

CONTRACTORS IN SEARCH FOR MUCH DATA

INDICATE THAT TWO FIRMS WILL MAKE LA GRANDE BASE OF THEIR SUPPLIES

RAILROAD RUMORS REVIVED

Identity of Men Making Inquiries not Known but Thought to be Contractors for Companies which Have Already run Surveys, or New Companies Seeking Entrance to the Grande Ronde Valley.

Two well known railroad contractors—one of them the largest in the United States, have secured authoritative data relative to the geographical, financial, agricultural and horticultural geography of Union and Umatilla counties, and though the names of the contractors are held in close secrecy, the mere fact of their "scoutings" after data of this sort revives with a startling degree interest in the prospective railroad construction rumors. This information has been supplied to both contractors through the La Grande investment company, and the public is waiting with abated breath for further developments in the case.

La Grande the Basis.

The builders, who are firms that are closely related to large railroad interests, each indicated that La Grande is to be the basis of operations when the construction starts. One firm is directly connected with a well-known railroad firm, and the other company has not indicated its affiliations except to say it is working for a steam road and that the contractors have headquarters in New York. Mere mention of the firm's name would indicate the consideration that is due the incident, but at this time it must be held in secrecy.

Natural Deductions.

It is fit that dreams and deductions follow rumors and incidents of this sort, and the fact that one of the prospective contractors is allied with an electric road leads to believe that the company which at one time was known as the Northwestern and later was taken over by the Bylesby people, have again resumed their policy of tapping the Grande Ronde valley with a belt of electric wires and rails. Knowing definitely that the contractors stand, one for steam and the other for an electric concern, and knowing that Umatilla and Union counties are the immediate prospective fields of operation, it becomes only natural to deduct one plausible solution, namely, that the Northern Pacific, through a firm which is likely its agent, is reviving its policy of crossing the Blue Mountains into the Grande Ronde valley, or some railroad allied with the Northern Pacific is going to do it. That raises the question of the quantity of railroad already having surveys in the valley. As the prospective builders are very likely already operating lines in or near Umatilla county, the list of possibilities as to identity narrows down to two or three.

May Still Be Another Fact.

The fact that the contractors are looking for bases of supplies, leads to still another solution. It is possible that the company which ran the surveys over the Blue Mountains from Milton to Elgin, and then on through Cove to La Grande, have reached the point where construction is the next order of business and that the project has been let. The letters asking for information as to various phases of geographical conditions may simply be the forerunner of construction. This would apply equally plausibly to the electric concern now holding property all over Oregon and Eastern Washington, the firm known as the Bylesby people.

Several "seers" have adopted the latter possibility as the most likely and are sanguine enough to believe that the information sought means the contractors are coming to Eastern Oregon at once, or as soon as a suitable basis of supplies is obtained, and that the building of the road is but a matter of weeks and months and not years.

In any event the incident is the most noteworthy since the completion of permanent surveys across the Blue Mountains last winter and spring. The day of electric roads and competitive steam lines in Union count, is evidently not far hence.

Remodelling Residence.

George T. Cochran is having extensive repairs and renovations done to his residence, corner Washington and First.

PACKING TRUST PROBE STARTS

INDICATED THAT IT WILL BE DEEPEST YET ATTEMPTED.

Members of Packing Company Hauled Before the Inquisitors Today.

Chicago, July 15.—The federal grand jury today began probing the meat packing trust complaint cases. They will investigate the National Packing Company, a concern through which the government alleges the beef trust operated in restraint of trade, and members of the company were summoned today. A number of books and papers were submitted for inspection. It is predicted to be the most searching investigation yet.

MARY TO MARRY AGAIN

Mary Mannering Said to be Engaged Again

New York, July 15.—Unless Mary Mannering, the actress, returns to New York soon, her friends fear they will be congratulating her on a second marriage. Dispatches from Detroit announced that Miss Mannering is engaged to Frederick Wadsworth, the millionaire, who began proceedings for a divorce Monday. Miss Mannering is divorced from James Hackett.

THIRTY JAILED FOR LYNCHING

NEWARK POLICE PREPARED FOR ALL EMERGENCIES

Lynching of Young Detective Proves To Have Far Reaching Results.

Newark, July 15.—Confined in cells and denied the privilege of outside communication, 30 prisoners are at the Newark jail for alleged participation in the lynching of Detective Etherington. Each prisoner was examined separately. Many have been heard over to the grand jury for a hearing. Despite the outward calm there is an undercurrent of bitter feeling and the police are maintaining a close watch to prevent trouble.

Retire Southern Pacific.

New York, July 15.—Retirement of the preferred stock of the Southern Pacific Company, was effected today. The holders had the option of accepting \$115 per share in cash or \$20 in cash and \$100 per share in 4-1/2 per cent bonds, or to exchange the preferred stock for common, share for share.

DRY WEATHER A LONDON CRIME MENACE TO NORTHWEST MYSTERY NOT SOLVED YET

FIRES IN MONTANA AND IDAHO DO DAMAGE TO EXTENT OF MANY THOUSANDS

FLATHEAD RESERVE AFIRE

Rain is the Only Medium that Can Stop Destruction of Thousands of Dollars Worth of Timber Throughout the Pacific Northwest—Several Towns in Close Proximity to the Fire.

Portland, July 15.—Dispatches here from Montana, Idaho and Washington, and Southern Oregon state that unless rain falls throughout the Northwest soon, timber worth hundreds of thousands of dollars will be destroyed by fire. Montana and Idaho are suffering the worst. Big fires are raging at Big Creek, Idaho, Nelson's siding, Dubley, Pine Creek, Carlin Bay, Spirit Lake, and Loon Lake.

Montana has three distinct fires on the Flathead Indian reservation. Kaitspell reports a big fire in the Flathead valley, which is beyond control. A number of railroad tie camps are destroyed. There are fires destroying timber near Libby, Cyro, St. Regis and Whitefish. Three hundred men are fighting fire at Kootenai, the National reservation. All fires are being fought mostly with poor success owing to the drought.

The town of Nantani, British Columbia, is threatened, but unless the wind rises, she won't be destroyed.

PHYSICIAN AND FRIENDS CAN'T IDENTIFY BODY SAID TO BE MRS. CRIPPEN'S.

FUGITIVE NOW IN LONDON

While Decomposed Body Found Yesterday is Deemed by the Police to be Mrs. Crippen, Friends Can't Identify It, but Police Continue to Search for Former Husband who is Now Hiding in London.

London, July 15.—Authorities today declare that they have got Hawley Crippen, who is accused of murdering his wife, and Mademoiselle Leneve, his youthful companion, surrounded in this city. Detectives, meanwhile are directing their energies toward ascertaining the movements of the suspected man at the time his wife, the famed singer, was murdered.

Hawley, who is suspected of having caused her death, is a trained physician and surgeon. Dr. Pepper, the government analyst said Crippen poisoned the woman. The body had been dissected afterwards, but Pepper says that this was an afterthought. The body had been badly decomposed by lime. When found the case was attracting universal attention.

Pepper said he was not sure that it was Mrs. Crippen's body, although the police are proceeding on this theory. While numbers of the woman's friends tried to identify the body, they

failed. The inquest will be held tomorrow. The police assert they have sufficient evidence to prove her identity. The fact that Crippen introduced Leneve as his wife following the disappearance of the other woman, tends to indicate him as guilty.

Crippen's Father Talks.

Los Angeles, July 15.—M. A. Crippen, father of Hawley Crippen, suspected of the murder of his wife in London, and now being hunted the world over, said he didn't believe his son guilty. He said if his son was in trouble he would assist him. The elder Crippen said he had not received any news from his son for several weeks and did not know where he was.

THEIVES FIGHT 40 LABORERS

THREE BANDITS ATTEMPT TO ROB ENTIRE CAMP.

Awakened Workers Open Fire and a General Fight is Precipitated

Cleveland, Ohio, July 15.—One man is dying and two are seriously wounded as the result of a battle with three bandits, and forty members of a construction gang on the Lake Shore railroad, when bandits attempted to rob them near North Olmstead today. The laborers were paid off last night.

Before dawn bandits entered the camp and were robbing the bunkhouse when four laborers, sleeping outside, opened fire. The bandits fled, after wounding three. A sheriff's posse is out in autos.

LONG WAY TO BUY LAND.

British East Africa Resident Comes to La Grande to Invest Money.

Hearing of the Grande Ronde Valley as a fruit producing center, Miles R. Hotchkiss of British East Africa is in La Grande today inspecting local orchards with a view of buying land in this valley. During his travels he heard of the productiveness of this district and immediately came here to hear and see first hand what is really being done in this locality.

CLOUDBURSTS IN CALIFORNIA

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY VISITED BY HEAVY RAINS.

Miners Flee to Safety Leaving all Belongings in Flood's Path.

San Bernardino, July 15.—Cloudbursts in the San Bernardino mountains have caused heavy damage to mining properties, according to today's reports. In Holcombe Valley torrents swept down canyons compelling many miners to flee with the loss of their entire camping outfits. One cloudburst at Whitewater washed out the Southern Pacific tracks, and delayed the trains half a day. No lives are reported lost.

St. Swithin's Day.

New York, July 15.—Old St. Swithin, according to an ancient tradition, controls the weather for forty days after July 15, and you can tell what sort of weather he is going to serve by what he favors us with today. The method of forecasting is as follows: St. Swithin's Day, if thou dost rain, For forty days it will remain; St. Swithin's Day, if thou be fair, For forty days 'twill rain no more.

SEATTLE YOUTH A LEADER IN REBELLION

ESCAPES WHEN CONDEMNED TO DIE FOR REVOLT AGAINST GOVERNMENT

ILLNESS SAVED HIS LIFE

Was Condemned to Die When Small Town in Nicaragua Was Taken Captive by Madriz—Youngster had Been a Brigadier-General in the Revolution—Doctor Who Saved His Life Held Prisoner.

Seattle, July 15.—Edward Sands, 19 years of age and a Seattle High school boy, erstwhile brigadier-general in the Nicaraguan rebel army, will arrive home tonight, thanking his lucky stars that his head and his body are still keeping company. His father and mother are now residing at Mukilteo, and came to Seattle today to meet him.

Sands was captured and sentenced to death when Madriz' army took the town of Principe, General Irias, Madriz' leader, held a court martial and sentenced the boy to death. Just about that time he fell ill, and Dr. Burghelm a Houston, Texas, physician, was called. The doctor refused to treat him unless the general paroled the boy. This was done and the youth left the country on orders. The doctor is now being held prisoner, compelled to administer to sick soldiers.

Maneuvers at Gettysburg.

Gettysburg, Pa., July 15.—Gettysburg's famous battle field again resounds to the tramp of soldiers, but the gathering of boys in khaki today is for the purpose of peaceful preparation for possible war. Beginning today the joint maneuvers of the militia of the eastern states will be held in this vicinity. Troops are here or will come later from Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia, thus uniting the soldiers of the North and the South in one great camp.

BONDS NOT SETTLED

Bids Opened for Union School Building but no Action Taken

Late this afternoon there is no definite decision as to the sale of the Union High school bonds. The bids in hand had been opened by County Treasurer Frawley, but on account of the fact that the bond market is a little off color, it is uncertain just what will be done with the bids. They may be turned down as being too high.

Saengerfest at Sioux Falls.

Sioux Falls S. D., July 15.—Norwegian and Norsewomen, descendants of ancient Vikings, invaded Sioux Falls today in such numbers that the registers of local hotels read like a Who's Who in Scandinavia. The occupation of the city is for the purpose of holding the annual saengerfest of the Northwestern Norwegian-Danish Singers' Association, an organization of the sweet singers of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa.

Many of the leading soloists of the country will be heard.

To Found Baptist College.

A call from the Baptist Union of Great Britain to aid in the establishment of a great Baptist college at some central point in Europe, the Rev. J. A. Vining of London, Ont., resigned his Canadian charge today. After visiting Moscow and other points he will return to the Dominion to raise funds to endow the college.

PINCHOT SCRAP REVIVED AT BEVERLY WHEN SENATOR DICK DISCUSSES APPOINTMENT

Beverly, July 15.—The Ballinger-Pinchot controversy crept into the councils at Beverly today when Senator Dick, of Ohio, called on the president to urge the appointment of Dr. John Holmes as head of the bureau of mines. Ballinger opposed the appointment of Holmes, believing him friendly to Pinchot. Dick and the president went over the matter thoroughly.

The committee representing the movement for the celebration of the centennial of peace between English-speaking nations, invited Taft to participate in the exercises at the Canadian boundary line in 1912.

Taft and Teddy Invited. New York, July 15.—Roosevelt and

Taft will speak from the same platform at Knoxville, Tenn., in October. Roosevelt today accepted an invitation of the manager of the Appalachian Exposition to deliver an address October 17. A week later Taft addresses the same exposition.

Third Term Boom Starts.

The third term boom for Roosevelt was started today by Former Ambassador Thompson, who represented this country in Mexico. He called on the Colonel and said that newspapermen in the west say there is an undeniable sentiment in the west for such a move.

AMERICAN VERY CRUELLY TREATED

Washington, July 14.—It is believed Nicaraguan affairs are coming to a head, and that the United States will interfere, following stories of the mistreatment of William Pittman, an American engineer, held captive by Madriz. Besides reports of cruelty reported today, American life and property is threatened.

Actions on the part of Nicaraguans since the war began has given America ample cause for official action.

Denial but a Mask.

London, July 15.—Commenting on Germany's recognition of Madriz as president of Nicaragua, the Morning

Post declares Germany's attitude is tantamount to the repudiation of the Monroe doctrine. The Post, quoting the highest German authorities, but withholding names, outlines the situation as explained previously by the United States. Then Germany's attitude suggests a guilty conscience, it says. Though officially denied it is rumored that Germany's assistance to Madriz is not given for nothing but rather with expectation that the Kaiser would get a coaling station in South American waters.

Latest reports say that Madriz violated pledges regarding Pittman's treatment.