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MIDDLE WINS IN HIGHWAY FIGHT

Commission Enjoined From
Constructing Proposed
Cut-Off Road.

APPEAL IS EXPECTED

Precedent Set by Judge Skip-
worth Will Probably Mean That
the Commission Will Try
for a Reversal.

A sweeping decision for the city of Riddle, setting a precedent to be followed in similar cases in the future, and declaring null and void the contract for the construction of the Myrtle Creek-Canyonville cut-off road, which would eliminate Riddle from the Pacific highway, was handed down today by Judge G. F. Skipworth, who presided over the recent hearing in which S. H. Rocknall, representing the citizens and taxpayers of Riddle, brought suit against the highway commission and others to enjoin the commission and those associated from adopting the cut-off road as a portion of the Pacific highway.

Judge Skipworth's decision sustains all of the contentions of the plaintiff and declares that the highway commission has no right to abandon routes designated by the legislature and that although it has the power to make local changes to eliminate grades and curves, an entire route cannot be abandoned when the road was originally declared a part of the Pacific highway. After stating the findings of fact, which consist of a resume of the evidence introduced at the hearing, Judge Skipworth sums up the conclusions of law as follows:

No Authority Given.
1. That the defendant state highway commission has no authority to build, construct or improve the road mentioned and described in the findings as the "cut-off" between Myrtle Creek and Canyonville, or to designate the same as the Pacific highway. That the state highway commission has no authority under the law to open, locate and lay out new roads as state highways, but only have authority as a matter of law, to designate as state highways, roads already laid out, opened and established by the county courts of the various counties of the state.

2. That the contract entered into between R. W. Marsters on behalf of Douglas county, and S. Benson, chairman of the state highway commission, to the effect that if the county of Douglas appropriate twenty-three thousand dollars toward the Canyonville-Galesville road, the state highway commission would improve and establish the Pacific highway through Riddle, is void as against public policy and therefore of no force or legal effect.

MEDICAL ASSN. HAS GOOD SESSION

Physicians From All Parts of
the State Were Here
Yesterday.

GRANTS PASS NEXT YEAR

Grants Pass Physician Elected to
Presidency—New Fee Schedule
Patterned After That of
Larger Cities Selected.

It was the unanimous opinion of all attending physicians that the 29th annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Medical association, held in this city yesterday, was one of the most interesting and instructive sessions of that kind yet to be held. There was a large number of physicians present, both as visitors and members of the association, each having experiences to relate which would be of use in the practice of others.

It was decided to hold the convention at Grants Pass next year, and the following officers were elected to take charge: Dr. L. O. Clement, of Grants Pass, president; Dr. E. R. Pickel, of Medford, vice president; Dr. A. C. Seely, of Roseburg, secretary and treasurer; Dr. W. H. Flannigan, of Grants Pass, board of censors; Dr. R. W. Stearns, of Medford, board of delegates; Dr. D. P. Corwell, of Riddle, and Dr. R. L. Hall, of Sutherlin, were admitted to membership upon the presentation of application.

Several Portland physicians were present, among them being, Dr. R. C. Coffey, Dr. F. E. Deimer, Dr. T. W. Watt and Dr. Wm. House. Drs. Bartlett and Neil, both of Eugene, were also present.

Other visiting physicians were: Dr. G. W. Gregg and E. A. Wood, of Ashland; Dr. E. B. Pickel, of Medford; Dr. W. H. Flannigan, L. O. Clement and S. Lockridge, of Grants Pass; Dr. Geo. C. Knott, of Galesville; Dr. D. R. Coryell, of Riddle; Dr. Wm. P. Holt, of Eagle Point, and Dr. H. A. Canfield, of Drain.

All the talks, both by Roseburg and out-of-town physicians, were considered to be unusually good this year. One of the best, according to several, was the paper read by Dr. Geo. E. Houck of this city, on "Miscellaneous Advances in Medicine, Surgery and Sanitation." Dr. Houck's paper was more than interesting, said a local doctor when speaking of it this morning, "and showed great research and study. He showed the great progress made in the profession in the past year, and also touched upon the many problems left to face that have not as yet been decided and settled."

One of the many subjects under discussion was the forming of a new fee schedule, and all were agreed that this was more than necessary owing to the advances in the cost of living as well as for other reasons. The physicians are at present going by the same fee schedule drawn up by the medical association in 1912. The schedule at that time prepared, was very short, and does not cover many phases that are a part of the business today. The new schedule adopted is patterned after one in use in several larger cities and is very complete. It covers several pages of a small pamphlet and will greatly simplify the question of physicians' charges.

Hoover Rally to
Be Held Monday

Mrs. Jennie Kemp, formerly president of the W. C. T. U., will be in this city Monday, May 17, and will speak at the parish house in the interest of Herbert Hoover, candidate for the presidency of the U. S. This is the first move taken in the interest of Hoover's campaign, and doubtless the meeting will be well attended. Hoover supporters call attention to the fact that many polls taken in Oregon show Hoover's strength to be very great and that in spite of the urging of Wood leaders that other candidates throw their votes to the General in order to defeat Hiram Johnson, whom the Wood supporters contend to be a menace to the state. The fact that Hoover has led in many straw votes leads the food controller's believers to contend that he will defeat both Wood and Johnson, and consequently it is thought that few of them will swing away from their original intentions.

RESPONSIBILITY PLACED.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, May 12.—Responsibility for the collision here Sunday with the passenger train in the verdict returned early today after an all night session. The jury, however, gave the dead engineer, St. Willets, the benefit of a doubt when they expressed the belief that just prior to the wreck he had been rendered mentally or physically incapacitated.

WATCH SUGAR SALES.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 12.—Telegrams were sent today by the department of justice to all United States attorneys relettering the department's policy on holding the margin of profit on sugar sales to one cent for wholesalers and two cents for retailers.

CAR SHORTAGE ACUTE.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 12.—Legislation designed to aid railroads and shippers in the car shortage situation by extending to \$300,000,000 the revolving fund from five to 15 years was agreed upon by the senate interstate commerce committee.

MAY GET LOAN.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Solder relief legislation, departing radically from all the proposals before the house, was introduced in the senate today by Borah. It proposes to make available \$300,000,000 during the next 10 years for loans to all honorably discharged men.

JAMES A. FARRELL OPENS CONVENTION

President of the U. S. Steel
Corporation Makes Ad-
dress at San Francisco.

EXPECT FOREIGN TRADE

World Offers Vast Opportunities for
American Enterprise—U. S. Can
Produce More Than Can Be
Sold at Home, It Is Said.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The world offers vast opportunities for American enterprise, James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation, and chairman of the seventh annual National Foreign Trade convention, told trade experts from all parts of the world here today. His speech, opening a four-day international discussion of trade, portrayed conditions in the United States as leading to either stagnation and business reverses due to overproduction, or to glowing prosperity following development of world trade channels.

The abnormal demand upon American production during the war, he said, has been projected into the first years of peace because of the exhaustion of the world's reserve stocks.

"We shall be confronted," he said, "in a quite unmistakable way, with the fact that we are able to produce more than we can sell at home. We shall face, accordingly, such an urgency for foreign trade as we never before experienced. For, either we shall find markets abroad for the surplus of our industrial productivity or we shall cease to produce it, which is quite unthinkable. That way lies stagnation, unemployment and business reverses."

Walker D. Hines Going to Europe

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 12.—Walker D. Hines, who retires Saturday as director general of the railroad administration, is to leave soon for Europe on a confidential mission for President Wilson.

Carranza Troops Awaiting Fight

(By Associated Press.)
BROWNSVILLE, May 12.—Troops loyal to President Carranza in Matamoros awaited in entrenchments early today for an expected attack by a force of approximately 500 men, reported last night to be 25 miles west of the city.

Mexican Garrison Forced to Surrender

(By Associated Press.)
EAGLE PASS, May 12.—Piedras Negras, a Mexican garrison town opposite here, was surrendered at midnight to the revolutionists. No shots were fired.

Wilson's Telegram Made Public Today

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 12.—A confidential telegram from President Wilson to Admiral Sims in London, sent during the war, was read to the secretary of the naval investigating committee by Secretary Daniels today. It expressed surprise that the British admiralty had failed to "use Britain's naval superiority" effectively against the submarines, and called on Admiral Sims for comments and suggestions based on "independent thought" and without regard to the judgments of anyone on that side of the water. The admiralty was "helpless to the point of panic" in the face of the submarine question, the message said. "Every plan we suggest they reject for some reason of prudence," the president added. "In my view this is not the time for prudence but for boldness, even at a cost of great losses."

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Can Be Erected.

FINES TO BE IMPOSED

Fire Hazards Exist in the Rear of
Several Business Establishments.
—Will Be Eliminated, Ac-
cording to Commission.

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O. A. C. Band to Play For Carnival

Carnival arrangements are progressing satisfactorily and the executive committee last night closed a contract with W. H. Beard, leader of the Corvallis band, to bring this very attractive organization of competent musicians to Roseburg for the carnival. The committee regrets exceedingly that the Roseburg band which was recently organized and which was given financial support by the city council has not been able to get together and attend rehearsals in order to justify giving them the contract. The Corvallis band has appeared in Roseburg before and we are assured of some wonderful concerts during the entire period of the carnival. This organization, together with the several bands of the Foley & Burk shows, ought to make the period from May 25th to 29th, "joy week."

MEETING TONIGHT.

The members of the American City Bureau team are still in this city awaiting an announcement from headquarters regarding the cancellation of the contract with the local Chamber of Commerce for a reorganization campaign. A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight and a number of matters pertaining to the future of the organization discussed.

RAILROAD MEN PLAN UNION STORE

Meeting Protests Rapidly Advancing Prices and Living Costs.

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