

LET BIDS ON SEWER PROJECT

CITY DADS CONSIDER FIVE BIDS

Seven Offers for Sewage Disposal Plant Work Are Opened

TWO REJECTED BY CITY COMMISSION

Special Meeting at One O'clock This Afternoon Called for Awarding Contracts.

Shortly after 1 o'clock today the city commissioners, in special session, awarded contracts as follows for the construction of a new sewage disposal plant:

Item 1.—Hardenbower Bros., of Caldwell. Consideration \$68,599.51.

Item 2.—City manager instructed to buy Door clarifier for \$10,489. Hardenbower Bros. given contract for installing same. Consideration \$1,300.

Item 3.—Clyde R. Seitz. Consideration \$15,387.

The total cost of the plant, according to figures given this afternoon, will be \$95,775.51, plus the engineering charges.

Five individuals and firms last night entered bids to the city commission for the proposed work on the new sewage disposal plant which La Grande will construct in the near future. The bids, entered in units numbered seven, and five were retained for investigation and consideration.

Bids offered by James E. Broad on item 1, amount \$41,400, and by A. E. Wieland on item 2, amount \$12,689.51, were rejected and a motion was passed to return Wieland and Broad's checks and receipts.

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A. E. CLARK TO ADDRESS MEN

The Men's Forum of the Methodist church announces that Attorney A. E. Clark, one of the foremost lawyers of Portland, will speak to the men of La Grande at the forum period Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

An special invitation has been extended to the Presbyterian Brotherhood by the officers of the Forum.

Mr. Clark is generally recognized as an exceptional orator and it is anticipated that a large number of men will be on hand to hear him. The lecture will be over in time for all those attending to reach their own churches by 11 a. m. if they so desire.

Complete Arrangements For Boys, Girls Picnic

"Come. Bring as many of your friends and relatives as you can to bring a basket lunch," are the instructions issued in the invitations for the annual boys' and girls' picnic to be held at the Union Experiment station a week from tomorrow.

Games, stock judging contests and other forms of amusement will be on the program for the day. H. G. Allen, county agriculturalist, and Robert Withycombe, superintendent of the experiment station will be in charge.

A special invitation has been issued urging boys and girls to bring their fathers and mothers. Referring again to the invitation, it carries the line, "Ice cream will be served."

Activities are scheduled to start at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Mysterious Woman Sent To Asylum

Authorities Find "Mrs. James Orr" Mentally Unbalanced and Take Her to Pendleton.

The "mystery woman" whose name, address and history remain unknown to the local authorities was adjudged insane late yesterday and taken to the state hospital at Pendleton for treatment last night.

Her name is thought to be Mrs. James Orr but her stories conflict to such an extent that no positive check of her identification can be made.

Mrs. Orr was taken into custody on Tuesday by the sheriff on complaint of residents of the north side of the city where the woman had calmly made herself at home in a house to whose occupants she was absolutely unknown.

How Mrs. Orr arrived in La Grande has not been learned. She carried a bag with a few personal belongings and a box containing toilet articles—nothing else. It seems likely that she was picked up by passing motorists at some other point and dropped at here.

TOO WARM, MAN DECLARES; FIVE DAYS IS PENALTY

The old order changeth. Ye, verily.

It used to be that a man admitted that he was drunk when the judge asked him to plead guilty or not guilty but Albert Bailey, about 60, turning, sprung a new one this morning when Judge J. D. Slater asked him in the city court whether he was intoxicated or not.

The answer was: "Well, I was a little overhauled."

Which, of course, was just the case, because from various sources indications were that he had succumbed to the potency of canned heat.

Because he was "overhauled" Bailey was sentenced to five days in jail.

Golfers Invited to Watch Kirkwood Play

Members of the La Grande golfing fraternity have been invited to witness an exhibition to be given by Joe Kirkwood, famous professional, at the Walla Walla country club on Sunday, August 29.

A charge will be made at the gate and after the exhibition visitors will be allowed to play the course without further charge. The exhibition is scheduled to start at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Supply of Coal Will Last Until December

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Government officials, convinced that a suspension of work in the anthracite fields September 1 is inevitable, have turned their attention to the possible effect upon the nation of a prolonged shut-down, and tentative estimates yesterday place the visible hard coal supply at a figure sufficient to meet normal demands until December.

STOLEN CAR RECOVERED; HOOD RIVER, Ore. (Special).—Sheriff Edick has received a telegram from Pittsburgh, Kans., authorities stating that an automobile belonging to George W. Thomson, local merchant, stolen from Kiburg beach here July 17 was recovered there. Robert James and J. H. Garrity, two young men taken with the car, were turned over to federal authorities. The car was uninjured.

INTOXICATION IN LONDON FAR BELOW BEFORE WAR

LONDON (AP).—Convictions for intoxication in England and Wales for the last year show a slight increase over the preceding 12 months, but the percentage of 15 convictions per 10,000 of population still represents less than half the pre-war average.

The increase in the number of convictions is attributed to the growing consumption of methylated spirits.

RAIL BODY ORGANIZED

PORTLAND (AP).—The Pacific Northwest Regional Advisory board of the American Railway association was organized here today for the purpose of promoting efficiency in transportation, and to bring about closer cooperation between the railroads and the shippers. The board, as organized, consists of 72 members, including an executive committee, representatives of each commodity shipped in the northwest and representatives of six northwest districts. A. F. S. Steele, general manager of the Apple Growers' Association of Hood River, was elected chairman, and Edward J. Kingsley, president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, general vice chairman.

HOPE HIT BY BIG FIRE

SPOKANE, Wash. (By the Associated Press).—Five buildings on the main street of Hope, Idaho, were destroyed by fire of unknown origin last night. All were frame structures. Damages have not been estimated.

He Swims



Richard Halliburton, of Memphis, recently swam the Dardanelles at the point where Leander drowned and Lord Byron made his famous swim. He accomplished his daring feat against a high wind and a strong tide. He is said to be the only person who climbed the Japan mountain, Fujiyama, alone in winter.

STODDARD IS NEW MANAGER

David Stoddard has accepted the management of the Oregon Lumber company of Baker, according to word received here today. Mr. Stoddard was for several years connected with the Nibbey-Minnahugh Lumber company and his affiliations also include the Grande Ronde Lumber company of La Grande.

Speaking of the appointment, a Baker newspaper says: "Mr. Stoddard is a young man who has grown up in the lumber industry of Eastern Oregon and his appointment as manager of the Oregon Lumber company is a deserving compliment to his ability."

FIND REMAINS OF EARLY MAN

ALBANY, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The discovery of quantities of volcanic sand and ash and fragments of a human skull which, when put together, gave a semblance of one of the lowest orders of man, has led J. G. Crawford, local geologist, to believe he has found a possible buried civilization on the Calapooya river near here.

The sand is much finer than water-washed sand and has sharp knife-like edges, precluding the possibility that it was washed up by the river. The skull, found beneath several feet of volcanic formation, resembled that of the earliest inhabitants of this country, placed at from ten to twenty-five thousand years ago.

BITTERFEAT

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Bitterfeats here today.

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MORE LIGHT TURNED ON LOREN CASE

Officer Questions Mother of El Cerrito Swamp Murder Victim

SAN FRANCISCO SOUGHT BY COPS

Authorities Think "Prominent Business Man" Is Concerned in Gruesome Crime.

OAKLAND (AP Press Time Flash).—Dr. J. Loren Penno, dentist, and Dr. J. J. Moore, surgeon, both prominent here, have been detained by the police for questioning in connection with the death of Mrs. Bessie Loren, parts of whose dismembered body have been found in the El Cerrito swamp.

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP Press Time Flash).—The name of the "prominent San Francisco business man" sought for questioning in connection with the swamp murder mystery, was revealed today by officials as Gordon Ross, with the account. He is married and lives with his family here.

OAKLAND, Cal. (By the Associated Press).—Under Sheriff Veale, of Contra Costa county, today announced that he had written from Mrs. W. F. Ferguson, mother of Mrs. Bessie Loren, after four hours of grilling last night, the name of a "prominent San Francisco business man" whom he is seeking for questioning in connection with the El Cerrito swamp.

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DELEGATES IN BRISK DEBATE

MARSHFIELD, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—As the fourth day of the annual convention of the State Federation of Labor opened with delegates expecting the leave for their home within a few hours, a resolution to change the organization's election from the referendum precipitated a debate that apparently has resulted in a deadlock.

The resolution calls for the election of officers directly on the convention floor instead of by the referendum as is the custom at present.

If the deadlock is broken and the resolution adopted, officers will be elected before the convention closes. Otherwise, under the present rules, officers will be elected January first.

Acting President C. O. Taylor announced that every delegate would have a chance to debate the question on the floor.

GOVERNOR HAS NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT REPORT

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Governor Pierce has "nothing to say" regarding the report of the special committee named to investigate conditions at the state penitentiary.

Asked as to the nature of the report submitted to him by Jefferson Myers, one of the members of the committee, who said the investigators had found conditions existing which they thought should be called to the attention of the governor at once, Governor Pierce replied: "I have nothing to say."

"The report true that Warden Ditzrope has already submitted his resignation?" the governor was asked.

"I have nothing to say," he reiterated.

"Then you do not care to say whether or not Ditzrope has handed in his resignation?"

"There is a resignation here," said the governor, closing the interview.

MILLAN EXPLORED BIG AREA

Resume of Flying Operations of Planes in the North Received

THREE MACHINES FLEW 6,066 MILES

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WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—A complete resume of the flying operations of the navy airplanes with the MacMillan Arctic expedition was received here today from Lieutenant Commander Byrd by radio, in response to a request from the National Geographic society.

The dispatch shows that the three planes flew an aggregate of 6,066 miles and saw an area as large as the state of Maine. Only one forced landing was necessary during all of the flights.

Byrd's report said that mountain ranges had been found which did not appear on charts he had seen. He declared Greenland. You can reach an elevation of at least 10,000 feet.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Two MacMillan Arctic expedition ships returned at 10 o'clock yesterday after having been weatherbound for several days on the northwestern coast of Greenland.

News of the expedition's progress was contained in a radio dispatch which reached the National Geographic society Wednesday. The society made this announcement:

"The Bowdoin and Peary, MacMillan Arctic expedition ships have left Murchison sound, Greenland's westernmost major harbor, and their refuge for the past few days from bad weather conditions, and proceeded northward toward the scene of their further explorations in Greenland and Labrador."

"A message to the National Geographic society Wednesday gives the ships' time of leaving Murchison sound as August 21 and on August 25 they anchored at the foot of Bol rock, Fitzinger island, in Booth sound, because of renewed head winds and fog."

"Later both ships left at 8 o'clock for a rendezvous at Aniakchik in order to commence the Bowdoin anchored in the lee of Saunders island, while the Peary plowed on through heavy seas, fog, snow, and Tuesday night was anchored in sea of Coastal rock, five miles from Aniakchik snow point, its immediate objective."

"The Peary was forced to seek shelter in the lee of Coastal rock because of a blinding snowstorm which permitted visibility of only ten yards."

"Dr. Walter N. Koza, ichthyologist of the expedition, and Maynard Owen Williams, correspondent and photographer for the National Geographic society, transferred to the Peary for this portion of the downward trip so that they might visit the famous cliff at Athabasi, home of the Murrens."

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SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The grand jury, convened to decide what charges will be placed against Kelley, Wilcox and Murray, convicts, will probably not report until tomorrow or Saturday, it was indicated today. The jury examined four prison guards present when the convicts broke for freedom.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Eight witnesses appeared before the Marion county grand jury yesterday in connection with the killing of J. H. Holman and John Sweeney, guards, during the prison break of August 12. Indictments for each of the guards is asked for Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelley and James Wilcox, convicts, by District Attorney Carson.

Witnesses were A. M. Daley, proprietor, Peter J. White, guard who held two of the convicts at bay; Charles McKinley, guard of post 7; James NeSmith, turkey who was beaten by the convicts; John Davidson, the guard who killed Bert "Oregon" Jones, one of the convicts; Leo Wilde, one of the kidnapped "monitor men;" G. L. Newman, at whose home in New Hope the convicts spent one day; and Dr. Carlton Smith, who examined the wounds of the dead guards.

Only sufficient witnesses to bring the indictment are being subpoenaed and an effort is being made to have the jury in line to report Friday afternoon.

Because of the full docket for the September term of court in Linn county, it is probable that the trial of the convicts will not be scheduled before the October term of court here, Judge Percy H. Kelly presides over the criminal departments of both Linn and Marion county courts.

Ice Floes Turn MacMillan Back From Polar Expedition



Upper—The Bowdoin, flagship of the MacMillan Polar expedition, North America. Lower left—One of the smaller boats of the expedition being pitched up at Hopewell before the trip home. Ice floes caused the expedition to be called off. Arrow points to a hole in the bottom of the boat made by the ice. Pictures (c) National Geographic Society.



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BEAR HUNTING POPULAR

NEWPORT, Ore.—Bear hunting near Newport is now the popular sport of many Newport people as well as tourists. Dr. E. E. Heredia and Lester Martin bagged a possible black bear near the high house on the Roosevelt highway.

Black bears are numerous along the coast at this season of the year. Berries are plentiful and ripe and they travel far to find them.

BOOSTERS BOOM CAPITAL

WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—The Washington Chamber of Commerce has launched a campaign to make the capital one of the country's busiest cities, as well as its most important. In its own peculiar way, the chamber character doesn't care so much about making it an industrial center, what's particularly aimed at is "soiling" the place to prosper people as an ideal spot to live in.

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DR. YOUNG SUICIDES IN PRISON

Man Accused of Slaying Wife Strangles Self with Piece of Wire

IN HIGH SPIRITS IN EARLY MORNING

Cellmate Says That Doctor Committed Deed While Under Blankets; Dead When Discovered.

LOS ANGELES, Cal. (By the Associated Press).—Dr. Thomas W. Young, dentist on trial for the murder of his wife and for burying her body in a cistern, killed himself in the county jail today.

Jail employees discovered the dentist's body in a cell where he had strangled himself with a piece of wire. The wire used by Young had probably been smuggled to him, the jailor said.

Permission was asked several days ago to take a coil of wire into Young's cell, ostensibly for use in rigging up a radio set, but this was denied.

In High Spirits. Physicians said that Young had been dead an hour and a half. The jailor called Young shortly before six and told him to prepare for today's court session.

Harry R. Foster, his cellmate, said that the dentist was in high spirits this morning. He said he was going to sleep a little longer and told Foster to call him when breakfast was ready and then pulled the blankets over his head.

When breakfast was served Foster called to Young but got no reply. Throwing back the covers he found Young dead with a wire about his throat.

MEXICO WILL PAY UP DEBTS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (By the Associated Press).—Mexico will begin paying her 500 million dollar national debt, owed chiefly to the United States, about September first, according to A. Millan, consul general for Mexico at New York and financial agent for that government, who passed through here today.

Mexico discharged a domestic debt when 25 million pesos were paid to private institutions of that country.

PIONEER, SUE FOR DIVORCE, DIES

HENDON, Ore.—Euna by his wife for a divorce, Edward G. Hendon, pioneer of the central Oregon country, died in Bend on the following day. Hendon had been an invalid for more than a year. He was a charter member of the Elks' lodge in Bend.

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