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BLAKELEY CUTS HIS OFFER \$20,000

CONTRACTOR'S FIGURE IS STILL \$7,053 OVER LIMIT

STERLING COMPANY OFFERS WATER TO CITY FOR \$230,000

New Proposition Made to the City Council by Fred. J. Blakeley--Tender of American Light & Water Co. still under advisement

At a council meeting Tuesday morning another water proposition to supply Medford from the Little Applegate was submitted by F. J. Blakeley and J. D. Heard. The lowest figure for which the line to Wasson canyon could be constructed is \$247,053, or \$7053 above the limit imposed by the water committee.

The Blakeley-Heard offer is to supply the city with 500 inches of water for \$230,000, or \$20,000 less than their original offer.

Decision Within a Week. After considerable discussion of both propositions, the council decided to take the proposition submitted by the Sterling Mine company under consideration.

Engineer Roberts stated that the only matters to be gone into were the legality of the water rights and the purity of the water. He stated that these two points could be decided by next Saturday evening and he was given instructions to settle the matter as soon as possible.

As the option on the Slinger ranch expires September 1, the council is anxious to reach a decision before that time.

The representatives of the Sterling Mine company stated to the council that they would protect the city against any litigation which might arise by giving a sufficient bond. They also agreed to furnish a bond guaranteeing the proper construction of the system, which they are to deed to the city.

Contractor's Bid. After going carefully over the line of survey made by Engineer Roberts, T. K. Lowery, the representative of the American Light & Water company, shaved his bid to the utmost, bringing it down to \$247,053. While this is \$7000 over the limit set by the committee, it was thought that it might be advisable to accept it. His bid is still under consideration. He stated that it was absolutely impossible for his company to cut the price further.

Sterling Proposition. The following is the proposition submitted by the Sterling Mine company: To the Hon. Mayor and City Council--Gentlemen: The undersigned herewith beg to submit for your careful consideration the following proposals to furnish your city with a gravity water system:

Introductory. The source of the proposed water supply is at the head waters of the Little Applegate river, about 12 miles south-westerly from the city of Ashland, Jackson county, Oregon.

The watershed covers about 25,600 acres of land situated in a well timbered portion of a mountainous section, with Siskiyou peak bounding the same on the east, with an elevation of 7062 feet above sea level. The annual precipitated moisture of this section is about 30 inches. Wagner Rock lies to the northwest with an elevation of 7350 feet, and the "relief" from this mountain is directly into the headwaters of Little Applegate above the point of the proposed diversion.

At a conservative estimate, the annual water that reaches this watershed is 64,000 acre feet.

Proposition No. 1. The undersigned proposes to furnish the city of Medford with a perpetual water right of 500 miners' inches (750 cubic feet per minute) delivered at and into a reservoir to be located about five miles from the city, through a system described as follows: Commencing at the point of diversion on the Little Applegate river, and running through as canal at a distance of about 16 miles to a point known as the "Walc gulch divide," then entering a tunnel about 3000 feet in length, thence by canal about three miles to a point near the Sterling mine. At this point the water is to be turned into a panstock and combination sandbox, properly screened, which will be the

head of an inverted siphon constructed with steel pipe, which will be about two and one-half miles long. This siphon will deliver the water at the summit of the divide lying between Poor-man and Sterling creeks. From this point the water will be delivered to the above mentioned reservoir, about two and one-half miles distant, through wooden stave, machine banded pipe, of proper size and strength, said pipe to be trenched and covered with 12 inches of earth.

The reservoir is to be well surfaced, cemented and plastered and to contain 1,000,000 gallons of water, and provided with the necessary waste gates, flushing gates, pipes and connections.

The undersigned proposes to complete the above construction work in a good and workmanlike manner, furnish all materials, the details of which to be later considered, and to deliver 500 inches of water into said reservoir under a constant flow, save and except such times as shall be required for flushing, cleaning, etc., or for other causes resulting from the acts of God or causes beyond our control; and to convey and forever set over to the city of Medford by good and sufficient deed, a perpetual water right in and to 500 miners' inches as above stated, and to maintain all of said canals, tunnels, flumes and pipelines continuously, without further cost of any kind whatsoever, to the city of Medford, for the net sum of one hundred eighty-six thousand eight hundred and ninety-two dollars (\$186,892).

Proposition No. 2. The undersigned further proposes to furnish all material and complete the entire system to a point within the corporate limits of the city of Medford and deliver the above mentioned 500 inches of water, as follows: The undersigned to furnish all material and complete the entire construction as outlined in Proposition No. 1 and to convey the above mentioned 500 inches of water from the above mentioned reservoir through a wooden stave, banded pipe of proper size and strength, said pipe to be trenched and covered with 12 inches of earth, and laid along the county road leading from Griffin Creek to the city of Medford, to a point on the west side of the O. & C. Railroad company's tracks within the city limits as may be designated; said water to enter the city's water mains at a pressure of 100 pounds per square inch for the net sum of two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000).

In the event that Proposition No. 2 be accepted, the said reservoir, equipment and pipeline leading to the city will be conveyed by good and sufficient deed, together with a perpetual water right to 500 inches or 750 cubic feet per minute, the city of Medford, however, to furnish the reservoir site and the right of way for the pipeline leading from Griffin Creek to the city, a distance of about five miles.

In the event that either Proposition No. 1 or Proposition No. 2 be accepted, the undersigned agrees to start construction work within ten days after signing the contract and to complete the entire work within 12 months thereafter. The work to be paid for each and every calendar month until completed, at the rate of 90 per cent of the cost of all completed work, and 90 per cent of all invoices received for materials and supplies during the month for which settlement is being made; balance of 10 per cent due and payable at the time of completing contract.

The water rights on the Little Applegate river, belonging to the undersigned, are among the oldest in the state, and the Sterling Mining company has appropriated, held, used and enjoyed over five times the quantity of water as above offered for sale, each and every year for a period of over 30 years.

STERLING MINE CO.

AUSTRALIANS HATE JAPAN

A Wave of Sentiment Is Sweeping Over the Antipodes

SYDNEY, N. S. W., August 25.—Anti-Japanese feeling is sweeping over all Australia as the result of the visit of the American fleet and in all quarters the cry is resounding that the whites must dominate the Pacific. The feeling grows stronger every day until it has become a potent, over present influence.

Only the remarkable tact of Kins-buro Ureyon, the Japanese consul general at Sydney today prevented an extremely embarrassing situation at a reception to the officers of the fleet given by the Brazilian embassy. The diplomatic representative of Nippon disregarded the veiled and open threats against his country and his people, which he could not fail to recognize.

Ureyon spoke in highest terms of the American fleet. He paid a high compliment to Australia for the royal welcome extended to the ships.

The enthusiasm throughout the city continues and the reception is here voted the greatest yet by the men of the fleet. Entertainments of various kinds still attract the sailors and the officers are constantly the guests at dinners, banquets and receptions.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

George C. Culy, the Steamboat stockman, has been in Medford several times lately.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Miles spent Sunday among their relatives and friends at Ashland.

A. C. Nicholson, who is farming near Jacksonville, was a recent business visitor in Medford.

Dr. Van Gesner, who has been practicing medicine in Medford during the past several months, is at Portland.

F. H. Farrar, who is in charge of the Rogue River Electric company's plant at Gold Ray, spent Sunday in Medford.

J. J. Panley of Toke was in Medford Monday. He is preparing to make a big drive of logs down Rogue river for Dr. C. R. Ray.

Horace Reiser, the chauffeur, drove his car down from Ashland Monday afternoon in record time.

J. C. Emeric of Ashland made relatives and friends living in Medford a visit Monday.

John Conway and V. A. Dunlap, prominent citizens of Talent, were in Medford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles King, who have been sojourning at their homestead in Upper Rogue River district, are at home again.

Judge E. E. Kelly and family have returned from a trip to Crater Lake.

Messrs. Randall, Hater, Findlay and Wittingham have returned from an outing at Siskiyou Springs.

A. A. Davis, the Medford capitalist, has returned from a ten days' outing at Newport, accompanied by Mrs. Davis.

Scott Davis, the well known manager of the Medford flour mills, has returned with his family from Newport.

T. C. Kenney of Jacksonville was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

Dr. C. R. Ray and family left for Crater Lake Tuesday.

H. C. Stoddard has returned from a business visit to Prospect.

18 DIE IN COLLAPSE OF BUILDING

Boston Structure Falls -- Ten Taken from Ruins. Thirty five Workmen Caught in the Crash

BOSTON, Mass., August 25.—Eighteen are reported killed by the collapse of a building today. Ten dead have been taken from the ruins. Thirty-five men were working in the building and rescuing parties are desperately at work searching the ruins. None of the dead have been identified.

The building was a structure that was being re-constructed, all but the front wall having been destroyed by the great Chelsea fire. It is supposed that the disaster was the result of an attempt to use the old foundations, which had been more seriously damaged than the builders thought.

When the walls collapsed the 35 men employed within had no chance to escape, and all of them were caught in the debris, though some were not badly hurt. Twelve are believed to have received injuries that will not prove serious.

Ambulances were called from the marine and naval hospitals and moving vans which were in the neighborhood also were employed in removing the dead and injured. The police reserves were called out and surrounded the scene, holding back a tremendous crowd that gathered immediately. Hundreds of citizens, however, were allowed to pass the lines and join in the rescue work. Great difficulty was experienced in lifting the debris and in several cases men who were rescued begged to be killed, fearing fire would break out and they would be burned alive. The building was owned by Maurice Gordon and was on Chelsea square, in Chelsea, a Boston suburb.

It is believed that the dead list will reach the first estimate of 18, if it is not exceeded.

POTATOES PAY \$500 AN ACRE NEAR KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., August 25.—Klamath county will soon lead all other counties in the state in the production of potatoes. Parties who have given time to the cultivation of this product in this county have found it high remunerative and have demonstrated beyond a doubt that this section will, as soon as the transportation facilities are supplied, be in a position to supply the markets of many of the coast cities with potatoes of first class quality.

The first new potatoes to come into the market this year were brought in by Elmer Applegate, who has about two and a half acres, which will net him more than \$500 per acre, about three times the cost of the land. He has been selling potatoes at three cents a pound and the average yield is about nine tons to the acre. The income from one acre at this rate will be approximately \$510.

MANY CHINESE PHEASANTS IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY

ALBANY, Or., August 25.—With the opening of the China pheasant season but a few weeks off, hunters are taking out licenses more rapidly, and by October 1 the number will probably be above 1000. Farmers and those familiar with the situation say pheasants will be about as plentiful as last year, despite the unfavorable hatching conditions which prevailed this spring. The late spring was the cause of many of the young pheasants being killed off. More old birds were left over from last year, hunters say, and a greater number of young ones were hatched.

Truckloads of Eagle Point precinct transacted business in Medford a few days since.

Walter Walling, the genial representative of a wholesale house, whose headquarters are in Minneapolis, has been interviewing his numerous customers in this valley.

ALL INDIANA CELEBRATES AT KERN'S NOTIFICATION

WILDEST ENTHUSIASM FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Bryan's Tariff Speech is Cheered to the Echo -- Pride in Native Son Brings Kern Non Partisan Ovation from Hoosiers

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 25.—The state fair grounds here today was the center of interest to the democrats of the United States, for there was gathered the great leaders of the party, with thousands of ardent supporters, to witness the formal notification of John Worth Kern of his nomination as the vice-presidential candidate and hear the address of W. J. Bryan on the subject of "Trusts," one of the greatest and most important issues of the presidential campaign.

There was an absence of pomp about the ceremonies as the result of the wishes of Kern, who is known to his friends as a man who dislikes show and display. There was no parade. There was no street demonstration and also at the request of Kern the merchants and citizens had refrained from adorning the city in general decorations. In every way the occasion was made as simple as possible.

Parade of Automobiles. The leaders gathered at democratic headquarters and the only feature bordering on the usual methods of celebration was the trip to the fair grounds in automobiles. In 30 big cars the leaders drove through the streets and were greeted by big cheering crowds

all the way. In the first automobile were Bryan, Kern and Theodore Bell of California, the chairman of the notification committee. This car was wildly cheered and all three occupants were given personal ovations. Kern and Bryan shared honors equally, and there were many who recognized Bell and cheered him personally. In the second car were National Chairman Norman E. Maack, Thomas Taggart, former national chairman, and Thomas R. Marshall, candidate for governor of Indiana. The crowd had been waiting for the arrival of the cars at the fair grounds and their arrival set off the enthusiasm that had been stored up for the occasion. "Kern, Kern," "Hurrah for Johnny Kern," yelled the crowd, and the spirit of pride in the native son was shown throughout the proceedings.

Bryan Receives Ovation. When Bryan appeared on the platform the crowd went wild and cheered him to the echo. Thomas Taggart formally opened the session, calling the crowd to order. He introduced Father Gavisk, who pronounced the invocation. Chairman Maack then made a

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Government Rangers Keep Blaze From Spreading-- Jackson County Lucky

After four days' continued work of 15 or 20 men the forest fires on Applegate have come under control. The high winds and dry condition of underbrush increased the speed of the flames to such an extent that the fire fighters had many times to give temporary freedom to the fire.

What threatened to be a very destructive fire on Clayton creek, southeast of Ashland, has just been checked by Guard Gribble with a small crew of men.

Destructive fires are raging in private holdings west of Evans creek. Crews of men sent out from Grants have been fighting these fires, which threaten valuable timber holdings in the vicinity of Evans creek. The quick, effective work of Forest Guard West prevented the spread of the flames to the Crater forest and extinguished the fire on its eastern edge.

Jackson County Lucky. From all reports, Jackson county has been more fortunate than neighboring counties in the matter of destructive fires this season. Much credit is due to campers on the western Cascades for the evidences of care taken in building and putting out their camp fires. The cases of camp fires built near down logs and brush piles where complete extinguishing is almost impossible are happily becoming less frequent.

The local forest service office is now undertaking to combat the present fires in the Klamath Indian reservation. With funds appropriated by the United States Indian service the local office will establish a system of fire patrols for the protection of these valuable timber lands during future dry seasons.

Buck Summoned East. The forest service cutoff trail running north from the Fish Lake trail near Fish Lake to the Big Butte country is now nearing completion. This trail, though but eight miles in length, will save many hard miles to travelers in the locality.

Acting Supervisor C. J. Buck has been summoned to the main office at Washington, D. C., to take up work there, beginning September 15, in connection with the proposed re-organization of the forest service, Portland, Or., is to be one main headquarters of the forest service under this scheme of re-organization. During his absence S. S. Swearing will have charge of the local office.

REPRESENTATIVE OF SUNSET PRAISES VRATER LAKE

KLAMATH FALLS, August 25.—A. J. Wells, representing the Sunset Magazine, has returned from a trip to the north end of the county and to Crater Lake. He was very much impressed with the lake and in speaking of it stated that it cannot be compared with anything in existence. He says the nearest thing to it is Lake Tahoe and they are so unlike that a comparison is absurd. Mr. Wells went to Short creek with B. St. George Bishop this afternoon. Up a his return from there he will visit Merrill, Bonanza and other parts of the county to gather material for his story on this section.

ANOTHER BRICK BLOCK FOR KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., August 24.—Another large brick block is to be built in this city this year. I. Jacobs has let the contract to H. R. Childers for the erection of a two-story brick on the corner of Main and Third streets. Work on the building is to begin soon and the building will be rushed to completion. It will be occupied by Mr. Jacobs with his stock of dry goods and furnishings.

CRUSHED ROCK FOR STREETS IN TWO WEEKS

The work of installing the rock crusher and building the bunkers on the city's quarry at Jacksonville has been completed and the city engineer will next turn his attention to the erection of bunkers in this city. Plans for these have been completed and it will not be, in the opinion of the engineer, more than two weeks before crushed rock will be delivered in the city. The work of grading Seventh street for the pavement will then be undertaken.

TAFT CANS SPEECH IN BEHALF OF MISSIONARIES

HOT SPRINGS, Va., August 25.—Judge Taft today delivered a missionary lecture into a phonograph declaring that it is the duty of American citizenship to help convert the heathen. Referring to his trips through the orient, he said that he had been positively convinced that foreign missions do a great amount of good.

ILLINOIS CRACKSMEN LOOT POSTOFFICE AT WAUKEGAN

WAUKEGAN, Ill., August 25.—Robbers today entered the postoffice, a half block from the police station, wrecked the safe with nitro-glycerine and secured loot worth \$2000. The cracksmen are believed to be long toe gang that has been operating in the postoffices of the country for some time.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEROME EXONERATED OF CHARGES

ALBANY, N. Y., August 25.—Governor Hughes has not decided today what action he will take on the report of Richard T. Hand of Elizabethtown, who was appointed to take testimony on charges made against District Attorney Jerome of New York. Hand finds that not one of the serious charges against Jerome have been proved and recommends the dismissal of the case.

Miss Clara Grimes went south Sunday afternoon.

We will sell for cash and sell for less. Beginning September 1, the Medford Meat company will go on a strictly cash basis. You will be the winner by this change. Miller, Ewbank & Culp.

TALENT ITEMS.

Ed Pollard has started a restaurant on Main street and is doing quite a business.

C. W. Walters is making quite extended improvements in the way of paint and glass on his store building.

John Conway is very busy these days catering to his many customers, as he carries a good stock of shoes and merchandise in his business.

W. T. Mason has just returned from the Wagner Butte mine very much pleased with the prospects, but says water is a little shy just now.

Thomas Thompson has so far recovered from his injuries received some time ago that he is on the street looking for somebody to skin in a horse trade again.

Talent is improving structurally, but sure we need more residents, as there is call for houses quite often. Several tents erected in town in the last few days proves that.

We understand G. A. Gardner, the newly appointed postmaster, will take a few lessons from the retiring postmaster in order to post himself a little before entering upon his duties.

J. S. Spitzer, the livery stable man, and who will be miner, who bought into some mines with the Mason brothers a short time ago, feels pretty good over the proposition and thinks he would sell his holdings in town and go digging for gold.

We are not having any boom at Talent, but it is just growing steadily and sure. Several new buildings, additions, wings, paint, etc., show she is working the right way. We will soon have a weekly paper published by a Mr. Leroy, recently from California. We wish him all kinds of success.

Several of the lads here are thinking of joining President Roosevelt on his African lion hunt since their experience last week with a trio of California lions near Talent. They captured a couple of them, the old one and one whelp. Like fishing, the big ones all got away. That is all right, boys. When Teddy comes down this way perhaps he will help you capture the balance of them.

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