansas City-Springfield Highway association. The bridge was ordered built by both county courts and engineers of both counties drew plans for letting the contract.

BANK OF EXETER ROBBED OF \$4,000

Bob Amos Arrested on Suspicion and Officers Working on Further Clues.

Two bandits robbed the Bank of Exeter Thursday afternoon, stripped it of cash amounting to approximately \$4,000, locked the cashier, the assistant cashier and a customer in the vault, and then escaped in a motor car. The robbery was committed at 4 o'clock, a few minutes before the bank doors would have been closed for the day.

Within two minutes after the bandits left the bank with their loot and drove east from Exeter toward Cassville, Cashier J. C. Ellston; his assistant, Miss Clara Williams and J. D. Kersey, who were locked in the vault, gained their liberty by working an inside combination and sounded the alarm.

A posse of citizens was organized immediately and armed with revolvers and shotguns went in pursuit. About two miles south of Exeter, on a sharp curve in the road, the bandits motor car, a five-passenger, was found wrecked and abandoned.

Indications were that the bandits had attempted to round the curve at a high rate of speed and the car had skidded and crashed into a bank. A front wheel was broken.

At 9 o'clock Thursday night Bob Amos, of Butterfield, was arrested near Cassville by Sheriff Ed Roberts and was placed in the county jail for investigation in connection with the robbery. Amos had some cuts about his face, which might have been made by broken glass from the windshield. No money was found on Amos and he denied all knowledge of the robbery. Amos fills the description of one of the robbers. The other robber was said to have been slightly smaller than Amos.

The wrecked car was found to belong to Jack Clayton, of Cassville. Clayton denies all knowledge of how the car came in possession of the bandits. In the car were found two raincoats and an overcoat. The overcoat belonged to Otis Amos, a brother of Bob Amos.

FRISCO MEN ARE RE-ARRESTED

Following the dismissal of the case of the state against Raymond Kirby and L. C. Moore by Police Judge Hobbs, on account of lack of evidence against the men, Mr. Truman, Frisco officer, arrived in town and ordered the men to be arrested again. They went to Cassville and gave bond. Their case will come up before Justice H. P. Sons, of Cassville at a later date.

Tom Moore, of Newberg, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Jeffrey Moore, and other relatives here.

Mrs. Dora Steele and children left Thursday morning, for Fulton, Kan., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Steele's father.

Recent recommendations for postmaster made by Congressman McPherson are Milton Wilhelm, of Seligman; Edwin McKinley, of Wheaton and Fred Mitchell, of Purdy.

Miss Rose Martin will come home Saturday after an extended visit at St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coleman and daughter will return with her to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Erwin and son Patsie, of Cassville, will also spend the holidays at the Martin home.

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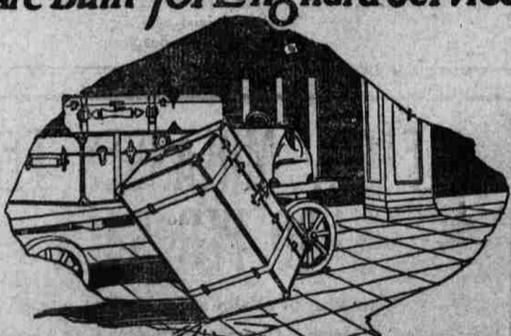
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