

ALL READY TO SIGN

Port Board Will Close With Mr. Blackwell.

CONTRACT TERMS AGREED UPON

Engineer to Go East and Inspect Modern Structures, and Adopt Their Improvements—Drawing Plans Begins Now.

The contract for the construction of the section of the Port of Portland dock was taken up by the Port of Portland Commissioners at an adjourned meeting yesterday afternoon, and was favorably considered, and the president and the secretary were authorized to sign it.

The contract provides that Mr. Blackwell shall, as consulting engineer, furnish all necessary drawings for the dock and superintend the construction of the work. The dock shall consist of five sections, each 50 feet in length, shall be of 30,000 tons lifting capacity, and when completed shall be susceptible of taking over the silos vessels drawing 25 feet of water or under. At his own expense Mr. Blackwell shall furnish an inspector, who shall be constantly present during the construction of the dock and see that the designs, drawings and specifications are faithfully carried out by the contractors. The preparation of the plans shall be begun at once, and when they are completed bids shall be advertised for. Mr. Blackwell shall go to Eastern cities to examine floating drydocks, so that he may ascertain the latest improvements and devices in their construction, including machinery, pumping plant and other appurtenances for the successful handling of the dock. Upon return he shall make drawings for the machinery and other work not included in the first specifications.

It is provided that, should Mr. Blackwell during his trip observe any improvement or discover that there is likely to be any conflict in patents which may cover a drydock to be constructed under his plans, he shall report the same to the commission with his recommendations. During the work of construction he shall make inspection trips to Portland every two weeks, and no change in any of the plans or specifications shall be made without the written order of the commission. After stating the conditions under which changes may be made, the contract places the remuneration of the engineer at 5 per cent of the entire cost of the dock. For his trip East and also his visits to Portland during the construction of the dock Blackwell shall receive reasonable traveling expenses. If his presence in Portland is required oftener than twice a month, the commission shall pay him \$30 a day for each day that he is absent from his place of business at Seattle. Any disputes between the two parties shall be settled by arbitration, the arbitrators to be civil engineers or architects, and each party shall select an arbitrator, and the cost of arbitration shall be borne by the losing party.

The contract was read by the five Commissioners present, and on motion of Mr. Craven, Kelly and Selland, and on motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Kelly, President Banfield and Secretary Selland were authorized to execute the contract with Mr. Blackwell.

Dredge Superintendent Kelly was authorized to make any necessary repairs to the dredge Portland. The dredge will be hauled out on the ways and its hull scraped and calked. The work will, the superintendent expects, be completed within five days. Most of it, and also some minor repairs, will be done by the dredge crew, and the cost will be small.

Bids for the heater and pump for the Portland were opened. Zimmerman & Wells agreed to furnish the heater for \$1000, and the pump for \$650; J. M. Arthur & Co. the heater for \$450, and the pump for \$150. Both bids were referred to consulting Engineer Lockwood for investigation and report.

CLARK AGAIN ON STAND.

Cross-Examined in Suit Against His Copper Company.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Senator Clark, of Montana, was cross-examined today in the case of George H. Treadwell against the United Verde Copper Company, Senator Clark and others, to secure the appointment of a receiver for the company, and to compel an accounting. Treadwell alleges that he owns the shares of the stock of the United Verde Copper Company, which he says are worth \$180,000. He alleges that he was damaged by the sale of the company to a company of the same name organized in West Virginia. Senator Clark said that when he acquired the property he found it in a very bad condition, and he had to put a good deal of capital into the mines to make them profitable.

Senator Clark, in answer to a question concerning the contract between the United Verde and Lewisohn Brothers, said that if the United Verde Company had in 1893 gone into the market and sold the product of its mines direct to the trade, a panic might have resulted. Under contract, Lewisohn Brothers took the entire product of the United Verde mines. It was better business for a company like his to sell its output in bulk than for it to go into the market and retail it. The idea was to do away with competition as much as possible.

Senator Clark was asked whether he had received a letter from Treadwell, dated August 3, 1893, and he replied that he might have received it, but he was not sure. The letter was read, as follows:

"Yours of the 21st inst. just received. You ask me if I thought of disposing of the shares I hold in the United Verde Company. My reply is 'no.' I don't care to sell. Sixty millions of dollars may seem large, but the property will bring more than that, if you choose it, as a wedge in the market. You know I have not had an accounting for years; you have not been allowed to see the underground developments. You no doubt think it policy to set my price before you let me see the greatest mine in the world. It is reported that the mine has a large quantity of gold ore, over \$500 per ton. Do you want to buy the Boston copper mines, three miles north of the Peck mines, northerly end of Harvard's Mountain, Arizona? GEORGE A. TREADWELL."

The witness said that if Treadwell had gone into the West Virginia organization he would have been awarded his share of stock and 10 a share in bonds.

"Do you think it fair to offer Professor Treadwell \$150 a share for his stock?" the Senator was asked.

"No, I don't. Not if he was forced to take it."

"But he was given the option either of going into the West Virginia or selling, was he not?"

"I don't know."

"Do you know any one besides the United Verde Copper Company that pays 25 per cent dividend a year?"

"I believe the Chemical National Bank does. There may be others."

This Senator said that many mining companies compelled their employees to trade at company stores. He denied, however, that this was the rule in the United Verde Company.

"Men who want to buy mines some-

times have a hard time arranging capital, don't they; for instance Mr. McDonald?"

"I imagine Mr. McDonald would be able to get all the money he desired. Nobody but a quibbler or a 5-cent man argues over small money matters of that kind," said the witness.

"The law in Arizona regarding campaign funds is not as strict as here, is it?"

"No."

"What was the occasion of the company spending \$30,000 or \$12,000 to secure the election of Munda as Sheriff?"

"I don't know that that amount was spent. But out there in campaigns there is considerable entertaining to be done."

"What was Munda a more desirable man than Burns?"

"We knew Munda would not use his office to harass or obstruct our corporation."

"Senator Clark, is there anybody but yourself who knows the production of the United Verde mine?"

"Yes, several people here in New York."

"The Senator went into a long statement as to how to form a basis of valuation in buying a mine. He said people were very cautious in buying, and usually cut the apparent value in two in making offers for mining property. He said that market fluctuations had to be taken into consideration in establishing the value of a mining property. He testified that the United Verde mine had not been tested over 70

feet below the ground surface. The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

Union Labor Enjoined.

Cincinnati Brewers' Move in Court Against Strikers.

CINCINNATI, O., April 21.—Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, arrived here today to carry out the decision rendered by the National executive council, at Washington, last week, between the stationary engineers and the United Brewery Workmen that has for weeks locked out 1200 of the latter.

The brewery proprietors insist on retaining all their new men, and want them admitted into the union, which will prevent the reinstatement of the old men. Secretary Morrison, while recognizing the engineers as independent of the United Brewery Workers, insists that the engineers shall not furnish steam in breweries where nonunion men are employed.

Judge Hollister at noon issued a temporary injunction against the local union of Engineers and Firemen, and the International Union of Engineers and Firemen and the officers and executive council of the American Federation of Labor from interrupting the business of the brewery.

The Brewers' Exchange, representing the proprietors of Cincinnati, Covington and Newport, today petitioned the court for an order restraining the stationary engineers' union, an incorporated body, from ordering men under contract with the brewery to shut off steam or otherwise violate their contracts.

Rebels Against American Federation.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Through its failure to expel the delegates of the seceding 15,000 members of this city, the Chicago Federation of Labor has taken an attitude of open rebellion against the American Federation of Labor, its officers and methods. In defiance of a mandate from President Gompers and Secretary Frank Morrison, of the National body, says the Chronicle, the local labor assembly not only refused to order the expulsion of the seceders' representatives, but went to the extent of endorsing by formal vote the action taken by the seceders.

Members of the Teamsters' Union seceded from that organization because the right of employers to membership was recognized. It is alleged by President Gompers. The American Federation ordered the Chicago body to expel the seceders. This was refused to a committee, whose report, which was unanimously adopted, contained the following:

"We further recommend in the way of a resolution that the International Teamsters of America be notified that we stand for the union of wage-earners, and that we cannot encourage or countenance any organization that admits employers, and that when they eliminate from their constitution this clause we stand ready to help them to settle the grievances between them and the Teamsters' National Union."

Organized Labor After Beef Trust.

BOSTON, April 21.—The delegates to the Central Labor Union, representing organized labor in this city, adopted resolutions calling attention to the advance in the price of meat by "six firms in the meat and provision business, otherwise known as the beef trust," and requested the Attorney-General of the United States to take measures that "will compel the said firms to discontinue their nefarious practice."

Congress also is requested to pass the bill to remove the tariff on fresh meats.

REDUCED RATES TO ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS.

For the meeting of the National Educational Association, to be held in Minneapolis in July, the Canadian Pacific has announced a rate of \$2 from Portland and North Pacific Coast points to Minneapolis and return. Tickets will be on sale June 28 and July 1, and a good until September 1 for return. Stop-overs will be allowed both going and returning. For full particulars call at 142 Third street.

FRUIT MEN TO ORGANIZE.

EAST SIDE GROWERS WILL UNITE TO KEEP PRICES UP.

Hope That Cannerymen Will Come to Terms—School Superintendent Robinson Becomes a Granger.

The first steps have been taken to form a union along the lines on which the Multnomah County Fruit Growers' Union was formed several years ago. In the new organization it is hoped to avoid the mistakes that were fatal to the success of the Multnomah union. A preliminary organization has been formed with C. H. Welch temporary president.

At the first meeting there was a considerable attendance of fruit growers, mostly from Mount Tabor and the surrounding, and a variety of subjects were discussed. Representatives from two canneries were present by invitation, and in response to an inquiry as to the probable price for strawberries this year, said the best that could be guaranteed was 75 and 3 cents per pound. The matter

East Washington street and Grand avenue, and ran west on East Washington street. At Union avenue the street is barricaded, and the horse took the south sidewalk. Breaking loose from the buggy he plunged along the sidewalk to East First, when he was stopped. Owing to the dangerous condition of the sidewalk it is surprising the horse did not break through and land into the slough. The buggy was damaged to some extent, and several windows in Went's saloon on East Washington were broken. The horse and buggy are the property of William Schmeer.

Larsen Boat Launched.

The strange craft built by direction of John Larsen, was launched from Supple's backyard, and floated off all right. Mr. Larsen will have his boat finished and supplied with machinery about July 4. He then will "throw water" in the eyes of all boatowners who have the power judgment to attempt to pass his craft.

Black Strawberry.

M. J. Magoon, of Gravel Hill, is developing two new varieties of strawberries, which he thinks will be equal to the Magoon berry, which has obtained so great favor with growers. He has set out this year about half an acre of the new variety which he calls the Black

Diamond. This berry is almost as black as tar when fully ripened, and Mr. Magoon says the flavor is very fine. He has another black variety which also promises exceedingly well.

From these new plants he will this year get enough berries to show what they are. "Nothing definite has yet been accomplished. I was present at the meeting and heard the discussions. The price offered by the cannerymen, 25 and 3 cents per pound for surplus strawberries, will not pay the growers. It costs 1 cent a box to gather the berries, and 15 cents more must be added for growing and transporting, making in all not less than 24 cents for the cost of producing first-class strawberries. This is what it costs me. To make a fair profit, I must have 5 cents. I think we will have a good price this year. If proper arrangements can be made. But we are not going to get it if we have to go to the cannerymen every morning to find out what ruling prices for the day are. A fruit growers' union well organized may help us out, but the difficulty has been that we have so many different kinds of men that it is a hard matter to get them to harmonize on any proposition. It was this thing which broke up the Multnomah union a few years ago. I am very much taken up with the Retail Produce Exchange, which it is proposed to start in Portland. It seems to me that this will be a good thing for the fruit grower. If we take stock then we shall be allowed to know all the prices received for produce. Out of all this agitation, perhaps we shall get some advantage."

ROBINSON A GRANGER.

County School Superintendent Says Order Will Aid His Work.

R. F. Robinson, County School Superintendent, has become a Granger. He was initiated into the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, at its last meeting at that place. He said that he is highly pleased with the organization, and finds that as an instrument for education in purpose in this county it is highly important and effective. In carrying out many of his plans for the improvement of the schools of this county, he has found that the Grange will greatly aid him.

He desires among other things to see that every schoolhouse in Multnomah County is provided with an American flag, and to bring this about he may designate a "flag day" before Memorial day. Also he desires to promote a closer relationship between the home and the public schools. His reports show that in a considerable number of schools, parents take little interest, and also notes from his reports, which come in most cases from his saddle, that those schools which parents visit are in advance of those which are not so visited. He hopes to promote an interest in all the districts of the county so that all the schools will be visited generally by parents. Now that he is a member of the Grange he will urge these matters upon the attention of the members and ask for their co-operation. From the information he has gathered of the order he is confident that it will have their co-operation in all these matters.

STEAM ROLLER TESTED.

Put to Work on East Oak and East Burnside Street.

A test of the 12-ton steam roller negotiated for by the city was made yesterday afternoon on East Oak street, between East Twelfth and East Fourteenth streets and afterwards on East Burnside street. On East Oak some new gravel has just been placed, and on East Burnside street some of the heavy courses have been laid between East Twelfth and East Sixteenth streets. The heavy machine passed over the new gravel without trouble and packed the material in a thorough manner. County Commissioners Showers and Mack, City Engineer Chase and several members of the Board of Trade were present and witnessed the test, prior to accepting the machine.

Horse Run Away.

The horse attached to a buggy driven by J. L. Wells & Co., took fright yesterday afternoon at the intersection of

PORTABLE GREENHOUSE.

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East Washington street and Grand avenue, and ran west on East Washington street. At Union avenue the street is barricaded, and the horse took the south sidewalk. Breaking loose from the buggy he plunged along the sidewalk to East First, when he was stopped. Owing to the dangerous condition of the sidewalk it is surprising the horse did not break through and land into the slough. The buggy was damaged to some extent, and several windows in Went's saloon on East Washington were broken. The horse and buggy are the property of William Schmeer.

Larsen Boat Launched.

The strange craft built by direction of John Larsen, was launched from Supple's backyard, and floated off all right. Mr. Larsen will have his boat finished and supplied with machinery about July 4. He then will "throw water" in the eyes of all boatowners who have the power judgment to attempt to pass his craft.

Black Strawberry.

M. J. Magoon, of Gravel Hill, is developing two new varieties of strawberries, which he thinks will be equal to the Magoon berry, which has obtained so great favor with growers. He has set out this year about half an acre of the new variety which he calls the Black