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### BREAK GROUND NEXT MONDAY MORNING.

Ground will be broken on the Beaver Creek Project next Monday morning when the nucleus of an army of 250 men will cast the first shovelful of dirt that will inaugurate construction of the Beaver Creek project for the city of La Grande. The first division of laborers will be partly foreigners, but every white man that shows his face for employment will be hired and when the grand total of men on the front is sufficient to warrant the release of the foreigners, the latter class will be disposed of. The white men will be housed in separate camps and boarded by Engineer Dutch, while the foreigners will take in their own supplies and establish camps of their own. Ground will be broken at the intake and construction of the ditches will run toward La Grande.

# UNCLE SAM TO GRASP FIRMER

## TAFT WANTS A BIG CHANGE MADE

## BETTER GRIP ON RAILROADS

**CONFERENCE TO MAKE CHANGES IN NEAR FUTURE.**

## TO ESTABLISH NEW DEPARTMENTS

**Inter-state Commerce Commission to be Relieved.**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—President Taft is contemplating many changes in the inter-state commerce law. A conference will be held in New York within two weeks, and several contempated changes in the Sherman anti-trust law will be taken up then.

President Taft plans an effective government supervision of railroads, and plans to relieve the inter-state commerce commission of many burdens and restrictions.

He has also planned to establish bureaus in department of commerce and labor, these bureaus to have jurisdiction over all questions of labor administration, safety appliances and employes laws. They will also have power to settle minor differences between shippers and railroads and control filing of rates to investigate complaints.

# DISMISS CADETS FOR HAZING BOY

## TAFT PUTS LID ON PRACTICE

## VICTIM WAS A SUTTON LAD

**SUDDEN REVIVAL OF THE AFFAIR WAS SURPRISING.**

## SEVEN STUDENTS WERE "CANNED"

**Decisive And Summary Action Taken in West Point Hazing.**

WESTPOINT, Aug. 19.—Seven cadets were dismissed from the military academy today by order of President Taft in connection with the Sutton hazing. Those dismissed are: J. H. Booker, Georgia; Charles G. W. Hooker, Missouri; Early Dunmore, New York; Chauncey Deiter, West Virginia; Gordon Leferve, Virginia; Albert Crane, Iowa and Jacob Fortner, Alabama.

The summary action divulges that Taft will not tolerate a return to the former practices indulged in at nation's army school. The mere fact the hazers had for their victim a man related to the Sutton's in the naval inquiry, makes the instance even more interesting.

The hazing took place some time ago, but was revived this morning, when it was rumored that Taft was about to take summary action.

### TIME TO FILE OBJECTIONS HAS ARRIVED.

By September first, all objections against paving Adams avenue and Depot streets from the points where the paving will cease and on out to the county macadam roads, must be filed with the city officials, according to steps taken by the city council last evening. The report of the council committee which was published in the Observer yesterday, was last evening adopted and notices to property owners ordered. This requires ten days time, and at the expiration of that period, further steps toward paving can be carried out. Notices will be published in the city papers, informing the owners of the intended improvements. Objections must be made by property owners before the time stipulated to carry any weight against the prompt advance of paving. Paved streets will soon be a reality.

# OPEN OFFICE IN BANK BUILDING

**DUTCH TO HIRE HIS OWN MEN EXCLUSIVELY.**

**Throws Supply Money to La Grande By His Boarding Policies.**

Engineer Dutch, who has under his supervision the construction of the Beaver Creek project, will open private offices in the La Grande National bank building facing on Elm street, and from there will transact business in connection with the rapid progress of the project. He will hire all the white men coming to him for work, and the other voluminious amount of business, will be transacted directly from that office.

He has undertaken to board all his white employes himself, being actuated with a spirit of fulfilling his contract with the city that all supplies and men be secured in La Grande, where such is possible. Subletting the boarding contracts as is usually the case, would mean the slipping by of many dollars to local businessmen.

This office will be established just as soon as he returns from his present trip over the pipe line, which will likely be next Saturday.

He and Mr. Pickler took their departure this afternoon to complete the inspection of the line.

### Valuable Horse Found.

Mrs. Duncan McDonald is rejoicing over the recovery of her fine driving horse Greg which was tured outin pasture last spring and along with a saddle horse that was on the place strayed off. A few days after he and strayed off. A few days after he outskirts of Baker City, there all trace of him was lost, until finally a few days ago through the efforts of local officials he was found on Burnt river.

### NUMBERS 17 AND 18.

Numbers 17 and 18 will be the cognomen officially placed on the two new passenger trains to be put on between Portland and Chicago over the O. R. & N. on August 24, according to local railroad men.

# SEEKING PARDON FOR OFFICER

**BUSINESSMEN GENERALLY SIGN THE PETITION.**

**Reports From Salem Say Young Man is Suffering Much.**

A petition is being circulated and generally signed by the business men and friends to pardon James Officers, now serving a two year sentence in the penitentiary at Salem. Officer was sent up from here several months ago on a larceny charge. The report comes from the penitentiary that he is in poor health and the confinement is telling on him considerably. He has made a very model prisoner and the friends and officials think that he has received sufficient punishment. He also owed several bills to the various merchants here when he was convicted, but all of these have been paid and he will come out of the pen out of debt. The petition is being signed quite liberally. It is being circulated by his uncle, Lon Davis, of Enterprise.

# FEW OBJECTIONS ARE ANTICIPATED

**ABOUT ONE IN SIX ADVERSE TO PAVING.**

**Sceptical Will be Convinced by First Experiment.**

There will be little or no objection to paving Adams avenue is the opinion of councilmen and businessmen in general. There are a few, it must be admitted, who are adverse to the improvement, but that history will repeat itself here, is another belief to which many have hitched themselves. A big majority of the abutting property owners are anxious to have the matter proceed as rapidly as possible, and in many instances, men have signified their intentions of urging additional expansion of improvement districts.

Those who have kept close touch of the feeling among business men, affirm that one in six of the property owners along the path of the improvements, is either reticent in giving his approval or is openly set against it. The farseeing element predicts that it will only be a matter of convincing the sceptical by actual experiment.

### MISS BAULT DEAD.

**Funeral of Popular Young Lady Will be Held Tomorrow.**

Miss Alta Pearl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H Bault of North La Grande, died last night as a result of appendicitis. She was taken suddenly sick two weeks ago Wednesday and was operated upon Friday. Everything possible was done that could be, but the disease baffled all skill. Alta was a bright cheerful girl of nineteen, whose friends were only limited by her acquaintance. She leaves beside her parents a sister, Mrs. Edna Myrick, and two brothers, Charles H. and Roy M., all of this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow from the Christian church at 2:30, the interment in the Masonic cemetery. The family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their unexpected and sudden bereavement.

### FOUR S. P. ENGINES HERE.

Four Southern Pacific engines of the 1700 class arrived here last night and this morning to relieve the cry for power until new engines can reach here. No. 1733 made its first trip out of here as helper for No. 7 this morning. The engines resembles the O. R. & N. compounds being about the same size and power.

# RESIGNS DUTIES AS COUNCILMAN

**DAVID BAY RETIRED FROM SERVICE IN SECOND WARD.**

**No Effort Made to Select Successor to Retired Councilman.**

Councilman David Bay at the meeting of the city council last night tendered his resignation as councilman of the second ward and it was accepted. No attempt was made to choose his successor last night.

In the retirement of Mr. Bay, the city loses one of its most experienced city officials. No man has served the city as many years as mayor and councilman as Mr. Bay, and no one has been more faithful to the interests of the city than he. His reason for resigning was that he did not have the necessary time to devote to the city's interests that he should, without sacrificing his personal business. Mr. Bay had had this under consideration for several months, but his fellow members of the council were loth to lose him.

### Social Tonight.

Meet this evening at the Lawn social at the home of C. P. Newlin, 802 Main avenue.

# NEAR-BEER A PROBLEM

Last night's council meeting proved a strenuous session. The foundation work for the proposed pavement of our streets was laid by the filling and acceptance of the report of the committee fixing the benefit such improvement will result to property within the proposed districts. After the ten days notice has been given, steps will be taken to improve the property, and the cost of improvements will be assessed to the abutting property and may be paid in cash or improvement bonds to run 10 years with annual payments.

Under the head of granting near beer licenses came the real discussion of the evening. A resolution passed a few weeks ago limited the number of licenses to six and on the recorder's table were 13 applications.

Councilman Williamson then addressed the council, stating that he understood that many of the proprietors of soft drink establishments held government licenses and under the local option law this was considered prima facia evidence that the holders thereof sold intoxicant beverages and that he was not in favor of the city granting and near beer license to anyone holding a government license. Councilmen Bolton and Munroe held similar views. The 11 or 12 applications were refered to the judiciary committee, after the council had revoked the limiting resolution.

Two reports were returned by the judiciary committee, Councilmen Andrews and Sheak recommended the licenses be granted, and Councilmen Monroe's minority report recommended that licenses be granted to all applicants not holding government licenses. The minority report was ruled out of order by Chairman Meyers. Councilman Sheak stated that he personally knew that all of the applicants with one exception did not, and possibly the one exception, L. Remillard did not. Upon this assurance licenses were granted to Grant Lincoln, B. F. Wade, Julius Fisher, Chris Wright, Ulrich Lottes and Earnest Thorson.

City Attorney J. F. Baker then phoned to Mr. Remillard, asking him if he held a government license, he replied he did and the city attorney visited his place of business and upon his return reported that the license for one year had been taken out on July last. The application of Mr. Remillard was then laid on the table.

The application of Robert Wilkinson was denied, owing to the fact that he had been convicted of violating the city ordinance and his former licenses was revoked.

By the expression of the councilmen last night, if carried out, it is clear that in the future no near beer licenses will be granted to holders of government licenses.

Councilman Williamson was appointed chairman of the water committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councilman Bay.

# BAKER WANTS 105 GOOD SEATS

One hundred and five Tabernacle concert seats were reserved by telephone this morning from Baker City, and with the huge batch of seat orders, came the news that Baker City has chartered a special train to carry citizens from that city to La Grande the night on which the choir from Salt Lake is to be here. They were not satisfied with the low rate question and went after a special train which they got after having secured 105 to make the trip, with probability of still more coming.

With this sweeping reservation from the charts there are few choice seats left and unless the local people grab at the chances, outsiders will take up all the desirable seats in the big auditorium. The choir is attracting unusual attention from all parts of Eastern Oregon.


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