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## OPEN BIDS FOR CITY BONDS

ONE ACCEPTED, THEN CASH BY DECEMBER 1.

The Chief Matters of Interest to the City Today is What Will Be Done at Council Meeting Tonight—Bids Must Be for Par and Not More Than 5 Per Cent Interest—Call Extensively Advertised in Eastern Journals.

Bids for the sale of city bonds to finance the Beaver creek water project, will be opened by the council tonight, and unless adverse things occur, the \$150,000 bonds will be sold. The number of bids is limited, but it is practically certain that the sale price will be at par and the interest not more than 5 per cent. The limitations provided in the charter are the bonds cannot be sold for less than par and not more than 5 per cent interest. It is hardly likely that a premium will be offered on the bonds.

**May Reject All.** The council, sitting in open session, has power to reject any or all bids. In the event that any of the bids satisfy the council, then the beginning of the end is in sight. Taking it for granted that a bid is accepted tonight, the city will have the cash in its possession by the first of December at the latest. Necessarily there are yards of tape attendant on eventual closing of the deal whereby the city will be able to finance the project which means pure water. But the conditions stipulate that all this will be completed by December 1.

The action to be taken by the council this evening, has been extensively advertised in financial journals of the United States, and there is no possible chance for a hitch on that score. Much interest centers in what will be done.

## TO PERPETUATE THE PROSPERITY

### LAKE-TO-GULF WATERWAY CONVENTION CONVENES

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Four thousand delegates were present today at the opening of the Lakes-to-Gulf Deep Waterway association convention by President William Kavanaugh. Among them were many governors, congressmen and other notables.

The keynote of the purposes of the convention was sounded by Kavanaugh in a general question: "Shall national prosperity be promoted and perpetuated?" During the routine, Governor Deneen of Illinois, introduced Taft. After the latter's address the convention adjourned until tomorrow.

**Taft Favors Better Waterways.** Taft pledged himself to a generous policy for the improvement of rivers and lakes in the event he is elected, and declared the cost of making harbors for ocean steamships in the cities on the Great Lakes and the Mississippi river and its tributaries, would be enormous, but would be splendid.

**May Renew Strike.** Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 7.—Mass meetings from Port Arthur to the coast are being held by the mechanics of the Canadian Pacific looking to a renewal of the strike just ended. They declare the strike was ended without their consent. A few have returned to work. Many charge they were sold out.

**New Flying Machine.** Washington, Oct. 7.—Uncle Sam's war department will soon try out another aeroplane, as it is announced that the Herring flying machine, of which wonderful things are expected, will arrive at Fort Meyer for its government trial a week from today. Little is known of the Herring machine, since its construction has been kept a profound secret, but there is much talk of important revelations in the science of mechanical flight. An extension of time has been granted to the Wright brothers for the reconstruction of their wrecked machine, and every opportunity will be accorded the daring aeronaut by the war department.

## COLONIST RATES TO APPEAR AGAIN

### PASSENGER ASSOCIATION AGREES TO LET LOW RATES LIVE

Chicago, Oct. 7.—The executive committee of the Western Passenger association is today wrestling with the problem of securing a uniform minimum rate on all western lines for all purposes.

**Cheap Rates Stand.** It looks as though the effort to abolish cheap tickets will prove ineffectual. At the first meeting yesterday the proposition to abolish the colonist, exposition and suburban rates was voted down. It is probable the reduced rates on all lines for special occasions will continue. Members of the association agreed on a proposal for a 2-cent minimum rate for all occasions. The original proposition called for the abolition of all reduced rates beginning on January 1, 1909.

**Industrial Parade.** Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—More than 175 floats, illustrating the birth and development of Philadelphia's industries, were in line at the great industrial parade which was today's feature of the "founder's week" festivities. The pageant was one of the largest and most elaborate of its kind ever witnessed in the United States. Another parade of labor organizations is scheduled for this evening. Sessions were held this morning by the National Board of Steam Navigation, and the Board of Trade celebrated its 75th anniversary. A meeting of insurance men was held at the Philadelphia Bourse.

### VIOLATED CARTWRIGHT LAW. Appeal Will Be Taken in Case Against Alleged Conspiracy.

Sacramento, Oct. 7.—Attorneys for the Western Meat company are preparing an appeal from the decision of the jury that last night found J. W. O'Keefe, the local manager of the company, guilty of violating the Cartwright anti-trust law. This is the first conviction under the California law. The appeal will be taken on the ground that the law is unconstitutional. The specific charge is that O'Keefe conspired with Sacramento Butchers' Protective association, to charge Albert Robinson, an independent butcher, high rates to restrict his trade, because Robinson refused to join the association.

**Skat Tournament.** Newark, N. J., Oct. 7.—Devotees of skat, the national card game of the Germans, are gathering today for a three-day tournament under the auspices of the New York and New Jersey Skat league. Cities in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and other states are represented. Hundreds of dollars in money prizes will be distributed.

**Bryan is Hopeful.** Chicago, Oct. 7.—Bryan today issued a statement that the reports indicate that the democrats are making sweeping gains all over the country. He leaves Lincoln on October 19, on his last tour.

## RENEW FIGHT ON PINCHOT IN TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS

### OREGON DELEGATES ASK FOR IMPROVEMENT TO COOS BAY HARBOR AND START FIGHT ON LUMBER RATE

Trans-Mississippi Congress Today Taken Up With Speeches and Introduction of Innumerable Resolutions by Coast Delegates—Oregon Delegates Figure Conspicuously—Precipitate Attack on Pinchot and Probe Harriman Representative on Shortage of Cars—Unusually Active Day for the Big Congress.

San Francisco, Oct. 7.—Today's session of the Trans-Mississippi congress was devoted to two subjects, "Transportation" and "Conservation of Natural Resources."

J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of the Harriman lines, at the request of Harriman, led the discussion on transportation, and was subjected to a running fire of questions from the delegates, who wanted to know if he had more cars for the transportation of cattle.

The coast delegates wanted to know if Harriman is going to improve the Pacific mail service, looking to a rapid transportation to the coast cities. "Western Insurance," by Col. F. G. Fleming of Kansas City, was the first address. He made an appeal for the upbuilding of western insurance companies.

It is probable resolutions will be introduced asking congress to pass a law giving the interstate commission power to regulate the distribution of cars in all parts of the United States.

**Renew Pinchot Fight.** The fight on Chief Forester Pinchot will be renewed. Belligerents will be led today by Oscar Smith, a former congressman of Nevada.

"West of the Mississippi; What Does it Mean?" was the subject of the address by President Benj. Ide Wheeler of the University of California. Mr. Stubbs followed with a plea for friendliness toward the western railroads by western people. He was interrupted

## GRECIAN PRINCE ASSASSINATED

### BALKAN WAR STILL TOPIC OF INTERWORLD INTEREST

Athens, Greece, Oct. 7.—Dispatches received today apparently confirm the Constantinople rumor that Prince Constantine of Greece, was assassinated yesterday while attending the Servian army maneuvers. The city is in a state of wild excitement. There is a possibility that this may draw Greece into the Balkan war.

**Roosevelt Watches War Clouds.** Washington, Oct. 7.—It is stated in diplomatic circles that Roosevelt is watching the Balkan situation closely. Instructions are reported to have been sent to every American diplomat in Europe and the Balkan peninsula, to report daily progress. When the right moment arrives Roosevelt will submit

## GRAND JURY UNCOVERS STARTLING VIOLATION OF LOCAL OPTION LAW

A new and brazen violation of the local option law has been uncovered, if an arraignment before the grand jury this afternoon is to be taken for aught. If the charges are true, Jacob Fuchs conducted a wholesale whiskey house a short distance east of Hot Lake in a peaceful looking country house. It is said that he has been conducting this whiskey stand for the benefit of the public in general, and that, perhaps, is the chief reason why he now has the grand jury to contend with, and tomorrow morning

many times by the delegates. The first blow in the fight against the Harriman lines was delivered at the Trans-Mississippi congress today by the California Traffic association, which introduced a resolution condemning the control of the Pacific steamship lines by the transcontinental railroads, charging the service is insufficient and not such as the traffic justifies. The resolution asks that the government establish a federal line of steamships between all coast points, the Panama canal and the western coast of South America.

The establishment of a government line is urged strongly. Its advantages are set forth at length. The resolutions were referred to a committee in which a hard fight is expected.

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a plan of arbitration, friends say.

**Mob Threatens New Flag.** Constantinople, Oct. 7.—A mob at the raising of the new Bulgarian flag of independence over the Bulgarian agency here, a mob gathered about the building this afternoon, threatening to tear down the emblem. The sultan is pleading with the people to be peaceable.

**Servians Form Riot Mobs.** Belgrade, Servia, Oct. 7.—The mobs of Servians today surrounded the Austrian legation here, and threatened to renew the attacks made on the building last night. The legation is guarded by a heavy line of troops. Every window was shattered last night and the situation is critical. The people are embittered toward Bulgaria and Austria. They do not like the prospect of their country being left in the center of the disturbed territory, to be captured by the victor of the impending struggle.

### Visit Famous Wreck.

Greenwood, Miss., Oct. 7.—Several hundred Confederate veterans and sons are here today at the annual state encampment of the Mississippi division of their organization. As a feature of the reunion, a steamboat excursion will take the old soldiers to the wreck of the Star of the West. The first gun fired in the civil war was shot at this famous vessel, which was finally captured by the Confederates, and after an eventful history, was sunk by them in the Tallahatchie river near this place. The veterans will be entertained absolutely free during their stay here.

**Mack Back in Harness.** Chicago, Oct. 7.—Chairman Mack, of the democratic national committee, resumed his duties today. It is reported he collapsed under the strain of the campaign.

**To Make Negro Dolls.** Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 7.—A factory for the manufacture of negro dolls is the newest Nashville industry, and hereafter the pickaninies of Dixie will be supplied with sawdust-filled reproductions of themselves. The dolls will be made in all shades, from light mulatto to the ace of spades in color, in order to supply all demands. The recent National Negro Baptist congress passed a resolution praising the negro doll factory and urging colored people to purchase only negro dolls for Christmas presents. In the past, colored children have had to put up with Caucasian dolls, or uncomely caricatures of negroes manufactured by facetious white men.

## MISTAKES UNCLE FOR A BURGLAR

### ANOTHER INSTANCE OF TOO HASTY PISTOL SHOOTING

Tacoma, Oct. 7.—Mistaking him for a burglar, Harry Starr shot and almost instantly killed his uncle, Joseph Eley, at 3 o'clock this morning, in the doorway of their tent house, on Center and Bailey streets. Discovering his fatal error, Starr became crazed. He was taken to jail almost a raving maniac. Starr was awakened by a noise. He called, but there was no response. Seizing a revolver he jumped up and waited. Suddenly a form appeared at the opening of the tent. He fired point blank. The form of the victim crumpled up on the ground. Mrs. Starr hastily lighted the lamp and then the mistake was discovered. Eley died 10 minutes later at St. Joseph's hospital.

The police think Eley was walking in his sleep, as Mrs. Starr says this often occurred.

## FATAL ACCIDENT IN PALMER CAMPS

### AL BROOKS KILLED AT LOGGING CAMPS THIS AFTERNOON

A lumberman named Al Brooks, was killed at the George Palmer Lumber company camps on the Looking Glass this afternoon. Details as to the accident are meager, reports saying simply that he was caught between two logs. The remains were taken to Elgin, where they are now housed in the undertaking parlors. Facts as to the age of the unfortunate man, and the exact way in which he met his death, are not procurable in time for press.

### ROULETTE IN MANSIONS. Los Angeles Police Ring Will Be Investigated at Once.

Los Angeles, Oct. 4.—Protected operation of a roulette wheel in a fashionable apartment house where Charles Clark, son of former Senator Clark of Montana, is said to have lost \$20,000, is causing an investigation of a police ring by City Prosecutor Woolwine. When told he had lost that amount, Clark protested, claiming he was the victim of crooks.

**Killed Brothers in Case.** Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—Mrs. Catherine Beisel is under arrest today, and admitted she killed her brother-in-law, Captain J. Clayton Erb, of the Pennsylvania National Guard, in a family quarrel. Erb was about to start divorce proceedings when he was killed at his summer home. It is alleged Erb had a negro coachman to spy on his wife.

## SCHEDULE FOR EXCURSION OUT

### AMPLE PROVISIONS FOR LOCAL ATTRACTIONS AT NIGHT.

Special Train Leaves La Grande in the Morning and Returns in Time to Allow Attendance to Local Attractions—Entertainment for Visitors at the Other End—Urgent That Every Business House Be Represented in the Crowd.

Excursion Schedule.  
Leave La Grande, 8 a. m.  
Arrive Wallowa, 11:30 a. m.  
Leave Wallowa, 3 p. m.  
Arrive La Grande, 6:45 p. m.

The last detail has been arranged and there is nothing more needed to insure the success of the business men's excursion to Wallowa next Friday, than to gain a few more excursionists. The special train leave here at 8 o'clock in the morning and no freight or work trains will interfere with the running schedule. The track to Wallowa will be open for the business men's excursion and the train should arrive there by 11:30 o'clock at the latest. The entire schedule is arranged to give the excursionists the most possible time at Wallowa and return to La Grande in time for the social functions slated for that evening. Traveling Passenger Agent O'Neil returned last evening from Wallowa and is now in position to announce the schedule as stated above. The regular morning train to Wallowa will be consolidated with the special, but that does not mean a mixed train for all freight business will be severed from this train. The fare for the round trip is very reasonable.

**Need a Few More.** While the boosters of the affair are anxious to have a business representative from every business in the city, they do not limit tickets to business men. Any one is privileged and urgently asked to "join the bunch." There is need of additional guarantee to reach the 100 tickets necessary to mean a special train. However, the special train is assured by the Commercial club, and not to throw a cash burden on the club, the business houses should make it a point to have a representative on the train. The proprietors are preferred, though any one can represent the owner.

**Court Interferes.** Circuit court interferes with lawyers the district and county officials. But professional men of other lines can go and it is believed that a large percentage of the business men in the city will go on this excursion.

**Entertainment There.** It is prearranged that every business man of Wallowa will be in his place of business on Friday afternoon. But for all that, boosters of that city will be on hand to entertain the La Grande delegation. Just what the program is is not announced, but telephone communication says that everybody will find every moment of his time well occupied while in the city of Wallowa.

The return schedule is so arranged that participants in the excursion will be in La Grande in sufficient time to attend local attractions Friday night.

**Instructing Voters.** Oakland, Oct. 7.—County Clerk Cook is making arrangements to place voting machines on all ferry boats between Oakland and San Francisco for the instruction of voters.

**Twenty-five Reported Drowned.** Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 7.—Reports from Miquelon says 25 members of the French fishing schooner Juanita, were drowned. The captain, seizing a timber, was exposed to the elements for 36 hours, and is the only one saved. The schooner was anchored off the Grand Banks when struck by a storm. She sank in a few minutes.