

BIGGS TO WASCO ROAD GIVES WORK

Men Now Unemployed to Get Preference, Says Governor West.

KAY, OLCOTT LUKEWARM

Plan to Furnish Labor for Many of Those Most Deserving Outlined Through Commission's Act.

EX-EMPLOYEES ON STAND

SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Governor West's Highway Engineer Bowley was authorized today by the State Highway Commission to advertise for bids for building a road from Biggs to Wasco, the object being to furnish employment for many of the men in Portland who are out of work.

The road will be nine and one-half miles long and the terms of the contract will bind the successful bidder to employ as many men as possible and give those now out of work the preference. It is planned to devote \$30,000 of the state road fund to making the improvement. Governor West announced that he could not agree to have the money advanced by friends in case it became necessary to pay the contractor before the state money became available.

State Treasurer Kay and Secretary of State Olcott were far from being enthusiastic in their support of the proposition. They said, however, that an emergency evidently existed and that, inasmuch as the road between Biggs and Wasco was the only one that had been surveyed which could be worked now and the Governor and the State Highway Engineer recommended the plan, they would submit.

Plans Are Discussed

Governor West said that he was willing to take the responsibility for the improvement of the road, and that he believed it could be made a practicable scheme for giving work to many of the men in Portland who need it. Mr. Kay thought it probable that the contractor would find it difficult in getting some of the men to work and that he might not want to give the preference to men now out of work.

Major Bowley said if men were sent to Biggs and they refused to work they could be declared vagabonds under the law and compelled to work out their terms of sentence for nothing. He thought this would be a good plan to compel the unworthy who are clamoring for jobs to become producing citizens.

Large Forces Needed.

Messrs. Kay and Olcott insisted that they would require for more than \$30,000 being used on the particular road. Both thought that the county, which would be benefited by the thoroughfare, should pay the major part of the expense, but Major Bowley said the County Court would not agree to that. He announced that earth was in such condition that much of the work could be done with picks and shovels, which would mean the employment of a large force at that time. When Messrs. Olcott and Kay said they were willing for the Governor and Major Bowley to take the proposition in hand, Governor West said:

"I'll get in behind this thing and do the best I can with it. I'll take all the roasting they give me, for I am used to it. I believe in the highway and have arranged that many of the men will be put to work."

Major Bowley said the work on the Biggs-Highway road would start soon and that it would furnish employment for a large number of idle men.

PIONEER PASSES, AGED 90

Mrs. H. A. Carothers, Who Came West in 1853, Dies in Canemah.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. H. A. Carothers, aged 90, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Plummer, in Canemah, near Oregon City Monday.

In 1853 she crossed the plains with her husband and settled on a homestead two miles out of Canemah, later moving into the city, where she had lived since 1865. She was survived by three children: Mrs. M. A. Plummer and John Carothers, of Canemah, and Neely Carothers, of Butte, Mont. Her grandchildren are: William Rucosnich, Chester Carothers, of Oregon City, Andrew Carothers, Maggie, Ward and Archie, of Canemah, Eddie, of Idaho, and Clark.

Her husband, Irvin, died in Canemah in 1890. They were natives of Illinois.

MEAT COMPANY MAY BUILD

Aberdeen Bids Fair to Have Fourth Wholesale Plant.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—A deal for a ten-year lease on Aberdeen business property, with the privilege of purchasing at the end of that time, was closed here today by Sulzberger & Sons, Seattle meat packers. Renters of the present one-story building, which they had bought, have been notified to vacate before March 1. The concern plans immediately to begin work on a three-story cold-storage and wholesale meat house.

The property adjoining the leased lot is occupied by Frye & Co., meat packers, and it is reported that Sulzberger intends to purchase the Frye wholesale establishment. The entrance of Sulzberger into the harbor gives Aberdeen four large wholesale meat plants.

CITY GETS FIRST MONEY

Initial Improvement Permit Issued in New Town of Molalla.

MOLALLA, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The first money was received by the City Treasurer and the first permit was granted by the City Recorder today in the new City of Molalla. The amount involved was \$100, which was paid by G. J. Taylor, editor of the Molalla Pioneer, for a permit to construct a sidewalk in front of the Pioneer building.

Recorder D. C. Boyles, who received the money, turned it over at once to the City Treasurer. According to the city charter, 40 per cent belongs to the Recorder and the remainder to the city.

SEPTEMBER 15, FAIR DATE

Multnomah County Board Meets at Gresham to Decide.

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Small Blizzard at Hood River.

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Balmy Weather at La Grande.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—La Grande and the Grand Ronde region has been baking in the balmy weather the past week. Plowing goes on uninterrupted in the farming section and stock is grazing on the hills.

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END OF WORLD PREDICTED

Adventist Elder Thinks Old Earth Has Only Short Time to Exist.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 27.—Elder G. B. Thompson, of Washington, told delegates to the Northern union conference of Seventh Day Adventists tonight they should live in anticipation of the coming of the end of the world, which he asserted soon would take place.

He was chief speaker at the opening of the biennial conference, which will continue until February 8. Delegates are present from Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Long Tom Is Receding.

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