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Catherine Creek Road Supporters Here

WILL ASSUME OBLIGATIONS OF THE ALLIES

GERMANY'S COUNTER PROPOSALS CONTAIN OFFER TO TAKE ALLIED OBLIGATIONS

CABINET SPENDS DAY IN DISCUSSING REPARATIONS

New Propositions By Germany Are Considered in Paris as Unacceptable Even for Discussion, and Considerations are Started for Applications of Penalties.

BERLIN, April 26.—Germany's counter proposals contain an offer to assume the allied obligations to the United States, it was definitely learned today. The note contained an arbitration proposal for determining the total amount due, and added that Germany would welcome any suggestion from the United States to further negotiations or for changes to present proposals. Germany offered to immediately turn over to the reparations commission one hundred and fifty million marks in gold, silver and foreign exchange, and eight hundred and fifty million gold marks in treasury notes, redeemable within three months.

Cabinet Discussion Lengthy

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The German reparations proposals were received last night and today were discussed at length by the cabinet.

Considered Unacceptable

PARIS, April 26.—Germany's new reparations proposals are considered here as unacceptable, even as a basis for discussion, according to those close to the foreign office.

Official circles are considering the application of penalties to Germany immediately after May 1, despite whatever propositions Germany may make regarding reparations generally. The officials hold that the failure of Germany to pay the balance of the twenty million gold marks due on May 1 under the treaty provisions, is entirely independent of the negotiations regarding the sum of the total reparations. Premier Briand told the Chamber of Deputies that if satisfactory proposals with guarantees were not made May 1, the Ruhr district will be occupied. The chamber voted confidence in the government.

MOTORCYCLE GOES ASTRAY

Pedestrians passing the Observer office a few minutes after 12 o'clock this noon, were given a little excitement when Eddie Reiland, passing by on a motorcycle, suddenly lost control of his machine, which made a swift dash for the sidewalk and landed with a crash against the framework of the Observer office.

Had the machine been a little higher, it would have broken a large plate glass window and Mr. Reiland might have sustained serious injury, where, as it was, he was unhurt. A number of people were on the street at the time, and one of the nearest to the accident was John Hodgins, who took a few swift steps in the opposite direction to avoid being hit.

A sidecar was attached to the motorcycle. The front wheel of the motorcycle was damaged, and the tire badly flattened by the crash.

First Track Meet Of Season Here Tomorrow

The first track meet between a Union and La Grande which was postponed Saturday on account of the weather will be held at the local Fairgrounds tomorrow, 10 a. m. The track is in much better condition and it is expected that several fast events will be pulled off. Although the men have been handicapped lately in their training they have kept in good shape and should

GOVERNOR IS ADVISED TO SEND LAND GRANT BODY TO WASHINGTON

(Observer Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—The Oregon congressional delegation has advised Governor Olcott that land exchange legislation could not be successfully pushed unless the state of Oregon sent representatives here for a conference with administration officials.

He was told that the first assistant secretary of the interior and other officials had been consulted, but were disposed to proceed with the proposed exchanges and were opposed to any amendments. They will, however, grant hearings to Oregon delegations here, but suggest that these conferences be held

within two weeks to prevent delay in administration.

Oregon senators and congressmen are anxious that spokesmen familiar with California-Oregon land grant conditions should come here to present the case, as it is impossible to get legislation through without the indorsement of the administration and they have not indicated a change of attitude.

The Oregon congressional group here explained the history of the memorial received from the Oregon legislature, but the department of interior wanted additional facts to support the allegation.

Bids For New Hotel Are To Be Opened This Afternoon

Bids for the hotel being erected by Jerry Foley adjoining the present Foley building at the corner of Adams and Chestnut, will be opened at 4 o'clock this afternoon, which is the hour set for the opening of bids.

At noon today bids had been received from A. E. Whitewood, Frank Kloepper and a Mr. Mills, all from Boise, Idaho; Tranchell-Parelius, of Portland, Martin Parelius being here representing that firm; Baldwin-Swope company, of Hood River, both Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Swope of that firm being here, and Heisner, Neilson and Harris, of this city.

The new hotel will conform in design to the present Foley building and will be the same in height, five stories and basement. It will have 84 rooms, nearly all of which have bath, and will be one of the most up-to-date structures in the state.

MEETING WILL BE IN EUGENE

EUGENE, Apr. 26.—Post office clerks, carriers, and rural carriers will meet here for the annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Postal Clerks Saturday, June 25. I. P. Inman, of the Eugene postoffice, and treasurer of the federation, has charge of arrangements of the convention and is appointing committees to handle details.

This is the second annual meeting of this organization, with city and rural carriers meeting jointly, though in separate session. Last year it was held in Salem.

Mr. Inman expects there will be 150 in attendance representing different sections. Governor Ben Olcott has been invited to appear on the program. Matters of wages, working hours, and other things in which postal employees are interested will be under discussion.

CAPT. COOPER REACHES RIGA

RIGA, Apr. 26.—Captain Merion C. Cooper, of Jacksonville, Florida, the Kolosko squadron flier, who was shot down on the Polish frontier and captured by the Russians last July and escaped from the prison camp near Moscow on April 12, arrived at Riga today.

NEW SCHEDULE IN EFFECT

The new schedule of the intermediate class of boys at the Y. M. C. A. will be in effect tonight, when the boys will meet at 7:15 for swimming. Three-quarters of an hour being allotted to the work.

FARRELL SEES FAMILIAR FACES

When C. Farrell, representing the W. W. Hodgkinson Film company, dropped into the Arcade Theatre in this city a few days ago to pass the time away, the film, "Dangerous Business" was on the screen. In this picture Kenneth Harlan takes an active part. Mr. Farrell looked closely at the screen for a moment and then he recognized Kenneth as his former soldier chum and member of the Sunshine Division in France, which division at one time christened Mary Pickford honorary colonel. He was much elated and after seeing the picture through went to the Foley hotel and whom should he meet but the colonel of that same division, Col. Feneau, who was in La Grande that day calling on the Inland Motor Company in the interest of his machine, the Chevrolet.

Supreme delight marked the meeting of the two military men who had gone through the world war together over in France. Both returned to the theatre to see Kenneth Harlan again and both were greatly pleased with his acting.

BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS WILL HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

PORTLAND, Apr. 26.—Preparations are being made for the annual convention of the National Association, Building Owners and Managers, which will be held in Portland, June 21 to 24. Dean Vincent is chairman of the local committee handling the details of the convention, and he reports that indications are for a large attendance of prominent business men from all large Eastern and Western centers in addition to many from Pacific coast cities.

GRADING OF COVE ROAD IS CERTAIN

BIDS TO BE ASKED FOR \$400,000 OF UNION COUNTY ROAD BONDS.

BOND MARKET IS BELIEVED TO BE MORE FAVORABLE

Sale At Par Is Believed Almost Certain—Possibility That More Than Grading on Cove Road Can Be Done This Year—Amount of Road Work in County This Year Is Large.

This afternoon the county court made an order to advertise for \$400,000 of road bonds. This action is taken as an indication that assurance had been given the court that at least one bid would be received for these bonds at par.

The money from the sale of these bonds will enable the county court to at least start the work on the road from La Grande to Cove this year, according to Judge U. G. Couch. It is all probability only the grading will be done on that road this year, unless other funds are made available for this work later.

The sale of these bonds will increase the amount of road work certain of being done in the county this year to around the \$800,000 mark and with several other contracts to be let by the state highway commission this amount will probably be materially increased.

The decision to advertise for bids for these bonds indicates that the bond market has changed considerably during the past few months. The market has been such that attempting to sell at par seemed futile and it is understood that overtures have already been made to the county court for these bonds, this determining the court immediately to advertise the bonds.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Apr. 26.—All of the local markets were unchanged from yesterday, steers selling at \$7.75 and \$8.25; hogs and sheep steady, eggs weak and butter steady.

Contractors Should Read Contract

If the contractors on the highway work will but read their contracts they will find on page six a very interesting paragraph which says ex-service men and American citizens who are residents of Oregon shall have preference on all road building in this state.

If the foreigners up the canyon cannot read this plainly written English it is up to the boss or the interpreter to inform these birds of foreign birth. No delay should be permitted for this information to percolate.

A Bird in the Pail Is Worth Two in the Bush



DEPUTY GAME WARDENS ARE ATTACKED

ALLEGED FISH PIRATES AT OREGON CITY START ROW.

Rocks Are Hurlled from Nearby Cliffs At Wardens and Poachers Put Out in Boats.

OREGON CITY, Apr. 26.—Deputy game wardens were attacked near Oregon City last night by alleged fish pirates. Master Fish Warden Shoemaker reported today that two boats operated by wardens, were attacked by men on the nearby bluffs, who hurled rocks and finally parties of poachers put out on three boats of their own and drove the officers from the river. One shot was fired.

The officers made one arrest. Reinforcements were sent to the scene today by the state officers.

DR. R. YENNEY DIES IN OFFICE

PORTLAND, Apr. 25.—Dr. Robert C. Yenney, former lieutenant colonel, who commanded the base hospital 46, Oregon unit, overseas, died in his office last night of heart disease.

DUNHAM WRIGHT IS BOOSTER FOR GOOD ROADS IN COUNTY

Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs, was among the speakers at the Ad Club meeting this noon. Mr. Wright, who has lived at Medical Springs over fifty-three years, discussed the road situation from the point of view of one living "lotted up" in a corner of Union county and forced to make a detour via Baker to get into La Grande during a large part of the year, when coming to La from his home to Baker and this makes nearly fifty miles of extra traveling.

He deplored the unemployment which is causing so many men and their families to suffer at this time, going without sufficient to eat and wear. Every red-blooded, 100 per cent American employing men now, he said, will give preference to these men rather than employing foreigners.

County Court Hears Argument in Favor of Transferring Road Work From Lyons Hill Route to the Catherine Creek Section.

JAZZ WINS OVER HIGH BROW CULTURE.

NEW YORK, Apr. 26.—A verdict in the case of jazz vs. classics; entertainment vs. culture; and L. Brow vs. H. Brow, which was tried during the theatrical season here, was handed down as follows: Hippodrome closed its season with a profit of \$150,000. The Metropolitan opera closed its season with a deficit of \$25,000.

Following the uprising in the south part of the county against the proposed plan of developing and improving the water grade up Catherine creek instead of the Telocaset-Medical Springs road, advocates of the plan to use the Catherine creek route arrived in the city this forenoon and are arguing their case before the county court.

It is contended that the road up Catherine creek will serve many more people, that grain will reach Union county which now goes to Baker, that the people living in what is known as the Park district have for years scrambled through mud and are now entitled to road consideration because of the area of land under cultivation. Also another argument is that with a road along Catherine creek instead of over Lyons hill there will be at least ten to one machine travel it. It will open the scenic section of Union county, place at the disposal of the entire county the fishing streams and camp grounds so well and favorably known, and, according to many, will give to Medical Springs and the country surrounding it as good if not a better highway than the one to Telocaset.

The city of Union is well represented in the body appearing before the court, although ranchers from the Park country are also here. Among those from Union are M. E. Levy, L. A. Wright, Walter Stevens, George Baird, Tony Smith, Frank Wilson, Frank Hall, A. J. Vandevanter, George McDowell and C. L. Caldwell.

The talk of seceding from the county by the south part of the county is not taken seriously by those who believe the Catherine creek route is the most feasible and they freely express themselves to the effect that the road they advocate will serve many more people, and serve the Medical Springs country with equal if not better service than the road to Telocaset.

Two Routes Considered "We are not here to invent trouble or strife," said M. Caldwell of the delegation, "but we do want La Grande and the public to know the merit of these two routes. On the Telocaset route it will be remembered the road runs over a sparsely settled section of country, while up Catherine creek is one of the best settled parts of the county. As for the Telocaset road being an all-weather road, I doubt this for I have been stuck on Lyons hill and know that in winter it is hardly to be expected that traffic can get along. The grade has been improved on Catherine road around the summit and with re-location of a portion of the road down to water level where grading will be comparatively easy and road building not at all difficult, this county will have a scenic road, a pleasure road, market road and post road all combined, whereas on the Telocaset route the service will be confined to a very few, leaving the fine settlement of the Park section still forced to fight impassable roads during a portion of the year.

Trade Would Come, Here "We want La Grande people to know that our plan of bringing the south part of the county into Union county instead of sending it out of the county, with the Catherine creek road, will be many ranchers who now haul their produce, do their banking and buy their merchandise in Baker, brought to the Grande Ronde valley where they belong and where they really want to come, for this is the political unit and their logical commercial home."

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Wednesday, fair and warmer.

GRANGERS MEET THIS EVENING

WILL HEAR OF WHEAT ASSOCIATION.

Seven Meetings Planned in This County for Week—Much Success Reported in Organization

The intensive campaign for membership, started in Union county ten days ago with a big meeting in the city hall in La Grande, will be carried into the various smaller towns this week by the Oregon Grain Growers association, a meeting at the Blue Mt. Grange hall this evening at 7:30 being the first of a series of seven meetings to be held in the county this week.

At the meeting this evening J. E. Reynolds, vice-president of the Union county farm bureau, and C. A. Barnes, of Goldendale, Washington assistant state director of the organization, will explain the contract to the farmers.

The Union county farm bureau is sponsoring the meetings being held in the county this week. The other meetings are at the following places: Alsea, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday; Summerville, 1:30 p. m. Thursday; Imbler 7:30 p. m. Thursday; Cove, 1:30 p. m. Friday; Mt. Glenn, 7:30 p. m. Friday; Union, 1:30 p. m. Saturday.

The Oregon association is organized on similar plans to those on which the association in Washington, Idaho and Montana are organized. The four northwest state associations have already signed 27,000,000 bushels of the 1921 crop. Of this 7,000,000 bushels have been signed in Montana and Oregon and the rest in Washington and Idaho. In the latter two states the association was organized last year and it is due to this, Mr. Barnes stated today, that the bushelage is so much greater than here. Mr. Barnes expects 7,500,000 bushels to be signed in this state this spring and he believes that Union county will contribute over 800,000 bushels, 150,000 of which has been already contracted for.

HEAVY SNOWS IMPEDE TRAFFIC

PENDLETON, Apr. 26.—Heavy snow falling again in the Blue Mountains has made the Old Oregon Trail practically impassable between Meacham and the road from Hilgard east. Work on opening the highway for travel started last week by the N. K. Olmstead demonstrating the Shawnee Power grader under the auspices of the Eastern Oregon Auto Club will continue this week through to La Grande.

While cars are making the trip over the mountain, the road is reported in bad condition from Dead Man's Pass to the bottom of California Gulch approaching La Grande. Of the 64 miles over the mountains about half are hard to travel and the rest in fair condition.

Several tourists are halted on bad streets and are not attempting to make the trip until the weather improves. In most bad places the deep mud and high centers in the road are the main cause of trouble. Parastuck between Meacham and La Grande will be assisted tomorrow by the power grader which is working over the mountain.