

COLLUSION IN BIDS  
HINTED BY MAYOR

Lane Believes Barber Company and P. R., L. & P. Co. Work Together.

PROPERTY-OWNERS GOUGED

Says on Hawthorne-Avenue Job Streetcar Company Is Saved Money on Stone Blocks and Asphalt Paving Costs More.

The entrance of competing firms into the field recently occupied by the Barber Asphalt Company has resulted in scaling the estimate of the City Engineer approximately \$15,000 on a bid of \$17,800 for paving Hawthorne avenue from East Third to East Forty-first streets, a distance of nearly two miles.

That this is being done at the expense of the property-owners for the benefit of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is the opinion of Mayor Lane, who last night said he has reason to believe there was collusion between the streetcar company and the paving company.

Saving for Streetcar Company.

The acceptance of the Barber Company's bid, as at present outlined, would mean that the owner of each 100-foot lot would be paying \$17.80 more than would have been the case had the lower asphalt bids been considered, while the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company would be saving \$200,000 on the work between the car tracks fronting each lot.

J. W. Baylor, of the Western Asphalt Company, charged the two concerns with directly playing off against each other and said the bid of the Barber Company for stone blocks was several cents per yard under cost and the streetcar company would receive the balance of the concern laying the blocks on their contract price, while if any other concern had named a price as low as the Barber would have insisted on the work being done at the contract price.

Barber Contract Costs More.

By accepting the bid of the Barber Asphalt Company, the Executive Board would be committing the city to the purchase of stone blocks at a price 10 cents higher than the bid of the Western Asphalt Company. By accepting the bid of the Cascade Contract Company, the property-owners would be saved \$1,850, while the streetcar company would be getting its blocks at a price but little over that of the Barber concern.

Mayor Lane stated the Executive Board was determined that equity and fairness should be established in the matter of paving and that it will do anything possible within the charter to insure this.

The tabulated comparative costs of asphalt and stone blocks, as given by the different concerns, follow:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name, Asphalt Block Price, Stone Block Price. Includes Barber Asphalt Co., Cascade Contract Co., Western Asphalt Co., etc.

Barber Company Delays Bid.

It was stated yesterday by Mr. Baylor that the Barber Asphalt Company and the Independent Asphalt Company, who were working together, and the Barber Company was prepared to make more than one bid if the field were left free from competition. He said the independent company's bid for asphalt was the same as the bid of the Barber concern, but that its estimate for stone blocks was \$3.00, the same as that supplied by the Western Asphalt Company and Gleibich & Joplin.

Amount of Bids Submitted.

The bids submitted were: Barber Asphalt Paving Company, \$17,800; Cascade Contract Company, \$12,425; Western Asphalt Company, \$18,000; Gleibich & Joplin, \$18,000; Independent Paving Company, \$18,000.

After the bids were read by Clerk Grutz, P. E. Sullivan, a member of the street committee, said he did not regard them as indicative of very hot competition. The estimate of the City Engineer Taylor on the Hawthorne avenue job was \$150,000. The only formidable rival of the asphalt company to date is the Warren Construction Company, layers of the bit-utile pavement, and there have been persistent rumors for months that these

two rivals were more or less friendly and that they had some tentative agreement whereby the city was divided into sections and each company would work in a given field.

More recently, the Oregon Hassam Paving Company was organized by local contractors, and has been fighting for a share of the hard-surface business. It has succeeded remarkably well for a new concern, although the larger portion of its contracts thus far have been in the residence sections.

The Executive Board yesterday morning adopted the report of the street committee, advising a fine of \$3000 against the Pacific Bridge Company for 150 days' delinquency in completing the fill on East Morrison, from East Seventh to East Ninth streets. Manager George Simons, speaking for the company, states he regards the action of the board unfair and will appeal to the City Council for remittance of the fine.

CALHOUN TRIAL SOON ON

TWELVE JURORS SELECTED AND THIRTEENTH READY.

San Francisco Graft Case Will Probably Begin This Week, According to Indications.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Thirteen jurors have been temporarily passed to try the case of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, who is charged with attempting to bribe an ex-supervisor of this city. Otto H. Mackroth, a retired grocer, was today interrogated at length by attorneys for either side, but his opinion and beliefs failed to arouse any opposition and he was passed.

A few moments later the attorneys for the defendant exhausted all avenues of inquiry directed against Richard Lutze, manager of an iron foundry, whose examination was commenced last Friday. Stanley Moore, of the defense, who had already interposed a challenge for cause in the case of Mr. Lutze, requested the court to review the statements of the juror, in the expectation that the challenge would be submitted tomorrow. Judge Lawler's ruling in the 34th special venire indicated that the jury is to consist of 12 members and that the next exercise of a peremptory challenge, which probably will occur tomorrow, will be the last change in jury membership before the taking of testimony.

Newburgh Contradicts Blake.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Adolph S. Newburgh, the attorney charged with complicity in the attempted bribery of a juror in the case of Abraham Ruef, denied on the stand today the statements and negotiations attributed to him by E. A. S. Blake, who pleaded guilty to a similar charge, and who is the chief witness for the prosecution.

CAUSE REIGN OF TERROR

FRENCH BUTTON-MAKERS CRY "DOWN WITH REPUBLIC."

Three Towns Patrolled by Troops, Whom Strikers Stone and Savagely Insult.

MERU, France, April 12.—The striking buttonmakers, whose demands for a continuance of the price wage scale have been followed by disorders, have brought about a veritable reign of terror in the neighboring towns of Crepin and Lormaison. Two thousand soldiers, under the command of Nicholas, consisting of 500 gendarmes, under the leadership of the prefect of Ouse, are today patrolling the streets of the towns and the surrounding country.

The mob is ugly, and cries of "Down with republic" are heard constantly. The soldiers are hearing the insults with stoicism, although a number of them have been injured by stones.

Representatives of the General Federation of Labor are here from Paris and are urging the strikers to fight to a finish.

PAPER FROM FIR STUMPS

Smith Lumber Company, of Coos Bay to Test New Discovery.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—The manufacture of paper pulp products of the fir tree and waste products of sawmills will be attempted on Coos Bay. Spruce is chiefly used for making paper pulp, but a new chemical discovery which has been employed to make possible the use of fir.

The chemical discovery was made by Dr. George E. Frankforter, a professor in the University of Minnesota, and the experiment will be backed by C. A. Smith of Minneapolis. Dr. Frankforter, when an experimental plant will be established.

WATER BOARD GETS POINTERS

Members Return From Inspection Trip In Other States.

SALEM, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—That the State of Oregon will be enabled to save thousands of dollars on surveys and other routine work by taking advantage of the experience of others is the opinion of State Engineer John H. Baker, who, with F. M. Saxton, of Baker City, returned Sunday night from a tour of Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. The Oregon men made a special study of the administration of the water laws and the methods of keeping the office records pertaining to this subject. Mr. Lewis states that Wyoming has the best irrigation system in the country.

The State Water Board will meet Wednesday to decide the work to be taken up this summer.

Reed Brock, tailor, removed to 243 Alder st., Medical bldg.

Pumps that fit at Rosenthal's.

"YES" OR "NO" TODAY

Dr. A. C. Smith Will Announce Decision as to Mayoralty.

HEARS FROM BOTH SIDES

Demands of Anti-Assembly Republicans That He Run Met by Advice of Simon's Friends to Keep Out of Talk of East Side Compact.

"I shall not decide whether or not I will become a candidate for the Republican nomination for Mayor until tomorrow," said Dr. A. C. Smith yesterday, when asked if he would surrender to the insistent demands of the anti-Simon forces that he go into the primaries as an opponent of the ex-Senator. "Before announcing my decision in the matter I desire to consult with several friends I was unable to interview today by reason of business engagements."

Following his return from the beach yesterday, Dr. Smith, who is not professionally engaged, was besieged by delegations of Republicans, each having a different story to relate. Some urged him to become a candidate, picturing to him the possibility of success both in the primaries and the election and suggesting a term as Mayor would prove of incalculable advantage in promoting his ambition to become the Republican candidate for Governor. In these calls, re-

AGED RESIDENT OF MARION COUNTY DIES.

Mrs. Cecilia Rubens, Deceased.

GERVAIS, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Cecilia Rubens, of St. Louis, two miles west of this place, died Friday, April 9, and will be buried Monday from the St. Louis Catholic church. Mrs. Rubens was born in Belgium November 2, 1824. She was married in 1854 in Belgium to Henry Rubens, who still survives her. The following year, 1855, they located in Wisconsin, where they made their home until 1884, when they moved to St. Louis, Or. Mrs. Rubens leaves a family of five children, Theodore and Joseph Rubens and are not in the city.

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REPUBLICAN MEETING CALLED.

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Attractive bulletins on books for bookkeepers and books on forestry are hung in the circulating room. A special shelf has been set aside for books on trees and forestry, as there is so much interest in this subject at present.

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Northwestern People in New York. NEW YORK, April 12.—(Special.)—People from the Pacific Northwest registered at the Cumberland today as follows: From Portland—Misses Birrell, Mrs. M. H. Birrell, A. H. Birrell, at the Broadwell. From Tacoma—A. W. Cemek, at the Cadillac. From Spokane—F. W. Mober, at the Hoffman.

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Others are sometimes regarded as dangerous, but they are not usually considered as such. A Queensland judge, however, has decided that they are wild beasts.

WAITING IN AN OFFICE

Many Dismal Hours Are Spent in Waiting for the Doctor, Dentist and Others.

Every one has sat patiently in the reception-room of some doctor, dentist, professional or business man—awaiting their "turn," as it is commonly called. It is by no means a pleasant time, and, as one looks around at the others in waiting, tosses aside an old magazine and scans the bare and pictureless walls, he does not feel very cheerful.

Now, how different are some offices and reception-rooms; the walls are resplendent and artistically arranged with beautiful pictures, the kind that imbue and enthuse any person. If only the occupants of the offices could see as their callers do, they would surely thank us for this timely suggestion.

We desire to acquaint you with the fact that we have the finest and largest display of pictures in the Northwest and we are ready to give you every assistance in the selection of suitable subjects. Regarding the price, why, we can suit, no matter what you want to pay. We devote special attention to artistic and neat picture framing. An invitation is extended to visit this department on the fourth floor.

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tion in the primary nominating election. This matter originally was referred to the executive committee of the club, but, as yet, the members of the committee were equally divided on the question of ratifying the choice of the assembly. It was then decided to refer the matter to a meeting of the membership, and it is for that purpose that tomorrow night's meeting has been called. W. P. Lillis and B. F. Jones are president and secretary, respectively, of the club.

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