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TO INSTALL 14 POWERFUL LOCOMOTIVES

Engines of Type 2-10-2 That
Pulled No. 17 Through
Here Tuesday.

ADAPTED TO HEAVY
MOUNTAIN HAULING

Locomotives Are the Largest
Used in Passenger
Service and Most Power-
ful in Existence.

The fellow who was headed straight for the Annals club, the fellow who framed the story about the world's largest locomotive coming into La Grande, has been caught, but he was half right. The locomotive that attracted so many spectators as it pulled in with No. 17 Tuesday morning is far from being the largest locomotive in the entire world, but is the largest locomotive used in passenger service and one of the most powerful in existence. The new engine is known the world over as the 2-10-2 type and is the advance guard of 14 of the same type that are coming to this division of the O. W. R. & N. There is now another locomotive works at Philadelphia. Seven more remain to be completed and started on their way westward.

Mountain Work Easy.
The 2-10-2 engine is designed particularly for the hauling of heavy loads over grades, or mountain roads and is much more powerful than the size indicates, having a tractive effort of 35,000 pounds to the square inch. The power developed by the locomotive is such that one will do the work of two ordinary engines used on the passenger runs and to a very large degree will eliminate double headers. The new engine is capable of hauling one thousand tons over the grades of this division, which proves that it possesses unusual power. The new engines coming to this division are the very latest in the locomotive world and are being viewed with great interest and no little pride by the officials and trainmen of the division.

VASCO WILLIAMS CALLED BEYOND

The funeral services of Vasco Williams, who passed away here yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. I. Crawford, will be held Sunday, April 1, at 11 a. m. The remains are at the Reynolds and Zimmerman funeral service parlors and will be forwarded to Haines shortly.

Mr. Williams, who was 59 years of age at the time of his death, is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. H. I. Crawford, La Grande, and Mrs. L. W. Smith, Summerville, three sons, Edward Williams, Haines, and two sons, William, Boise, Idaho, and William, Parma, Idaho, and by two brothers, Milo Williams, Baker, and Ogo Williams, Klamath Falls. The deceased was a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Rock Creek lodge No. 8816, and always was prominent in social and civic activities. He leaves a host of friends, in addition to his relatives, who mourn his demise.

Quiet Session of City Commissioners Recorded

The city commissioners met in a quiet executive session last evening in the city hall. Nothing arose of large significance with the possible exception that Henry Hess, representing Green and Hess city attorneys, gave a report of his trip to Portland where he conferred with the Western Bond and Mortgage company and their associates and others in regard to the litigation in connection with the issuance of improvement bonds. The wheels are moving in the Hess case and a complete report on the matter will be rendered the city of La Grande within a few days; nothing of a definite nature being ready to report last evening.

A petition was received from J. J. Mann asking that Q avenue, from North Maple to the O. W. R. right-of-way, be closed to permit him to install a lumber yard to take care of his increased business. Considerable discussion ensued and the matter was laid over another week pending further investigation into the matter.

The La Grande National bank, in a communication, offered the sum of \$500 in settlement of litigation on four lots. The offer was rejected, Mr.

William Z. Foster Was A Member of the I. W. W., According to Testimony

(By Associated Press)
ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Mar. 29.—William Z. Foster, charged with criminal syndicalism, took the stand in his own defense today.

Foster testified that he had been a member of the Industrial Workers of the World, the Seamen's union, the Carpenters' union and other organizations. He quit the I. W. W., he said, because he no longer agreed with its policies.

MAY WITHDRAW REFERENDUM ON GASOLINE TAX

State Highway Commission
Governor Pierce and Automobile
Representatives to Confer Today.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 29.—Representatives of the Oregon Automobile Trades association, the State Highway Commission and Governor Walter M. Pierce are to confer today regarding the referendum on the gasoline tax increase.

The automobile men say that they will be willing to abandon the referendum if the highway commission pledges to adhere to the published budget of bond retirement and if the governor and the commission agree to a revision of automobile license fees by next legislature.

BULLETINS

FOUR DIE IN BATTLE
(By Associated Press)
HARLAN, Ky., Mar. 29.—In a battle between 22 possumen and inmates of a house near the mouth of Beech creek in the hills of Leslie county, last night Kelly Walker, deputy sheriff, Isaac Strong, Mrs. Isaac Strong and George Strong were killed.

When Deputy Walker advanced toward the house with a warrant for the arrest of Isaac Strong for liquor law violations, hidden marksmen fired and Walker fell. The possumen opened fire on the house, later taking all the occupants dead. Mrs. Strong was clutching a repeating rifle. Two stills were found in a nearby bartered position back of the house and were destroyed together with 700 gallons of beer.

RESUME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

(By Associated Press)
GENEVA, Mar. 29.—Peace negotiations between the allies and Turkey will be resumed at Lausanne some time between April 15th and 20th.

BERNHARDT LAID TO REST

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Mar. 29.—The body of Siegfried Bernhardt was laid to rest in her tomb in the cemetery Her Lachaise this afternoon after a simple service in the church St. Francois De Sales, and a solemn procession thence through the streets which were thronged with mourners. The hearse was covered with flowers and was followed by five floats each bearing a mountain of flowers ten or 12 feet high.

"PLATOON" SYSTEM TO BE ADOPTED

School Board Takes Definite
Step At Meeting
Yesterday.

TO BE TRIED AT
GREENWOOD SCHOOL

Construction of Buildings
and Installation of System
Will Be Complete By Sep-
tember.

At a meeting of the school board yesterday, a decision was made to try out the "platoon" system, derived from the Gary system, now in use in Gary, Indiana, and about two score other schools in America, who has recently returned from Gary, Indiana, where he studied the system, and Principal R. A. Wilkerson, of the Greenwood school, both ardent supporters of the plan, feel that it will increase the efficiency of the school system here to a great extent.

As the matter now stands, the actual preparations and installation will be done during the summer, everything to be ready to start the school term next September under the new order with no delays. Charles Miller, architect, is drawing plans and specifications for the changes to be made, which will include two gymnasiums 30 by 60 feet and an auditorium that will accommodate 300 people.

The building of a frame construction, will adjoin the present brick building that houses the pupils at the Greenwood school, and will be connected by a covered hallway. They will be heated from the present heating plant and under the system planned, two times as many pupils may be tutored at one time with no additional expense with the exception of adding to the staff of special instructors in certain lines of work.

The workings of the Gary system, very similar to the "platoon" system to be used here, have been explained through the columns of the Observer in length and detail before, and are in brief, a division of classes that permits double the number of pupils to be handled as under the old plan.

No estimate has yet been made of the probable cost of the construction of buildings and the installation but it is a settled fact that the expenditures will not be nearly so great as would be needed to build new buildings to care for increased numbers of students. It will assuredly be less than \$20,000.

Principal Wilkerson, who has studied the system during the past two years, will be in charge of the system at the Greenwood school.

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, Mar. 29.—Cloudy tonight and Friday; rain in the west; cloudy in the east portion. Colder.

Catholic Prelates Still Remain in Prison; Appeal For Clemency of Sentence

(By Associated Press)
MOSCOW, Mar. 29.—Under a temporary stay of sentence, the condemned Catholic prelates remained in prison today pending a meeting of the central executive committee which will consider clemency of the appeal.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—The state department has taken steps, it was officially announced late Wednesday, to convey to the soviet government, through the American ambassador at Berlin, the "earnest hope" that the lives of Archbishop Zepiak and Monsignor Butskavitch of the Catholic church, under sentence to be executed Thursday in Moscow, "may be spared."

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Mar. 29.—Pope Pius has asked the soviet government of Russia to liberate Archbishop Zepiak and the other ecclesiastics convicted in Moscow, on the ground that they are members of the Catholic hierarchy and the pope's subjects.

WATER, POWER SHORTAGE TO COME TO END

E. O. L. & P. Company Be-
lieves That A Few More
Days of Present Weather
Will End Difficulties.

The coming of sunny, spring-like weather is having its effect upon the water supply of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, who have been combating an unprecedented shortage of power during the past few weeks, according to a statement made by J. P. Lottridge, manager of the company, to the Baker press. A few more days of warm weather and it is believed that the power shortage will be a thing of the past, never to occur again.

The statement by Mr. Lottridge is as follows:
"The Cove and Morgan Lake plants are now carrying their full load and there is a marked improvement at the Rock Creek plant, where the flow of water is rapidly increasing. There has been little change at Olive Lake, as snow is not melting in the high altitudes yet."

"The full load of the company is being resumed, and patrons who have been pulled off are being notified to this effect."

"The United Mining company operating the Independence Mine and the Beaver Gold Mining company operating the Buffalo-Monitor property, both near Granite, have been notified they can resume the use of power. The Delaware Mining company will also be notified power can be turned on at the Baisley-Elkhorn mine. This company has been waiting for some time for power for the newly installed machinery with which a 6,000-foot crosscut tunnel is to be driven. It will probably be several days before the power is restored."

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WORK PLANS TO CUT DOWN WATER RATES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—Overhead on government reclamation projects is too high, and has got to be reduced, according to an announcement made Wednesday by Secretary of the Interior Work. No sooner was the announcement made than two inspectors were sent to the Rio Grande and Yuma projects, with instructions to make a study of overhead costs, with a view to making justified reductions. The work started in the south will gradually be carried to every reclamation project in the west, and as fast as waste is discovered it will be dispensed with.

"We are going to apply business methods to the business of the interior department," said Secretary Work. "We are carrying unnecessary officials and employees on reclamation service projects; we are running up costs unnecessarily, and the settler has to pay for all this waste. Government projects are costing too much, and we are going to reduce those costs as quickly as we can find where savings can be effected."

Incidentally, Secretary Work is reorganizing the inspection force of the interior department, throwing out incompetent inspectors and retaining only those who are competent. At least four inspectors will be detailed to reducing costs on reclamation projects.

Will Go Down the Line.

Later on, when the study of projects has been completed, it is not unlikely the overhead in the Washington office of the reclamation service also will be studied, with a view to curtailments. Secretary Fall repeatedly complained of the excessive overhead of the reclamation service, but failed to make any material changes. Secretary Work, finding the same conditions complained of by Secretary Fall, has started in to enforce economy in order that costs charged against settlers may be diminished. Secretary Work is unable to understand the wide discrepancy between costs on government projects and on private projects, built under similar circumstances and conditions.

It will be early summer before inspectors get into Idaho and other northern states, as they are expected to go thoroughly over each project before making final report, but Secretary Work is confident that he can greatly reduce expenses on all projects before the season closes.

HUGE STORM COMING
SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 29.—One of the worst storms of the year is raging in the Eastern Pacific ocean from the Arctic to the tropics and should reach the coast states in the next two days; the weather bureau reported. The full force of the storm is expected to strike the Oregon coast and spread southward.

Flames Raze Amusement Center of New England; 30 Houses Are Destroyed

(By Associated Press)
HULL, Mass., Mar. 29.—Paragon Park, New England's largest seashore amusement center, and 30 houses were destroyed Wednesday by a fire which swept Nantasket beach on the wings of a wind that reached a velocity of 50 miles. At midnight the flames were spreading against the wind, and the Atlantic house, principal hotel of the resort, was threatened. The loss was in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and by some was estimated at a million.

The water supply obtained through a pumping station at Hingham, was inadequate. Firemen stood idly by unable to do anything to stop the flames. Dynamite was sent for in an attempt to stop them by blowing up buildings in their path. Houses on six streets were burned or burning at midnight.

OREGON TRAIL PAGEANT PLANS ARE PROMISING

Interstate Celebration is the
General Idea; Inland Em-
pire State Governors to Be
Invited.

PENDLETON, Mar. 29.—Some of the broader preliminary plans for a monster celebration to mark the completion of improved highways over the whole length of the Old Oregon Trail were worked out in a meeting yesterday afternoon in the offices of the Pendleton Commercial association, attended by members of the highway committee and the entertainment committee. J. L. Shannon, county roadmaster, met with the two committees.

The place of the celebration will be Deadman's Pass, and the time will be in the month of June, the exact date to be established later. There remains about five miles of highway construction to be done before the historic old trail will be completed, and the final bit of work will be done at Deadman's Pass, which is the reason for holding the celebration at that point. Work on the road is expected to begin within the next fortnight, Mr. Shannon told the committees yesterday.

Three States Take Part

The general plans call for an interstate celebration, with all three states interested in the Old Oregon Trail being invited to participate. Walter E. Meacham, secretary of the Baker Chamber of Commerce and president of the Old Oregon Trail association, is expected to arrive in Pendleton this week to aid in working out some of the details of the event.

The governors of Idaho, Washington and Oregon will be extended invitations to attend and make addresses, and Secretary Work of the department of the interior will also be asked to be present. He will be making a tour of the west at about that time. President Harding may also be secured if his visit to Alaska should come at a time when it will be possible for him to attend.

Each of the commercial organizations within Umatilla county will be asked to designate five representatives from their organizations to serve on the general committee, and Walla Walla, La Grande and Baker will be issued similar invitations.

The entertainment committee of the Pendleton Commercial association will begin immediately to work out plans for the entertainment features of the celebration. These plans when tentatively drawn up, will then be submitted to the general committee for its approval or rejection.

The significance of the opening of the old trail will be of such importance that the celebration is expected to attract nation-wide attention.

Germany Is Given Sharp Warning by Commission

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Mar. 29.—The reparations commission has unanimously decided that Germany had no right to issue its recent loan without permission, says Le Matin Wednesday. As to whether the commission should require the reloan to pay over all or part of the proceeds, the French and Italian members answered "yes" and others "no," the newspaper says.

All the allies except France held that the reich bank, being a private institution, was entitled to give security for the loan. While various interpretations may be put upon the note the reparations commission is sending Germany in connection with her foreign currency loan issue, the current one, according to some of the best informed circles, is that it holds in substance that there is no question of the German government's right to offer the loan, but that there does exist a question as to the security it may give.

Text of Note.
The text of the note, prepared by

EAST GRIPPED IN COLD WAVE, OREGON WARM

White River, Ontario, Can.,
Is Thirty Degrees
Below Zero.

NEW ENGLAND HAS
SUB-ZERO WEATHER

Weather Conditions in Ore-
gon Warm; Ideal in the
Grande Ronde Valley.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 29.—While Oregon is enjoying record warm weather for March, a severe cold wave gripped the east today. The weather bureau at Washington reported new low records as follows: Greenville, Maine, 18 below zero; White River, Ontario, Canada, 30 degrees below zero; Albany, N. Y., zero weather; Erie, six degrees; Washington, D. C., 18 degrees.

The weather in the Grande Ronde valley has been ideal for the past five days. Warm, bright and sunny, it is proving more than satisfactory to the farmers and others connected with agriculture, spring planting and plowing now being underway in most sections. The roads are drying up, the period of spring clean-up is in full blast, and the winter woollens and drab vestments are being discarded for summer attire. Plans are forming for the year's paving program and road work and building in La Grande, especially in the same stages that it is ordinarily in several months later.

RECORD WEATHER

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 29.—The weather here today is warmer than at a corresponding time yesterday at noon when a mark of 79 degrees above zero broke the March warm weather record by a fraction of a degree. The weather bureau expected today's maximum would exceed yesterday's.

JUDGE KNOWLES DENIES MOTION

Defense's Motion for Dismissal of the Alternative Writ of Mandamus is Denied.

The motion for adjournment of the alternative writ of mandamus filed by Mayor Joe Trippier, and others, of Cove, demanding that the Union county court construct and build a paved hard surfaced road between Island City and Cove on which the full sum of \$275,000 set aside for the road, be spent, was denied by Judge J. W. Knowles, on the grounds that the reasons for dismissal of the proceedings, as made in the motion by the defense, were not sufficient. The date has not yet been set for the continuance of the matter.

COAL STRIKE PENDING

SEATTLE, Mar. 29.—Upon the outcome of the conference in Washington, D. C., late today or tomorrow between representatives of the United Mine Workers and President Harding's coal fact finding commission, will depend whether the Washington Union miners strike Saturday at midnight.

THE PRESENT BRITISH PASTIME

