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SECOND UNIT OF HIGHWAY CONTRACTED

Sloan Construction Company is Lowest Bidder to County Court.

TWELVE MILES INCLUDED IN BID

Second Unit Includes the Highway from About Six Miles out of Island to Elgin City Limits.

The second unit of the Island City-Elgin highway was let yesterday afternoon to the Sloan Construction Co., the distance being about 12 miles. When letting of the contract was advertised two units were put up for bids, the first one from Island City to a point 6 1/2 miles distant and the second from that point to Elgin. The first unit was let about ten days ago to Roscoe Neil. The contracts call for surfacing the road.

With this second contract complete the entire La Grande-Joseph highway within the borders of Union county has been contracted.

Surfacing Begins.
The work of surfacing the highway between Island City and Imbler was commenced this morning. The road will be of double thickness, 6 inches of sub-surfacing over 3 inches of one and a half inch base rock covered with three inches of the three-quarter inch surfacing material.

The contract was awarded to Roscoe Neil, and he has a large force of men working, making a total of between forty and fifty men now at work. Mr. Neil, as soon as possible, will put on a fleet of 5-ton Mack trucks to complete the job as soon as possible, which is expected to be the latter part of October. He now has ten trucks at work.

BULLETINS

WAITING FOR PREMIERS
LONDON, Aug. 10.—French and British cabinets met today to consider the action to take on German reparations. The questions before the allied statesmen here have resolved themselves into waiting for the meeting of the premiers tomorrow. Everything seems to hinge on this meeting.

SPANISH TESTIMONY
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.—Fidel Elman, principal witness for the state in the Ku Klux Klan trial today, was put under cross examination when the trial resumed. Fidel testified in Spanish.

WHEAT IS THE SAME
PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—Wheat prices remained the same today.

FOUR DIE IN GUN BATTLE
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.—Three men are dead, another arrested and another sought here today as a result of a trap set by deputy sheriffs which turned an attempted robbery into a gun battle. The dead are Louis Reese, Edwin Burton, two Chicago men with criminal records, and Kenneth Fleenor, of Texas. Reese and Fleenor died in the fight and Burton died later in the hospital. The fifth member of the gang is still at large.

DON'T EXPECT WAGE CUT
CLEVELAND, Aug. 10.—An associate of Mr. Lewis, head of the striking miners, said today the prediction today that miners have won their fight and it is practically over. "There is no longer any thought in any quarter that wage reductions will be imposed upon the mining industry and the question now is how to proceed with the operators. We want immediate resumption of mining and relief for the public," was his statement.

Hall Drops Recount; Now Probes Illegality

PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—What seems to be a right-about-face marked the attitude of Charles Hall, of Marshfield today when he suddenly turned the tables in the recount matter and gave up the whole recount fight for the gubernatorial nomination. "We do not desire to go further with the recount but we desire only to go into the phases of illegal voting that are charged in our complaint and will take that up at Salem," said Attorney W. S. U'Ren in behalf of Senator Charles Hall, who inaugurated the recount and demanded a recount of ballots in certain precincts of the state.

BIG FOUR WILL NOT ORDER MEN BACK TO WORK

Officers of National Organization Tell Members to use their Own Judgment on Conditions of Safety.

(By Associated Press)
CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 10.—Railroad brotherhood chiefs here practically served notice that their members might decide for themselves whether objectionable working conditions at terminals, in connection with the shompen's strike, justify their remaining away from their jobs. "We are not going to have our men shot up or beaten up, or threatened by armed guards at railroad yards and shops," Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said when told that several hundred members of the "Big Four" brotherhoods had gone on strike at Joliet, Ill., Tuesday midnight. "When the men cannot go to work without having irresponsible armed guards endangering their lives, they may go home and stay there until the condition is relieved," he said. "There will be 100 more similar cases if conditions are not changed," he said.

Approval Not Required.
Asked if the walkout at Joliet met with the approval of the brotherhood chiefs, Mr. Stone said:

"The action does not require any approval. Our men are not expected to work under such conditions as now prevail at many railroad terminals." Brotherhood engineers already have been notified that they may refuse to take out locomotives in defective condition, but have been cautioned not to be "too technical."

The three railroad brotherhoods with headquarters here have telegraphed brotherhood officials at Joliet, backing up the refusal of 1300 engineers, firemen, trainmen, and conductors and switchmen of the Elgin Joliet & Eastern railroad to return to work while state troops are on guard.

Others Concur in View.
W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen and Engineers, when told of the Joliet walkout, concurred in the position taken by Mr. Stone.

President Lee said he had wired the representatives of the trainmen on the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Tuesday night that whenever the members of the organization had positive proof that hundreds of armed soldiers guarding railroad lines leading to strip mines in that territory and had replied that if there was danger they should stay away.

President Robertson said he and President Stone had sent a joint message to their representatives at Joliet to stay away from the railroad company property if their lives were endangered through armed guards.

President Robertson also said that he had received a message from a representative at Terre Haute, Ind., Wednesday morning that brotherhood men were being subjected to abuse by hundreds of armed soldiers guarding railroad lines leading to strip mines in that territory and had replied that if there was danger they should stay away.

O-W Officials Stop in La Grande on Way Back to Portland

Last evening Arthur Spencer, head of the legal department, and Bill Morrow, of the tax department of the O.W., stopped in La Grande for a short stay while on their way home from Baker where they had argued before the Chamber of Commerce of that city the possibility of getting a railroad through Central Oregon and also took the question of the Union Pacific System acquire the Central Pacific railroad when the Interstate Commerce Commission decides to make a change relative to that railroad. A President J. P. O'Brien's car was set out at this station last night when No. 23 pulled in.

DEATH LIST IS FIFTY THOUSAND

SWATOW, China, Aug. 10.—The death list from the terrible typhoons and wind storm which swept this coast a few days ago has now reached 50,000. It is by far the worst catastrophe that has ever visited this part of the world. England is sending shiploads of provisions, medicines and needed articles to relieve the distress.

JUDGES NEED MORE POWER SAYS TAFT

Justice of Supreme Court Tells why Justice Fails in America.

FEDERAL JUDGES HELD BLAMELESS

Defends Bill Before Congress to Provide for Additional Federal Judges Throughout the Country.

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—Dependence upon action of congress to effect reform to remove delays and to bring about speed in the administration of justice "has not brought the best result and some different mode should be tried," William Howard Taft, chief justice of the United States, told the American Bar Association today.

"The failure of justice in this country," said Chief Justice Taft, "especially in the state courts, have been more largely due to the withholding of power from judges over proceedings before them than to any other cause and yet judges have to bear the brunt of criticism which is so general as to the results of present court action. The judges should be given the power to commensurate with their responsibility. Their capacity to reform matters should be tried to see whether better results may be attained. Federal judges doubtless have their faults, but they are not chiefly responsible for the present defects in the administration of justice in the federal courts. Let congress give them an opportunity to show what can be done by vesting in them sufficient direction for the purpose."

Justice Taft said that litigation had increased with the increase of the general business of the country that even in fields always occupied by the federal courts, the judicial force had proved inadequate. He remarked that additional judges had followed the enactment of new statutes, particularly the Volstead act.

"A bill which provides for twenty-four new district judges and one circuit judge in the fourth circuit has been reported to both houses," he continued. "It is opposed and will doubtless lead to discussion; but in view of the previous votes in the two houses, it seems likely that the bill will pass before the close of this congress."

"The new bill authorized a judicial council of ten judges, consisting of the chief justice and the senior associate judge of each circuit which is to meet in Washington the last Monday in September, to consider reports from each district judge."

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SPENCER STILL SEES HOPES FOR NEW RAILROAD

Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroad Row Reviewed by General Attorney of U. P. System.

BAKER, Aug. 10.—That the Central Oregon country should be developed by the building of the Oregon Eastern railroad through the state between Crane and the Natron cut-off, but that in order to assure the building of the road it would be necessary to make a showing of tonnage to justify its building. A. C. Spencer, chief counsel for the Union Pacific System, stated in addressing the Chamber of Commerce at the noon luncheon yesterday.

Mr. Spencer has been into the controversy that has arisen between the Union Pacific System and Southern Pacific System over the recent decision of the United States supreme court, divorcing the merger of the Southern Pacific and the Central Pacific and Central Pacific companies were organized in the first place and how the government has aided the building through money and land grants; how the bill making the grants was passed during the time of Lincoln was president and that their primary purpose was for use as military roads in case of war and it was first intended they should be operated jointly as one road.

No Definite Promise.
Mr. Spencer regretted that he could not make any promise for the Union Pacific regarding the building through Central Oregon, telling how the U. P. when it has control of the S. P. and through it the C. P. had laid plans for building through the central part of the state and many millions of dollars were expended in carrying the program out. No promise can be made owing to the many different angles to the situation about such building at this time. It is certain that no building program for developing that part of the state could be expected from the Southern Pacific.

Mrs. Taylor who was Buried at Island Had Been Here 15 Years
The funeral of Mrs. R. W. Taylor, who passed on Monday evening at about nine o'clock at the close of a severe illness, was held at the Island City Church at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the body being interred in the Island City cemetery.

Mary Chapman was born in Illinois on October 26, 1861, and spent the earlier part of her life in the middle west. She was married to R. W. Taylor about twenty years later and they came to the Grande Ronde valley about fifteen years ago, where they have since made their home. Mr. Taylor passed on about three years ago and Mrs. Taylor is survived by four children: O. H. Taylor, of Union; Mrs. E. H. Thomas, of Cove; Mrs. Lon Evers, of La Grande, and Mrs. Mamie Quiley, of Bronough, Mo.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.
PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—Cattle remained about steady today with no quality offerings; hogs were a quarter lower for high quality; sheep, eggs and butter remained steady.

RIVER GIVES UP BODY OF CLYDE LOVE

Boy Had Been Missing for Three Months; Wandered from Home.

BROTHER FINDS DECAYED BODY

Many Searching Parties Had Worked in Vain at Time of Disappearance and Conclusion Existed He Had Been Murdered.

BAKER, Aug. 10.—Lying on his face with his clothes torn to shreds and his body the lifeless corpse of Clyde Love, who was reported missing from the farm of his brother north of Baker on April 25 was discovered yesterday morning on the bank of Powder river on the Tom Mack ranch eight miles north of the city. Searching parties were sent out from the city in an effort to locate the missing man and the river was dragged for some distance, but no clue was found which would lead to his whereabouts. His absence was noticed when the horse on which he was last seen returned to the ranch without a bridle.

Found the Bridle.
The discovery of the bridle was thought would throw some light on the mystery of the missing man and rewards were offered for the return of the bridle. The search extended to Huntington and Idaho sections where reports were received of a person answering to the description of Love, but these efforts were of no avail.

Whether he had been murdered and the body thrown into the river is a matter of conjecture for the mutilated condition of the body could have been received from being washed down the river which at that time was swollen with melting snow. He had evidently been in the river for over three months and if there had been evidence of murder it would have been eliminated by the wear and rough usage the body was subject to in being washed down the river.

Some think now that while crossing the river at a swollen ford he fell off the horse or was washed off, dozing willows and holding on to the bridle was washed down stream, dragging the bridle off the horse and being drowned.

The body was found by his brother, Vernon Love, and John and Tom Worthington who were on the Mack ranch at the time.

Clyde Love was born in Baker, January 14, 1892, and was 30 years old at the time of his tragic death. He is survived by a brother, Vernon Love, of this city, who is his only direct living relative, and many cousins. He was well known and respected in this city, having lived in Baker county practically all his life. He had a wide circle of friends who made every effort to locate him following his mysterious disappearance.

WINSTOCK HITS LA FOLLETTE'S COURT STAND

Moving Picture Man Thinks Danger in Lessening Powers of the Higher Tribunal.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE'S SENIORITY IS ROCK OF DANGER

Chief Executive will Keep Congress Ready to Act on any Emergency that may Arise—Program not Given Out.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—President Harding will next Monday or Tuesday receive the formal answer of the Shop Crafts Federation to his proposal that the question of seniority would never have been adopted and certainly never ratified had there been the slightest intent on the part of the framers to lessen the power or authority of the judiciary. Thomas Jefferson, in his supreme desire to protect popular rights, sought in the attempted impeachment of Mr. Justice Chase, to lay the foundation for the weakening of this co-ordinate branch of the government, but the Senate prevailed over by no less a personage than Aaron Burr, would not yield to the desires of President Jefferson. The intent was to try out impeachment on Chase and if successful, to proceed against John Marshall, whom Jefferson feared more than any other man in the nation. With good cause, for Marshall, who for 35 years was Chief Justice, stood between the nation and the influences that sought to weaken national authority and power.

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"Abraham Lincoln said that 'there can be successful appeal from the ballot to the bullet' and he meant any kind of force. The remedy for the evils in our land lies not in destruction, subversion, nor in impairing national strength but in a closer attention of the citizen to political matters. If we have inefficient men in office it is because we leave the choice to others. Appeal to higher civic duty rarely fails when men are made to know the facts. If that appeal is made the very first thing people will do will be to refuse honor, power and place to the apostles of destruction, the high priest being this same LaFollette, who, by a shade, escaped expulsion from the senate during the war for utterances absolutely disloyal."

May Strike on Milwaukee.
CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—A threatened strike of 2000 maintenance of way men on the Milwaukee lines hangs on a conference to be held here this afternoon between J. C. Simook, vice president of the union, and B. P. Green, president of the railroad company. The union's committee is in session at Madison today and ready to call the strike if the conference here reaches no conclusion on an agreement.

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Ad Club Headquarters where all Dokie Committees will Gather.

At a joint meeting of the General Committee on Arrangements from the Dokie Lodge and the Entertainment Committee of the Ad club held last evening a grant deal of detail pertaining to the big convention in La Grande, September 1st and 2nd, was gone over and disposed of. The skeleton outline of the parade was drafted and the line of march selected. The automobile rides to be provided for out-of-town visitors will be in the hands of the Ad club as will the street carnival each night.

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PRESIDENT WILL AWAIT THE ANSWERS

Formal Reply from the Shop Crafts to Last Appeal will Come First of Week.

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Weather
(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—Tonight will be fair with showers on Friday.

MAYBE HE WON'T JUMP, AFTER ALL

