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RIDDLE STARTS CUT-OFF FIGHT

Endeavoring to Force Commission to Maintain Present Road Location.

BRINGS COURT ACTION

Requests Court to Enjoin Commission to Prevent Change in Route of Pacific Highway and to Declare Contract Illegal.

Bringing suit in the circuit court through S. H. Rockhill, one of the leading citizens of the community, Riddle has started its fight for self-preservation, by enjoining the highway commission, and the county court from changing the Pacific Highway away from the city and by enjoining the contractor from making any improvements upon the new location as selected by the commission, and the secretary of state and the state treasurer from issuing warrants for payment of work done. This action, which will be fought out in the courts, probably in the Supreme Court of the state, will be one of the biggest legal battles for many years and will have a direct bearing on future actions to be taken by the State Highway Commission.

The legal part of Riddle's cause will be handled by the firm of Rice and Orcutt.

The defendants in the suit, are S. Benson, W. L. Thompson, and R. A. Booth, constituting the state highway commission, Ben Olcott secretary of state, O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, D. J. Stewart, county judge, W. E. St. John and Edwin Weaver, commissioners, constituting the county court for Douglas County and H. J. Hildeburn.

Commission Authorized.

At the time the legislature made provisions for a State Highway commission, an act was passed and approved, providing that the Governor, the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer should constitute the commission. The State Highway Engineer was preferred to prepare a map showing all the main highways to be designated as state highways, one of the provisions being:

"Such roads shall in all cases lead into or towards the chief market centers of the state, and shall connect with, so far as is possible, the principal county roads of the state."

Later the legislature created a highway commission of three members providing their appointment by the governor. At the same time an act was approved providing that all rights-of-way must be acquired by the county.

The plaintiff, Mr. Rockhill, who is acting for the city of Riddle, claims that the legislature designated the Pacific highway as one of the thoroughfares to be improved, and that subsequently it was surveyed and the route laid out through Myrtle Creek, Riddle and Canyonville. The route was adopted and maps were made designating the highway over the present established road except for local deviations necessary for the purpose of eliminating short curves.

Special Election.

An act of the legislature approved Feb. 21, 1917 and ratified by the people at a special election called for the purpose on June 4, 1917, called for the issuance of \$1,000,000 in bonds and further provided that among the highways to be so improved and paved was the following:

The road running from the north line of Douglas County to the Jackson County line over the line of the Pacific Highway as indicated by the State Highway Commission."

There are two regularly laid out and established roads between the city of Myrtle Creek and the town of Canyonville, one of which runs to the east of Riddle and the other through Riddle. The distance in length of this latter road is approximately 12 miles.

Money Expended.

The plaintiff in his complaint says it has been understood that the highway was to go through Riddle. Relying upon the present location as permanent, the taxpayers of the road district, by special levy, have raised large sums of money, and the county has expended approximately \$100,000. The county commission after a supposed agreement with the State Highway Commission that the road was to go through Riddle, signed a joint contract with the state and government and has expended \$25,000 on the road south of Canyonville, locally known as the Canyon road. The commission is now attempting to abandon the route through Riddle and to build a new road and to improve same with funds taken from the bond issue voted by the people. The new road will be 9.5 miles in length.

Following the decision of the state highway commission to abandon the present road through Riddle, the county court passed a resolution setting forth the understanding which had been reached with

TROOPS PRESENCE PEEVES MEXICANS

Government Wants Ambassador to Protest Crossing of Border After Bandits.

CANNOT DECLARE PEACE

President Unable to Make Formal Terms Without Sanction by the Senate—Big Fine For the Food Hoarders.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—That the Mexican government is peevish over the crossing of the United States cavalry into its territory in pursuit of brigands is indicated in the protest issued. The Mexican ambassador at Washington has been instructed by his government to formally protest to the state department against the invasion of Mexican territory by the United States troops and to request immediate withdrawal of the cavalry now in pursuit of the bandits who were paid ransom money for releasing two aviators whom they had captured.

PRESIDENT IS POWERLESS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The president has no power to declare peace by proclamation, nor could he consent under any circumstances to take such course prior to ratification by the senate of the formal treaty of peace, so President Wilson writes to Senator Fall, of New Mexico, in replying to one of 20 written questions the senator presented at the conference Tuesday.

PROPOSE A BIG FINE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The amendments to the food control act imposing a fine of five thousand dollars and imprisonment for two years for profiteering, have been favorably reported by the house agricultural committee.

BANDITS ROB TRAIN.

NASHVILLE, Aug. 21.—Four masked highwaymen held up the Louisville and Nashville passenger train today, running between Cincinnati and Montgomery. The train was stopped between Columbia and Paducah and the mail pouches carried away. A posse is in pursuit of the robbers.

RIOTS IN LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21.—A crowd of 500 strikers and sympathizers blocked the street railway lines today delaying traffic and looting and stoned the street cleaning crews. The police dispersed the crowd. No one was injured.

Ellis Miller, employed at United electric state, begins work September 1, as a substitute letter carrier at the Roseburg post office, taking the place of D. H. Gibbs, who transfers to a clerical position. Will Mr. Miller's employment, no more positions are vacant at the local post office.

FORMER ROSEBURG MISS MARRIED IN IDAHO

The Pocastello Idaho Telephone last week contained a photo of Miss N. na Marshall, formerly of this city who was married in that city recently. The following account of the wedding was given:

A very pretty home wedding took place Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 when Miss Nina Marshall, was married to Charles Braun, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Marshall, 640 North Arthur. A shower of pink sweet peas formed the altar and Bishop D. J. Sutton read the double ring ceremony. The bride wore attractively gowning in a white georgette crepe, veil and carried a bridal bouquet of white roses and baby breath. The wedding march from Tanhauser was played by the Misses Lillis Crane and Helen Robbins, James Savage was best man and Miss Mildred Marshall, sister of the bride acted as maid of honor and wore a Nile-green frock and a white picture hat. The bridesmaids were the Misses Estelle Williams, Cecil Knudsen, Martha Easterbrook, Cuba Alworth, Helen Wood and Vera Wood and wore pink and white frocks and picture hats of the color of their particular gown. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Marshall gave a bridal supper and reception at the Hotel Yellowstone between the hours of 6:30 and 9 when Mr. and Mrs. Braun left for the east. A large bouquet of pink and white roses tied with pink mulline made a very effective center piece at the long table where the guests were seated. Mr. and Mrs. Braun left at 9 o'clock for the east and will visit in Kansas City, Chicago, and Mr. Braun parents in Bloomington Ill. They will return to Pocastello by way of Portland and will also spend a few days in Los Angeles, California.

SAYS OFFICERS TOO OFFICIOUS

J. H. Regal Declares Patrons of Railroads Have Rights Which Are Ignored.

FREQUENT VISITOR HERE

Portland Dry Squad Makes A Great Deal of Trouble—Accused Railroad Agents of Being in Cahoots with Bootleggers.

J. H. Regal, general baggage agent for the O. W. R. & N. and S. P. lines in Oregon, is a frequent visitor in this city and is well-known by the railroad officials. Mr. Regal in addition to carrying on the baggage department was also route agent for the troop trains and transportation orders passed through his office. He recently visited North Bend, that being his first trip away from his office since the war ended.

Dry Squad Make Trouble.

The Portland dry squad gave us more trouble than one might expect from an organization of this kind. Mr. Regal said in discussing the difficulties of handling baggage suspected of containing liquor. "These officials went so far as to accuse our agents and men employed on the baggage cars of being in sympathy with bootleggers" he said. "The officers would tear open trunks, disarrange the contents and abuse every privilege, often to find nothing at all in the shape of liquor. When my department refused to hold baggage suspected because of lack of proper search warrants, our men were abused and accused, to the extent that life was becoming miserable. We informed all officials courteously that when proper search warrants were produced specifically describing any piece of baggage and giving the check number, that piece would be promptly turned over to them, but to submit to indiscriminate ransacking of all trunks without this authority could not be expected nor would it be permitted."

Law is Very Plain.

Mr. Regal says the law protects the passenger, and that no official can either hold or search a grip or trunk without a search warrant specifically describing that piece of baggage. His agents will refuse to hold any piece of baggage not so described, and the orders are to turn over to the party presenting duplicate check without delay. Grips in possession of passengers are also under this rule.

Mr. Regal suggests for the general information of the traveling public that all pieces of baggage be properly marked so that identification is possible. Do not check a trunk unless it is locked, properly strapped or roped, and the name of the owner is painted on it is the advice he offers.

Mr. Regal has been investigating the reported searching of trunks by officials and if it can be proven the searching was done without the proper warrant, steps will be taken to prosecute the offenders.

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AMERICAN LEGION OFFICER VISITS

Spends Day Conferring With Chairman of the Local Chapter.

HAS MANY ODD DUTIES

Ex-Service Men's organization Not Only Cares for Sick Soldiers but is Engaged in Solving the Labor Problem.

"The American Legion is 100 per cent American," is the way in which W. B. Follett, vice-chairman of the state committee of the ex-service men's organization makes his appeal for the support of the legion. Mr. Follett spent yesterday in this city conferring with Attorney Carl Wimmerly, local chairman, in regard to matters pertaining principally to the affairs of the local county chapter. "Our claim of its being purely American has led a few to make the mistake of believing that it is a military organization and that the members will be required to continue as a part of the country's military defense. Some ex-soldiers say they have had enough of Squads East and West and that they will not affiliate with anything that is connected with the army, navy or marine corps. That is where 'they are mistaken in regard to the legion. Our organization is a legion for soldiers, right now we are caring for 29,000 men who are in the hospitals. We are placing hundreds in employment. We ousted one man from his position and gave it to a soldier. The man we had discharged was of military age. He refused to enlist, claimed exemption from the draft, refused to assist in any war work and when the war was finally over was a member of the committee to welcome returning soldiers. We learned of his and within two hours he was discharged and a competent soldier put in his place.

Handling Labor Situation.

"Our chief effort at present is in conducting the labor situation. With civilian employment concerns we have found that incompetent men are often given responsible positions for which they are not fitted. This is one of the things the Legion is endeavoring to avoid. Every man seeking employment is put under certain classification heads and we then find him a position he can fill well. For instance, your local chapter needs a certain number of men for certain work. It is a job that requires skilled labor and although you may have plenty of fillets seeking work, yet you cannot secure them where there is a shortage of labor. A statement to the State Headquarters will bring the skilled men, while your idle men if reported to the State office may be placed where they can competently fill the positions to which they are assigned. We are searching out our many lines and there is no limit to our scope.

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CHANGE TO TAKE JOYRIDE IN CLOUDS

Medford Plane Will Make Passenger Carrying Flights in Roseburg.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Two Experienced Pilots in Charge of Machine—Saw Service Abroad and Brought Down the Hunns From the Clouds.

Put your old "tin dizzie" in the shed over Saturday and Sunday for you now have the first opportunity to take a joy ride in an air plane over the city and the Umpqua Valley. B. W. Craig, of the Medford Aircraft Corporation, arrived here yesterday and today completed arrangements to bring their commercial plane here tomorrow evening from the southern city to make passenger carrying flights on the two above mentioned days. The plane, piloted by ex-Lieutenant Floyd Hart and ex-Lieutenant Jones, both Medford boys, will fly into Roseburg late tomorrow afternoon and will alight on the Hanan field south of the city. On Saturday morning the plane will start carrying passengers for the entire day and will repeat the performance on Sunday. Passengers will, for the sum of \$15, have ample opportunity to give Roseburg the "once over" and to gaze on the splendor of the Umpqua Valley. The day of miracles has not passed. Imagine but a few short years ago the awe and surprise you would have expressed should anyone have made the above proposition to you. It is the opportunity of a lifetime.

Floyd Hart, pilot of the Medford plane, is an overseas aviator and was cited three times by the United States army for bravery over the German lines. He was successful in bringing down three Heines during his service in the air abroad and has an enviable record. Jones was also overseas in the air service and was cited for exceptional bravery over the boche lines. He was the pilot in a lone Bellavia bomber plane "across the pond." To ride above the clouds with two such experienced pilots is indeed a privilege and it is thought the plane will enjoy a rubbing business during their stay in this city.

They are on their way north and Roseburg is the only passenger-carrying stop they will make this side of the Columbia river. The plane is of a bright yellow color and can easily be distinguished when it appears in the clouds tomorrow evening.

Applications for flights can be made at either newspaper office in Roseburg, and only a limited number of blanks have been left so you had better call early and get your "reserved seat."

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MEXICAN BRIGANDS FLEEING TO COVER

U.S. Cavalry Takes Up A Hot Trail at Daybreak Today Aviators Are Busy.

MACHINES FLYING LOW

Become Easy Mark for Bandit Riflemen—Four Mexicans Captured—Negro Assaults White Woman and is Shot.

(By Associated Press.)
MARFA, Tex., Aug. 21.—At daybreak this morning United States cavalry pursuing the bandits in Mexican territory took up the trails of the fugitives, who are alleged to now believe that the Americans mean business, and are evidently scattering so as to avoid capture. This is the third day of the chase and one column of troops picked up a hot trail of two brigands, who are believed to be companions of the two captured yesterday afternoon by Capt. Leonard Matlock. Aviators assisting in the chase now find their work extremely hazardous on account of low landing fields in the districts being combed for the outlaws. It being necessary to fly close to earth, the machines afford an easy mark for bandit riflemen, who frequently fire upon them. Many narrow escapes are reported. The fliers leaving Marfa this morning carried Associated Press dispatches to drop to each cavalry troop, so that the officers and men will have news from the outside world while prosecuting the effort to capture the Mexican brigands.

CAVALRY TO STAY.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Although Mexico has requested immediate withdrawal of troops from pursuit of bandits, there is no indication that the demand will be heeded until the band is captured or the trail becomes cold.

NEGRO IS MURDERED.

LOUISVILLE, N. C., Aug. 21.—Walter Elliott, a negro, alleged to have assaulted a farmer's wife, was shot to death by a mob of enraged citizens which later carried the body to the scene of the crime and swung it to a tree in the country churchyard. The negro was taken from the sheriff just before the shooting.

TIMBER FIRES RAGING.

ALBANY, Aug. 21.—Millions of feet of timber is being destroyed by the forest fire which is leaping a wing through the tops of the blue fir trees. Two thousand acres were swept by fire yesterday, raging within two miles of this city on the east. Several hundred men are fighting the flames and with continuation of the hot weather and northerly winds much more of the Mammoth Lumber Company timber will go up the smoke.

ARM IS INJURED.

S. M. Miller sustained a severe injury last night, when he accidentally struck his arm against the power saw with which he had been sawing wood. He stated he though he had turned off the engine but had failed to do so and in working around the machinery accidentally struck the whirling saw. The sharp teeth cut a notch which required 15 stitches to close. The injured arm was taken to the offices of Dr. E. V. Hoover who dressed the injury. The muscles of the forearm were severed and a large artery cut.

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YONCALLA VALLEY RAIDED BY PLANES

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HAD LOTS OF SPORT

Residents Are Loading Shot Guns In Case the Ships Return and the Flyers Will Get A Taste of Battle.

Yoncalla farmers visiting in Roseburg today tell stories of an airplane raid upon their valley on Tuesday afternoon of this week, when three of the ships swooped out of the heavens in a bee-line for the ground then circled around the farms close to the earth throwing the birds, beasts and fowls and even the residents into a frenzied panic. A squadron of Fritzas in Roche planes swooped that section they could have created little more excitement, for the whole country seemed to turn topsy-turvy in a few moments time. One of the planes dropped low in a nose dive, then with a sudden tilt of the planes shot into the air, then back again, this time going so close to the ground that he passed beneath the high tension power line running to Yoncalla. A youth with open mouth and bulging eyes, who after he had sufficiently recovered his senses pronounced the name, John Wang, dropped to the earth and hugged it close in an effort to save his life which seemed to be threatened. The aviator saw the cowering lad and laughed, gave the ship the gun and soared high into the clouds.

Another of the trio of airplanes flew low over a pasture and frightened a herd of cattle so that they stampeded, one of the cows running into a deep ditch and was held fast there by the mud. It was with some effort that the frightened animal was extricated.

Another of the fun-loving aviators pulled a rancher in the farm yard sawing wood. He nose-dived directly for the valley resident, who with one startled glance upward, threw his saw high into the air and sought the safety of his house. Evidently he could hardly believe that he had not been indulging heavily in "befo the liquor."

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Although the sport must have been supposed for the a-frightens Yoncalla valley residents are shining up their double-barreled shot guns in anticipation of another such visit from the skies and promise a few thrills of the battle fronts for the birds.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Sun Starmer leaves tomorrow for San Francisco, where he will enter the railroad hospital to undergo an operation for the removal of tonsils.

The local forestry office is endeavoring to secure men to assist in fighting fires in the Diamond Rock country where there are several small fires burning. The title fire is practically under control unless there is a hard wind which will soon be headed off.

James Pearson, for many months a resident of Roseburg, now located at Eugene, is spending a couple of days in this city attending to business matters. Mr. Pearson is soon to erect a large