

MAZAMA'S RETURN STRANG FOR SKING

Annual Outing of Enthusiasts Is Decided After Frolic on Slopes of Mount Hood.

WEEK CRAMMED WITH FUN

Some in Party Pass Much of Time Digging Selves Out of Snow and Pierce Mountain Storm Is Encountered on Arrival.

BY ANNE SHANNON MONROE.

Members of the Mazama Club returned to Portland last night after a week passed in winter sports, chief among them skiing on Mount Hood.

The enthusiasm is unbounded. The ease with which the knack of ordinary travel-skiing was acquired was astonishing to those who went with misgivings, while the high jumping and long coasting of a few experts aroused ambitions that were not satisfied until another winter vacation.

The party went by stage from Bull Run to Rhododendron Tavern, remaining there until Tuesday morning when they set out for Government Camp, in the wake of Guide Coalman.

A tramp of five miles brought them to good skiing ground. There was no choice to go on, the ski must be donned—'if one can "don" anything so unwieldy.

Woman, 60, Dons Skis. Every member of the party, including Mrs. Dillinger, the oldest, was up in her 60s, strapped on skis—and then the fun began.

Guide Coalman kindly instructed every one in the most approved method of falling—if one must fall—that is, sideways, directly into a snowdrift.

Before the five miles were finished, every one had one or more falls—fear had vanished—and it was a roaring, rollicky group that fell into Government Camp, with an appetite for lunch that was appalling, three hours later.

A terrific wind was sweeping over the plateau in the center of which Government Camp is situated, and before the dinner bell rang, snow had begun to fall.

To see a real wintry storm on Mount Hood, while safe and snug inside, is an experience worth any amount of skiing. The snow on the level Wednesday morning measured 42 inches, while in the drifts it was well over a man's head.

Wednesday morning there was more coasting, then the party started out on the long trip to the snow-hip deep, in Rhododendron Tavern. It was a glorious coast nearly all the way, in fact until the snow became too soft in the lower altitudes.

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demanded that it be shown to him Wednesday, were given by Mr. Nolita last night.

Nolita Gives Figures.

"The bids I got Wednesday from the minute books," said Mr. Nolita, "were as follows: Waddell & Harrington, straight 5 per cent; W. W. Lucius, of Portland, \$32,750; A. P. O'Neil, of Portland, straight 5 per cent; Straus-Bascule Company of Chicago, \$57,400; George Rea, 3 1/2 per cent; Bowerman of Seattle, 4 per cent; C. E. Fowler, of Seattle, \$40,000; Cook & Moore, of Kansas City, \$20,000. I did not learn the amounts of the other bids."

The bid of the Hedrick & Cokeran Company, also of Kansas City, is said to have been 4 per cent of the cost, and that of W. C. Elliott, of Portland, \$25,000.

Explaining the selection of Waddell & Harrington, County Commissioner Holman said last night that the firm was chosen because of its general high standing as a bridge-building firm, and especially because of the high recommendation given by officials of the O. W. R. & N. company, for which it built the Harriman bridge.

"Both J. D. Farrell, president, and George W. Boschee, chief engineer and himself, are building authority," said Waddell & Harrington the very highest recommendation," said Mr. Holman.

"I submitted to us their contract with Waddell & Harrington. It called for a straight 5 per cent commission, on the same terms as the proposal made to us by the firm. We figured that when a railroad company, which is not run by agitators, but by hard-headed business men, achieved the best results by giving a firm a commission and paying them their price, our own business interests could best be served by following the same course."

"Contract Like Railroad's." "The contract we drew up with Waddell & Harrington is based almost exactly on that under which the Harriman bridge was built. The cost of that bridge was \$1,000,000. The estimated cost of the Interstate bridge that conditions are about the same in either case."

"We made a few changes in this contract, based on local conditions. Where the O. W. R. & N. paid 3 1/2 per cent of the commission on completion of the work, we have provided for 3 per cent, the other 2 per cent, for supervision of the work, to be paid prior to the work's completion."

"What appealed to me especially was this firm had built bridges here previously and that they had been given the right recommendation and the right railroad company."

Mr. Holman contends that there were no "bids" on the bridge work, that they were "business proposals for performance of professional service."

"It was a case of getting the best man with us, regardless of whether his price was higher or not," said Mr. Holman. "It is true that there were some lower propositions. Some of them were made by men who are not bridge engineers at all."

"Waddell & Harrington were the best fitted for the place. We took them just as you or I would take the best doctor if we were sick."

"We drew up, following the O. W. R. & N. contract, which was a business document drawn up by business men, looking after business interests first and giving a \$50,000 surety bond that the bridge will give satisfactory operation. I feel that by taking Waddell & Harrington, the work will be done in the best manner in the land."

County Commissioner Lightner also declared that Waddell & Harrington were selected because it was considered that they would give the best satisfaction.

"All the competing engineers had the best of recommendations, for that matter," said Mr. Lightner, "but we were more impressed with those for Waddell & Harrington. The question of possible extras has been raised. It ought to be made clear to the public that it is provided in the contract that the price of the bridge, including commission, is not to exceed the money received from the sale of the bonds."

"Until bids are received for the contracts on the structure it cannot be told how much it will cost. The supervising engineers are to get the contract of the contract price of the bridge, and not of the \$1,750,000. That ought to be understood. If the bids for these contracts exceed \$1,750,000 we will not let the contracts. So there will positively not be any extras."

"At one time four members of the bridge commission, Messrs. W. W. Lucius, of Portland, as the bridge engineer, Lucius, it develops, did not improve on the contract, and Governor West emphatically declared he would not stand for his selection."

On the first ballot at the next meeting of the commission, Messrs. W. W. Lucius, of Portland, and Governor West were six votes for Waddell & Harrington.

Hart Holds Out. Commissioner Lindsay, of Clarke County, who, with Commissioner Hart, of Multnomah County, were against Waddell & Harrington, then agreed to vote for them. Mr. Hart would not.

Commissioner Hart yesterday declined to discuss his charge that two of the bidders had attempted to bribe him, but he did declare emphatically that Waddell & Harrington were not among the number.

"I haven't refused to sign the contract, but I think I will refuse," said Commissioner Hart. "I didn't like the way other engineers with recommendations every bit as good were passed by."

"I think C. E. Fowler, of Seattle, who offered for \$45,000 to do everything that Waddell & Harrington will do, and that includes shop inspection and everything else, should have received more consideration."

PROPOSED SITES REVIEWED. Engineers Will Start Actual Surveys Next Week.

When the contract for the new Columbia River Interstate bridge was signed Wednesday afternoon by Commissioners Holman and Lightner and John Lyle Harrington, of the firm of Waddell & Harrington, engineers, Mr. Harrington and E. E. Howard, who will be in active charge of the preliminary surveys, already had viewed the proposed sites for the Vancouver approach of the bridge.

Accompanied by the Clarke County Commissioners, Messrs. Harrington and Howard inspected the riverfront on the Government reservation to the railroad bridge, a distance of nearly a mile.

Vancouver has proposed three approaches for the new bridge, preferring that the approach be at the foot of Washington, Columbia Main streets. The engineers, however, were instructed to inspect all available sites and locations on both sides of the river will be approached and if they found a more desirable site for an approach than any that had been recommended to make that one accordingly.

No investigation of the territory viewed by the engineers has been made as yet, but work on the permanent surveys on both sides of the river will be begun next week, Mr. Howard said. Mr. Harrington still is busy cleaning up preliminary work, but will start today for Washington to procure the necessary authority from Congress to build the bridge and discuss the proposed plans with the War Department.

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the riverfront on the Oregon side and have begun collecting all available maps and the assembling of all possible information regarding river conditions.

Mr. Harrington said that he will return from Washington the latter part of the month, and as soon as he has been able to review and consider all the data that may be gathered during his absence by Mr. Howard he will be able to announce the location of the crossing and the approaches.

"WHY HURRY SO?" WEST ASKS. Governor Adds There Are Other Objections to Signing Now.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Dean Henry Landes today became president of the University of Washington, succeeding Thomas Franklin Kane, news of the appointment was received quietly on the university campus. Many students and instructors were absent because of the holidays. Those who remained declined to comment.



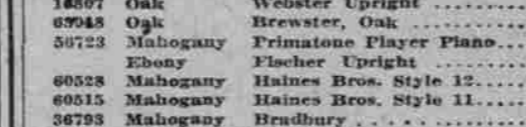
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ESPLANADE IS PLANNED. Seaside Takes Steps to Establish Waterway and Fire Limits.

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POLK COUNTY LEVY FIXED. Estimate in Advertised Budget Is Decreased More Than 2 Mills.

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The County Court today made the tax levy for Polk County for 1914, placing it at 17 1/2 mills. This is a reduction of 2 1/2 mills from the estimate contained in the advertised budget.

CONTRACT IS PROTESTED. (Continued From First Page.) "star chamber" feature of the sessions and bidding has been one of the main causes for the criticism of the actions of the commission.

Rufus Holman, Multnomah County Commissioner and chairman of the bridge commission, declined yesterday to make these proposals public. He said that if the entire bridge committee would agree to it, and if the different engineers would then give their permission, he would do so, but not otherwise.

Some of the figures, which Mr. Nolita said he had copied from the minute book of the bridge commission after

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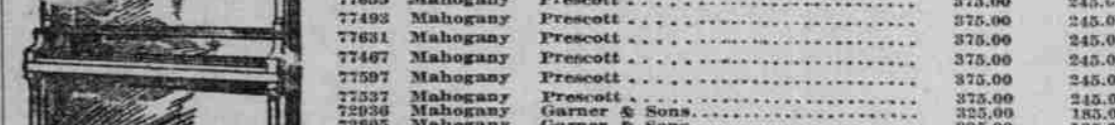
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