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\$15,000 BETWEEN CONTRACTOR AND CITY PROBABLE THAT LOS ANGELES FIRM WILL GET THE PIPE LINE CONTRACT

ENGINEERS TO TAKE THE FIELD MONDAY TO CHOOSE CHEAPER ROUTE FOR LINE

Water Committee Will Recommend That the Tender of American Light & Water Company Be Accepted, With the Condition That Bid Be Lowered to \$240,000

The water committee of the city council will recommend to the city council in the near future that they enter into a contract with the American Light & Water company of Los Angeles for the construction of the gravity pipeline from the fork of Little Butte creek and Wason canyon to Medford, providing that certain provisions be incorporated in the contract making certain concessions which consist of modifying the line, of substituting high priced steel pipe with wooden pipe and making the amount of excavation less, so that the total cost will be within the limit set by the committee, or \$240,000.

At the present time the water committee and the representative of the American Light & Water company do not seem to agree by about \$15,000. The last concession that it is possible for the local representative to make has been made, and if the committee fail to find a further place where the cost may be lowered the head man of the contracting company will be summoned from Kansas City. His word in the matter will be final.

Principal Items The principal items that have been modified so that the bid of \$301,656.50, submitted at first by the company, has been lowered to about \$260,000, was the cutting of the amount of hauling necessary and the lowering of the bid on excavating the rock for the reservoir. Comparative figures only were submitted and the contractor sees where he can do the work cheaper. The third saving is in the substitution of wooden pipe for high-priced steel.

On Monday the engineers will again take the field. This time it is for the purpose of determining how much can be saved by getting around Yankee divide. It is claimed that by having a pipeline three miles longer, the water can be obtained from the fork of Little Butte creek with Wason canyon and brought on a gradual grade all the way to Medford. Three miles are saved by crossing Yankee divide, but there a tunnel must be constructed at a cost of \$24,000 and 50,000 feet of steel pipe must be laid owing to the pressure at \$1 a foot more than wooden pipe and in order to cross the divide the head must come from two miles upstream from the fork of the two streams. This will be determined by the engineers before they return.

Water From Little Butte. It has been practically decided that the water to supply the system will come from Little Butte creek and be purchased from the Fish Lake Ditch company. This will be supplemented by water from the Slinger ranch. The committee claims to have options upon 450 inches of water in that neighborhood, but are still silent when asked for details of the matter.

Finances Coming. W. P. Bullock, who is representing John Nuyven & Co., brokers of Chicago, who are handling the \$365,000 bond issue, last evening wired his boss "Contract practically awarded. Rush finances." This means that the money will soon be available.

Mr. Bullock stated that his firm was ready to advance the \$65,000 needed to pay for the distributing plant and that the blanks will be forwarded in the near future. He was pleased to note that the American Light & Water company were the ones to do the work, for they were well and favorably known by Nuyven & Co., who have that should

CHAMBERLAIN TO BE GUEST OF WILL STEEL

Many Improvements Made at Crater Lake Recently--Supplies Left Today

Will G. Steel, manager of the Crater Lake company, will leave Medford this evening for Portland, where he will be joined by Governor Chamberlain, who is to return with him as his guest for an outing at Crater lake. The trip will be made through Medford.

A large number of supplies were shipped to the lake this morning. At the present time there are only accommodations for some ten or fifteen people at the lake, but when the supplies shipped out this morning arrive there will be accommodations for 40 or 50 people.

A \$700 launch was placed on the lake last week and seven rowboats are in course of construction. The row boat used there last summer was smashed during the winter.

A number of Y. M. C. A. boys arrived today, who are to tramp to the lake and return. The party have engaged a team to take their baggage and pick any one of the party who may become footsore.

Mr. Steel states that he is through with Klamath Falls and hereafter will do all of his business in Medford and will take parties to the lake through this city. He claims that Klamath people did not treat him right and that Medford has been ever loyal, therefore he will pull in the future for this city.

Souvenir of Visit. The book printed by the government to be presented to the officers of the fleet as a memento of the fleet's visit to New Zealand was finished today. It is handsomely embossed. In the preface it declares that no visit of foreign warships is as welcome as those of the American armada.

The name of Theodore Roosevelt stands for national righteousness everywhere," says the book, "and is honored and revered. The American fleet stands for justice, peace and freedom."

Although there will be no celebration on the day of the American fleet's arrival, which is the Sabbath, the occasion is an event to be not forgotten.

Elaborate Preparations. Auckland realizes that New Zealand will be the first British possession to welcome the great white armada from across the Pacific ocean, and plans never exceeded for elaboration have been in preparation for months.

All kinds of entertainments from banquets for the officers of the fleet to boxing matches for the enjoyment of the jockies have been arranged.

Monday morning will be given over to the landing of the fleet's officers and the official reception. In the afternoon a grand parade of Auckland troops and the fleet sailors and marines will occupy the time and a grand state banquet is to be held in the evening.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES WILL ASSIST EMPLOYERS CHICAGO, August 8.—A coalition of railroad employees of all the western roads for the purpose of assisting their employers in fighting hostile legislation by the state and national authorities was announced by W. H. Thomas of Kansas City, a passenger conductor on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, who is in this city trying to interest the employees of this city in the movement.

The plan will be to organize all the protective associations of the various states into a central body with sufficient political influence to be a power in the state legislatures. By this means laws inimical to the railroads can be combatted and possibly averted, says Thomas.

NEW ZEALAND WILL ROYALLY WELCOME FLEET

American Armada Will Reach Auckland Tomorrow Morning

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, August 8.—A wireless from the Atlantic fleet today says: "The gale blew itself out last night. The weather is fine now. We will arrive at Auckland at 8 o'clock Sunday morning."

This wireless followed another one stating that the vessels were pitching in a heavy sea and allayed the fears of the populace that the fleet might not arrive on schedule time.

The speed of the fleet has been increased to 11 knots so as to bring the vessels into the harbor on time. It was announced today that the rifle match between the New Zealanders and Americans had been canceled because the law prevents the landing of any foreign armed force on British soil.

Premier Sir Joseph Ward declared that he couldn't allow such a thing.

Biggy Will Probably Be Returned as Chief SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 8.—Following a severe grilling given him at the hands of the mayor, Chief of Police Biggy is today facing the prospect of losing his official head for over-zealousness in small matters and alleged incompetence in larger affairs.

Persistent rumors, which have not been denied by those high in authority, say that Biggy is to be dismissed. The change is expected after the primaries of next Tuesday, the police commissioners preferring to wait until then to take action.

The Chinese Six companies and the Chinese chamber of commerce are to file a formal complaint against the chief of police with police commissioners next week. They allege that the Chinatown squad, acting under orders from the chief, has subjected the Chinese to constant annoyance. The complaint, which has been prepared, states that an agent of the chamber of commerce, who was collecting for the relief of the Chinese sufferers, was held up and searched on suspicion of being a peddler of lottery tickets. The Chinese claim that his pockets were searched and a sealed letter stolen by the police.

William J. Burns, detective for the graft prosecution is mentioned as Biggy's probable successor.

FOREST FIRES PLAYING HAVOC IN IDAHO MISSOULA, Mont., August 8.—Reports received here early today state that the forest fires are growing fiercer every hour and are playing havoc in the dense timber lands of western Montana and eastern Idaho.

Hundreds of forest rangers are fighting the fires and calls for volunteers have been sent all the cities near the path of the flames. Recruits are going out in large numbers today. Many valuable mining properties are threatened with destruction and unless the fires are checked heavy damage will be sustained by the operators.

The fire worked its way over the Coeur d'Alene mountains into Montana, sweeping a 1000-foot timber belt. The loss of timber already is heavy and the prospect is that it will mount into staggering figures.

DIED Mrs. Flora Orth Wilkinson died this morning while en route to this city on the train. She has lived in Medford for many years and was well known here.

STATE HELP FOR CRATER LAKE ROAD

Colonel Jackson, Publisher of Portland Journal, Favors Appropriation by Legislature

"Crater lake is the world's greatest natural wonder and can be made Oregon's greatest attraction. Thirty thousand tourists from all parts of the world can be brought to Oregon annually to view this most picturesque and beautiful wonder spot," said Colonel C. S. Jackson, publisher of the Portland Journal, who spent the day in Medford with Mrs. Jackson on returning from a visit to the lake.

"What is needed to attract this travel is a good auto road, wide enough for teams to pass," continued Colonel Jackson. "The state of Oregon should aid in the building. The road will probably cost \$150,000 to the forest reserve and the government can be depended upon to do its share in its reservation and park. The road should run from Medford to Klamath, and it should be made possible for tourists to come in one way and go out the other, a five-hour trip from Medford to the lake."

"No other way can be as desirable a class of people be brought to Oregon as by making the Crater lake trip worth while. Millions of dollars will be left annually in the state by it, and it is as much to Portland's interest as any other section to help the work along."

Medford, Jackson county, Klamath Falls and Klamath county and the entire state are equally interested in this highway and all together should provide the funds.

I intend to bring the matter before the Good Roads association meeting in Portland next week and will endeavor to have the association concentrate its efforts upon building the first of the proposed state roads to the lake. I am willing to do all in my power to help advance the proposition, for I think the state has a fortune in this lake."

Medford and Jackson county should organize at once to build this road. City, county and state should work together and begin work at once.

Colonel and Mrs. Jackson were taken to Jacksonville and given a ride through other parts of the valley by Mayor Reddy. Both are enthusiastic over the lake and over the Rogue River valley and its future.

CARRIES WOMAN TO LICENSE COUNTER CHICAGO, August 8.—A dispatch to the Record Herald from Cincinnati, O., says:

A pathetic sight was seen in the county clerk's office in Newport, Ky., yesterday, when a young man carried in his arms a helpless young woman to the license counter and applied for a marriage license. The pair gave their names as John B. Bapp of Seattle, Wash., and Pearl Ruppell of Portland, Ind. They went from Cincinnati in a cab to the city across the river and when the man stepped from the cab with the young woman in his arms he attracted a crowd. In the clerk's office he placed her on the counter while the document was being prepared. The young woman's legs were amputated as the result of a railroad accident. After securing the license the couple went to a parsonage and were married.

OFFICERS MAY REFUSE TO OBEY ROOSEVELT SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 8.—If the vetoed statements made here to day by a leading officer can be taken as authority, a general strike will be made against the new riding tests instituted by President Roosevelt to prove the efficiency of officers for higher service.

It is declared that the president's order lacks proper legal foundation. A movement is under way to bring this order before a meeting of colonels and majors who have been compelled to mount horses and ride for 90 miles and wear out army leather.

CALAVERAS BIG TREES THREATENED

Forest Fires May Destroy Trees Which Are Famed All Over the World for Their Size

STOCKTON, Cal., August 8.—The famous Calaveras big trees, located in Tuolumne county, are threatened by the big forest fire which has been raging in the mountains ever since a week ago yesterday. According to a telephone message received here from Angeles Camp this morning, the fire is raging on both sides of the Stanislaus river and had approached to within three miles of the main grove. Hundreds of men are battling with the flames, but are able to make but little headway, and it seems almost certain that the fire will extend to the famous grove and resort before nightfall.

The fire has already burned over a strip 20 miles long and several miles wide. It has jumped the Stanislaus river several times.

The conflagration started a week ago yesterday at camp No. 9 of the Union Construction company. Forest rangers had it well under control several days ago, but it broke out in new territory when backfires got away from the fight.

The mines in Angeles Camp were closed down for three days, owing to the burning of nine lengths of the Ute company's flume, which supplies the town with water. Last night a temporary flume was completed across the gap and this morning the mines resumed operations. In the meantime those within the Angeles reservoir became very low and a water famine is threatened.

NEW BUGGY GONE AND OLD ONE LEFT INSTEAD YREKA, Cal., August 8.—Ed McNulty, who lives about a mile from town, had a buggy stolen from his place under peculiar circumstances. He had a new buggy that was not in use, but was housed in a buggy shed opposite the house. Imagine his surprise a few days since, when he went to get the buggy out and found that the shed contained an old broken down vehicle and his new buggy was missing.

As near as he can figure, the buggy had been gone about ten days. Some person had taken the new buggy and left the old one in its place. There is no clue as to who did the job, but suspicion points to a party of travelers who were camped a few miles below McNulty's place some ten days or two weeks ago, but who left for parts unknown. A part of one of the curtains was found near the camp.

ANOTHER ENGLISH LORD WINS AMERICAN GIRL NEW YORK, August 8.—Those who follow the society gossip of King Edward's court are much interested today in the reported betrothal of Miss Beatrice Mills, daughter of Ogden Mills, the multimillionaire of this city, to Colonel Forbes, earl of Granard, master of the King's horse and captain in the Scots' guards, who is said to be the possessor of extensive but unproductive estates in Ireland.

The distinguished Briton arrived yesterday on the liner Mauretania, which also brought the Mills family. Passengers on the steamer say that Miss Mills and the earl were almost constantly together on the voyage.

When Papa Mills was asked about the rumored engagement, he replied: "There's nothing in it." The earl left the pier in the Mills automobile and will be their guest while in New York.

LADIES' BASEBALL CLUB TO MEET MEDFORD TEAM The Ladies' Baseball club of Chicago will meet a picked nine from Medford on next Tuesday. Arrangements were completed today.

PILLSBURY COMPANY IS BROKE

Noted Flour Concern Has Filed Petition For Receivership--Mills Will Not Be Closed

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., August 8.—A petition for receivership was made today for the Great Pillsbury Washburn company, one of the largest flour milling concerns in America. Officials of the company appeared in court this afternoon and made the application. The failure has caused a great sensation in business circles.

The application for a receivership was forced on the Pillsbury Washburn company because of its lack of ready cash with which to purchase wheat at the present high prices to fulfill export contracts.

The mills will not be closed. A. C. Loring, C. S. Pillsbury and A. C. Cobb, all of Minneapolis, were appointed receivers under a joint bond of \$500,000. They will hold a meeting with the creditors Monday. The assets are said to aggregate \$15,000,000. The application, which was filed before Judge Purdy in the United States district court, was signed by the Second National bank of St. Paul; the Northwestern National bank and the Security National bank and the Swedish-American National bank of Minneapolis and John N. Pillsbury, a shareholder. Most of the stock of the company is held in England.

The liabilities are: Secured, \$4,000,000; unsecured, \$5,000,000.

NEW YORK MERCHANTS WOULD REDUCE RATES NEW YORK, August 8.—A concerted movement is on foot today among the business men of New York to take measures to force a reduction of fire insurance rates, which they claim are much too high.

The rates in the business section were raised after the San Francisco fire from 20 to 25 per cent and have not been reduced yet.

The business men point out that the fire insurance companies have reduced their operating expenses and have declared dividends of 15 to 20 per cent since that time, but have not reduced rates. The stock of the insurance companies is selling for hundreds of dollars above par, they claim, and the New York fire insurance exchange is a close corporation that restricts competition among companies doing business in this city.

The business men point out that while fire protection has been increased by the addition of high pressure mains down town and the re-equipment of fire departments, the fire insurance companies remain obdurate. It is likely that the public service committee will be asked to take a hand.

NEW LIFE EACH DAY SHOWN AT FERNIE WINNIPEG, Man., August 8.—New life each day is pulling to the work of rebuilding Fernie, which was destroyed by fire. One instance of it is the beginning of the construction of a \$300,000 coal tippie and the dynamiting of the great Northern railroad bridge so that 30 carloads of lumber on hand can be used to build a new one. There has been contributed to the relief fund up to date \$50,000.

NEEDED SIX DOLLARS; GOT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND VICTORIA, B. C., August 8.—From a position in life where he was unable to pay a court fine of \$6 for disorderly conduct to one where he now enjoys a fortune of \$100,000 is the transformation that has just occurred in the career of Alfred Arthur Johnson. He was fined yesterday for imbibing too freely and was sent to a cell. Johnson was worrying about his predicament when he was notified that his father had just died and left him \$100,000.

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