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RAILROAD BUILDING FOR 3000 MEN NEAR

One Portland Firm to Employ Army Soon.

MARCH 1 IS PROBABLE DATE

Coos Bay and Tenino Lines Are Porter Brothers' Contracts.

SKILLED WORKERS NEEDED

In Addition to Southern Pacific and Northern Pacific Activity, Olympia Connection Will Be Constructed by O. W. R. & N.

Employment for more than 3000 men will be provided about March 1 by the operations of a single Portland concern—that of Porter Bros., railroad contractors.

Porter Bros. are arranging to resume work on the Coos Bay line of the Southern Pacific between Acme and Marshfield and on the Tenino cutoff of the Northern Pacific south of Tacoma. Both of these projects, which have been under way for several years, have been idle on account of the winter rains.

About 2500 men will be employed on the Southern Pacific work and about 500 men on the Northern Pacific project.

It is planned to complete the Tenino line by September 1 and the Northern Pacific expects to have trains running over the cutoff soon after that time.

As a direct result of operations at Tenino the O. W. R. & N. Company will begin construction of a new line between a convenient point on this cutoff and Olympia. Contracts for this work have not been let, but a considerable force of men will be employed.

Some Grading Finished.

Porter Bros. have contracts for approximately 100 miles of the Southern Pacific's Coos Bay line and have been working on it for two years. Grading on the first 50 miles west of the Noti tunnel was completed last year.

As soon as weather conditions permit, work will be taken up on that portion of the line between Acme and the northern arm of Coos Bay, which represents approximately 50 miles of additional track. Some heavy grading is necessary on this part of the line and a large force of men will be employed. Work will be provided for no fewer than 2500 men, it is estimated. A small force of skilled men also will be required.

Much Work Is Expected.

"We want to get all the grading between the mountains and Coos Bay finished this year," said A. R. Porter yesterday. "With the right kind of weather we ought to get it done. We will engage all the men we can use after we start our work again."

It is the intention of the Southern Pacific to have the Coos Bay road open and ready for operation from Eugene to Marshfield early in 1915. The work from Eugene to the Coast range is completed. The tunnel through the mountains has been driven.

Porter Bros., together with McArthur Bros. & Co., of Chicago, are doing all the work west of the mountains. In addition to the grading, much of which is heavy, nearly 15 miles of trestle work is necessary and several concrete bridges must be built. This latter construction will prevent the road from being opened to use this year.

DISMANTLING IS HALTED

Mr. Birrell, With Injunction, Stops Night Work at Cashier Plant.

Dismantling of the factory of the United States Cashier Company at Kenton, last night, was halted at 1 o'clock this morning when J. S. Birrell, plaintiff in the suit, asking an accounting of and a receiver for the corporation, obtained an after-hours injunction from Judge Davis and with Sheriff Word rushed to the factory. Two carloads of machinery had been loaded when the Sheriff arrived and stopped the operations.

Mr. Birrell, late last night, had been advised by telephone from Kenton that a force of men had been put to work dismantling the factory at 7:30 o'clock. At midnight he had obtained the injunction and rushed to the Sheriff, who, with several deputies, served the warrant.

Thomas Bilyeu and E. C. Baker, two of the officers of the company, were on the ground, as was also Frank P. King. Deputies were left on the scene.

WORK ON LOCKS NEARS

Easement Issue Not Expected to Retard Willamette Transfer.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 6.—In the opinion of Senator Jonathan Bourne, actual work on the Willamette locks may be started this month. The Federal engineer procured today for the Secretary of the Department of Justice, that the question of the easement on the Willamette locks would not interfere with the engineering construction.

The Secretary is expected to sign the report tomorrow, in which case final action authorizing the transfer of title probably would be taken next week.

EVIDENCE EATEN BY PRISONER IN COURT

SAM MATHESON, HOWEVER, HELD ON BAD-CHECK CHARGE.

Alleged Spurious Instrument Disappears as Officials and Spectators Look On.

Although he ate the documentary evidence against him while on the witness stand, in full view of the court attaches and spectators, according to officials, Sam Matheson was bound over to the grand jury by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday on a charge of passing a bad check for \$35 at the saloon of C. D. Elder.

Matheson, while testifying in his own behalf, asked to be allowed to examine the check, retaining it while being questioned by counsel. He was noticed holding his handkerchief to his mouth and Court Clerk Crounse said his jaws were busily working all the while.

Later, when Prosecutor Stadler called for the check, the prisoner declared he did not have it. A search failed to reveal the slip and the officers declared Matheson had eaten it. Matheson, who formerly resided in Portland, has been engaged in Seattle as a contractor. He came to Portland to testify in behalf of Lloyd Frank in the breach of promise suit of Mrs. Gertrude Gerlinger, a few weeks ago.

His arrest was on a charge of defrauding the Franklin Hotel more than a year ago, the bad check charge and a charge of defrauding the Portland Hotel, where he lavishly entertained a party of friends, following.

MAN, 88, BRIDE, 68, ELOPE

Being Treated Like Two Young Lovers Is Resented.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Winnifred H. Nettleton, of Bristol, Conn., the 88-year-old bridegroom who yesterday in Hartford, Conn., married his 68-year-old secretary, Mary Kelsey Baldwin, laughing confessed on his arrival in New York today that he and his bride had eloped.

"Yes," he said, "we eloped from Mrs. Baldwin's niece. That girl treated us like a couple of young lovers who did not quite know their own minds. She did not quite want us to marry, but we fooled her."

Nettleton said he had known the bride all her life, but had not quite been able to persuade her to marry him until yesterday.

The aged couple will complete their honeymoon in Florida.

LOVE ROMANCE IS SHORT

Pe Ell Man, Opposed to Divorce, Rushes South to Greet Newlyweds.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—W. C. Yeomans, a prominent Pe Ell mill man who was apprised earlier in the week of the marriage of his daughter, Edith, to Leo Rosenfeld, a wealthy Chicago chemist, the marriage taking place in Honolulu after a 24-hour acquaintance, left for San Francisco yesterday upon learning of further details in his daughter's matrimonial whirl.

It now develops, according to word received here, that Mrs. Rosenfeld has changed her mind, and is seeking to have her marriage to Rosenfeld annulled. It is understood that the girl's father is opposed to a divorce.

ARTICLES OF WAR REVISED

Bill Favorably Reported Reduces Number of Capital Offenses.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Revision of the articles of war to extend jurisdiction of court-martial and reduce the number of capital offenses was proposed today in a Senate bill favorably reported by the military committee. Capital offenses would be reduced from five to three in time of peace and from 15 to 12 in time of war. Death sentence, however, would be mandatory for only one offense—the spy—and two-thirds of a court must support a death penalty. The statute of limitation would be changed to conform to other laws of the United States.

PAINTING BRINGS \$700,000

H. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, Buys "Small-Cowper Madonna."

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—It was announced tonight that H. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, also known as "Hanshanger Raphael," had been bought by H. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, at a price in excess of \$700,000. When the picture changed owners last in London, the purchase price was given as \$500,000.

The picture is only 24 by 17 inches in dimensions and was painted about 1505 at Florence when Raphael was in the first flush of enthusiasm for his art. It is said to represent the most gracious and delicate technique of the great master.

100 TO SPEAK ON ROADS

House Begins Night Sessions for Shackelford Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—With more than 100 members listed for speeches, the House tonight held its first of a series of three night sessions to debate the Shackelford good roads bill. Representative Shackelford, of Missouri, opened the discussion, outlining the project. He explained that the bill proposed a maximum of \$25,000,000 of Federal appropriations, allotments to be conditioned upon equal local appropriations, the expenditures to be on a graded scale, ranging in three classes, from \$15 a mile for dirt roads to \$60 a mile for macadam roads.

ENTHUSIASM MARKS Y. M. C. A. SESSION

Tri-State Meeting At Vancouver Busy.

HOOD RIVER MAN PRESIDENT

Preliminary Gathering of Officers Held in Portland.

COMMITTEES CITE GROWTH

Membership and Property Gains in Oregon, Washington and Idaho Made in Year—Boy Scouts Act as Escorts.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Unbounded enthusiasm marked the opening here today of the tri-state convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Washington, Idaho and Oregon. The first session was called to order at 2:30 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church. While only 150 delegates were present, this number was swelled to 200 before night, and by tomorrow 300 delegates and others are expected to be present.

Leslie Butler, of Hood River, was elected chairman of the permanent organization at the night session; Dr. E. T. Mathes, president of the State Normal School at Bellingham, was elected first vice-president and chairman of the Washington section; Dr. H. B. Leonard, of Eugene, was chosen chairman of the Oregon section; W. B. Dudley, of North Yakima, was elected vice-president of the Washington section. The secretaries appointed are O. V. Bradley, of Caldwell, Idaho, for Oregon and Idaho, and O. C. Lovgren, of Hoquiam, for Washington.

Boy Scouts Escorts.

St. Luke's Boy Scouts met at the church under the leadership of Rev. E. B. Coffey, escorted the delegates to various homes in the city, answered many questions and ran errands.

At the invitation of the Portland Y. M. C. A., the officers of the Northwest associations held a meeting in the auditorium of the Portland Y. M. C. A. building in the morning, which was preliminary to the convention. F. D. Downs, of Tacoma, led the song service and devotion. Ralph C. Goodwin, of San Francisco, outlined the plan of how the association in San Francisco will be able to care for boys sent there in 1915 to see the fair. H. W. Stone, of Portland, told of the work being done in Colorado, New Mexico and Oregon. Fred B. Smith spoke on "Personal Standards for the Employed Officer." A trip around the world.

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BANK CLEARINGS INCREASE

Portland Gain for Week 5.5 Per Cent Compared With 1913 Period.

February has started in with a decided upward stride as far as bank clearings are concerned. Clearings for the week ended Thursday were \$10,473,000, an increase of 5.5 per cent over the corresponding week a year ago. Clearings in the country at large were \$195,000,000 greater than they were last year at this time.

Seattle is the only other Pacific Coast city that registered a gain. The increase there was 5.4 per cent.

HERE'S SOMETHING EASY, BOYS.



WILSON CONDEMNS TOLLS EXEMPTION

Treaty Clearly Violated, Says President.

POLICY IS DECLARED MISTAKE

Debate as to Point of Honor Is Declined.

BRYAN IS WARMLY PRAISED

Secretary Commended for "Justice, Transparent Integrity, Christian Principle, Tact, Capacity" and Other Qualities.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 6.—President Wilson, in a letter to William L. Marbury, of this city, which will be published in the Baltimore Sun tomorrow, says that the exemption of American coastwise ships from Panama Canal tolls "constitutes a very mistaken policy from every point of view and benefits for the present, at any rate, only a monopoly." The President also pays a high tribute to Secretary of State Bryan. The letter follows:

"White House, Washington, Feb. 5, 1914.—My dear Mr. Marbury: I have your letter of January 30. With regard to the question of canal tolls, my opinion is very clear. The exemption constitutes a very mistaken policy from every point of view. It economically is unjust; as a matter of fact it benefits for the present at any rate only a monopoly, and it seems to be in clear violation of the terms of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Debate Is Declined.

"There is, of course, much honest difference of opinion as to the last point, as there is no doubt, as to the other, but it is at least debatable and if the promises we made in such matters are debatable I, for one, do not care to debate them. I think the country would prefer to let no question to arise as to its wholehearted purpose to redeem its promises in the light of any reasonable construction of them, rather than debate a point of honor."

Bryan's Tact Praised.

"Your reference to the Secretary of State shows how comprehensively you have been looked on during the last few months. Not only have Mr. Bryan's character, his justice, his sincerity, his transparent integrity and his Christian principle made a deep impression upon all with whom he has dealt; but his tact in dealing with men of many sorts, his capacity for business, his mastery of the principles of each matter he has

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NEGROES BUY SHIP FOR AFRICAN TRIP

SOUTHERN STATES CLUB WILL COLONIZE GOLD COAST.

Actual Money Is Paid and Another Vessel Is Promised if Adventurers Are Industrious.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The back to Africa movement started by "Chief Sam" among the negroes of the South and Southwest, took definite form today, when the Akim Trading Company, of which "Chief Sam" is the head, bought a 3400-ton steamship, the Curlyba, which will be used to carry negro colonists back to the Gold Coast of Africa.

"Chief Sam" is known in this country as Alfred C. Sam. He describes himself as a chief of the Akim tribe of the Gold Coast of Africa.

A. E. Smith, general manager of the trading company, said today that 125 clubs have been organized among the negroes of Oklahoma, Texas and Mississippi. Each member has paid \$25 and this entitles him to a free passage to the Gold Coast and a certain piece of ground in the new colony.

Sam is reported on the way with more than 100 of his new colonists en route here, where it is proposed to embark them on the vessel and take them to Galveston, where the main body of the colonists will embark.

The officers of the line said that the Curlyba had been sold to the Akim Trading Company for approximately \$100,000, which had been paid in four installments of actual cash, and the ship was delivered Wednesday.

If the colonists are thrifty and industrious, another vessel will be bought and put into the same service, carrying the products to whichever port offers the best market and returning with any negroes who may wish to join the colony, say the backers of the scheme.

W. R. SCOTT IN CALVIN'S JOB

Southern Pacific Announces New Vice-President Formally.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—The appointment of W. R. Scott, general manager of the Southern Pacific Company, Pacific system, to succeed E. E. Calvin as vice-president in charge of maintenance, operation and construction, was made here tonight by the company. Mr. Scott will assume his new duties at once, retaining his former official title, and adding to it that of president. Mr. Calvin resigned a short time ago to become general manager of the Oregon Short Line.

Like his predecessor, Mr. Scott is a self-made railroad man, who started in the engine cab and worked up. He began as a fireman in 1881, and the various stages of engineer, traveling engineer, trainmaster, superintendent, general superintendent and general manager.

GRAIN BUREAU PROVIDED

Agricultural Bill to Include Appropriation for Portland.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 6.—Representative Hawley today secured the adoption of a provision in the agricultural bill appropriating \$12,000 for the establishment of a grain standardization bureau and laboratory in Portland in accordance with the recommendations of Oregon farmers and grain dealers.

In the same bill he secured the appropriation of \$5000 to continue experiments with clearing logged-off lands.

BOND ISSUE IN PROSPECT

Southern Pacific Stockholders to Have First Chance at \$54,000,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—An announcement will be made next week, according to a report in Wall Street today, of an offering of \$54,000,000 of Southern Pacific 5 per cent convertible bonds to stockholders of the road. Stockholders will have the right to subscribe to the new bonds to the extent of 20 per cent of their holdings.

"JEAN LA BONTA" INDICTED

Confessed Mail Robber and \$40,000 Forger Wants Quick Penalty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Clyde Kaufman, alias Jean LaBonta, was indicted by the Federal grand jury here today on six counts for robbing the mails. In a confession after a recent arrest he admitted several mail robberies and said he had obtained \$40,000 within a year by passing forged checks. Investigation led the police to doubt the check part of his story.

TURKISH WOMEN TO LEARN

University to Admit Fair Sex for Hygiene, Woman's Rights Talks.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Constantinople announces that a decision has been reached to admit Turkish women to the university.

Special lectures on hygiene, gynecology, domestic economy, science and women's rights will be delivered for their benefit.

NOBILITY REACHES DENVER

Lord and Lady Decies Leave Tomorrow for Salt Lake.

DENVER, Feb. 7.—Lord and Lady Decies arrived here yesterday on their tour of the West. They plan to leave at midnight Sunday for Salt Lake City. From there they will proceed to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

MILITANTS TIRE OF RADICALS' TACTICS

Effort to Drop Militancy Splits Ranks.

SYLVIA PANKHURST SECEDES

Ultra - Revolutionary Federation Chosen by Rebel.

EXILE CHAFES CHRISTABEL

One Daughter of Leader Would Keep Up Lawlessness, While Other, Believing Cause Is Being Hurt, Leans to Peaceful Ways.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, daughter of the militant suffragette leader, announced today her secession from the Women's Social and Political Union, the militant women's organization. The East End of London Federation, which hitherto has been a branch of the parent organization, will henceforth be entirely independent.

The rift among the militant suffragettes is said to be due to Miss Sylvia Pankhurst's ultra-revolutionary aspirations, which the leaders of the Women's Social and Political Union are beginning to believe are damaging their cause.

Christabel Tires of Exile.

Reports of dissensions in the inner circles of the militant organization involving the Pankhurst triumvirate have been in circulation for some time. According to these, Christabel Pankhurst desires to end her long exile in Paris and return to London and take control of the organization, for it is doubtful if her mother, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, who is in Switzerland, will be well enough for some months to resume her duties of commander-in-chief.

But Christabel, the reports say, desires to come back under conditions that will not necessitate frequent terms of imprisonment for her under the "cat and mouse" act. Therefore, it is said, she wants militancy dropped. In this stand she has the support of many of the older members of the organization, who believe that continuance of militant tactics will be injurious to the cause.

Some Gloat Over Feud.

Sylvia Pankhurst, on the other hand, is not prepared to abandon militancy until she has fully tested the fighting capacity of her "people's army," with which she is credited as believing she can start a revolution that will force the government to enfranchise women.

Several of the younger and more ambitious members of the Women's Social and Political Union view with unqualified satisfaction the Pankhurst feud, believing that it will end the autocratic sway the Pankhursts have exercised over the society since Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pethick Lawrence were driven out of it last year.

RUSSIA CHECKS DRINKING

Council of Empire Adopts More Drastic Regulations.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 6.—The Council of the Empire adopted drastic clauses today to the bill for the regulation of the sale of alcohol. The new clauses prohibit the sale of spirits in towns between 11 o'clock at night and 9 o'clock in the morning and after 6 o'clock in the evening in country districts. They prohibit the sale of liquors in several public establishments, including government offices, refreshment rooms in theaters, concert halls and moving picture shows and in public gardens.

Count Serge Witte, ex-Premier, recently made a dramatic appeal to the Council of the Empire to stop the consumption of spirits, which, he declared, was leading Russia to ruin.

BUSHEL AS STANDARD HIT

Western Fruit Jobbers Would Make Cental Recognized Measure.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 6.—Abolition of the bushel and the use of the cental or 100-pound measure in its place was advocated today by the Western Fruit Jobbers' Association here.

Opponents of the bushel said it was deceptive because it varied in volume in different states. In measuring onions, it was pointed out, that the Indiana law says 48 pounds of onions constitute a bushel, while a legal bushel of onions in Illinois is 57 pounds. A Federal law providing the general use of the cental was proposed.

JOHN D. QUILTS CLEVELAND

Journey Begun Day Before Time for Listing Property Expires.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 6.—John D. Rockefeller left here today for Tarrytown, N. Y. Tomorrow is the last day allowed under the Ohio law for him to list his personal property for taxation. Whether this fact had anything to do with his departure could not be learned. Mr. Rockefeller has been in Cleveland all winter because of his sister-in-law's illness.