

HIGHWAY ENGINEER ISSUE IS REVIVED

Contractor Balks at Mr. Cantine's Figures and Demands Estimate of Mr. Lewis.

LATTER REFUSES REQUEST

Reluctance to Renew Controversy Given as Reason; Difference Over \$40,000 Road Work Item Causes Appeal.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—The old issue of who is State Highway Engineer was raised again today when State Engineer Lewis refused to comply with a demand of Harrison Allen, Portland attorney, that he furnish Peterson & Johnson a final estimate of the amount due them for work done on the Columbia Highway in Clatsop County. That the contractors will institute mandamus proceedings in force Lewis is not believed probable here. Dissatisfaction with a tentative estimate of Deputy Engineer Cantine, who was placed in charge of the state highway work by the State Highway Commission last August, it is declared, led the contractors to appeal to Lewis. Lewis was relieved of "all duties and responsibilities in connection with the highway work" by the commission on August 27 last. The commission acted on the engineer's request, after a long continued controversy between the commission and Lewis as to whether Lewis or Deputy Cantine should be in active charge of state road work. Since then Cantine has acted as highway engineer.

Former Dispute Is Recalled. Reluctance to reopen knew the former dispute is given by Engineer Lewis in his reply to the contractor, Peterson & Johnson, as his reason for refusing their demand for an estimate on the Clatsop County work. In his demand that Lewis furnish the Clatsop County contractor with an estimate for the work done, Attorney Allen calls Lewis' attempt to the contract between Clatsop County and the contractor, providing that the State Highway Engineer shall supply the estimate of the amount of work done and its value. Attention also is directed to the law passed by the Legislature abolishing the office of State Highway Engineer and placing the duties of this official in the hands of the State Engineer. According to employees in Cantine's office, Peterson & Johnson wish the highway department to base its estimate on all the work done on the Columbia Highway in Clatsop County since the contract was first let in 1914 to the Boyalohn-Arnold Company, whereas the department insists that it shall only furnish an estimate from the time that Peterson & Johnson took over the work last December.

Forty-Thousand-Dollar Item a Stake. The different methods of estimates, it is said, make a difference of approximately \$40,000 in favor of the contractor, provided the work is considered from the time it was originally started. Boyalohn-Arnold Company was relieved of the contract when it had performed \$200,000 worth of work. Clatsop County then turned the remainder of the job over to Peterson & Johnson, who hitherto had been acting as sub-contractors on the work. The change was made in accordance with a provision of the Boyalohn-Arnold contract, specifying that the county might cancel the contract when \$200,000 worth of work had been done. The estimates made of the amount of work done when Peterson & Johnson took over the work on their own account, it is declared, now fall to satisfy the contractors.

CHIEF CLAIM AGENT WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE COMMISSION, WHO HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.



J. F. GILLIES.

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AD CLUB CELEBRATES DAY

Speeches and Charity Auction Mark Multnomah Affair.

Members of the Portland Ad Club celebrated Thanksgiving a day ahead of time yesterday at their luncheon at the Multnomah Hotel. The Rev. Frank L. Loveland was the speaker of the day and his sincere and striking address threw a spirit of seriousness into the remainder of the

meeting. Mr. Loveland urged the revival of the old Thanksgiving spirit, in which the day is one of real thanksgiving, and not solely a holiday in which everybody hopes to eat as much as possible. At the close of the meeting four turkeys were auctioned off, and re-auctioned several times, and the accumulated funds turned over to the Mux.

5 COLLEGES TO COMPETE

Judging Contest to Be Feature of Livestock Show.

Five agricultural colleges will compete in the annual judging contest at the Pacific International Livestock Show, in Portland, December 6-11. There were only four in the competition of the previous year. Last year the total amount of premiums allowed was but \$200, while this year General Manager O. M. Plummer has decided to distribute \$300, divided into six premiums: First, \$75; second, \$45; third, \$25; fourth, \$15; fifth, \$10, and sixth, \$5. Two judges will be allowed for each class of stock, each committee of judges to look over the class of stock and decide the order in which it shall be placed.

CRIPPLES AID FUND LOOTERS, IS CHARGE

Men Said to Have Been Held Ready for Examinations in Insurance Frauds.

LISTER TAKES UP PROBE

Progress of Investigation at Olympia Dissatisfies Governor; Claim Agent and Commissioner Said to Have Speculated.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Apparently dissatisfied with the progress being made by the industrial insurance committee, Governor Lister has assumed personal charge of the investigation into the looting of the state accident fund. To the Governor today was rendered the report of a Seattle handwriting expert, comparing the fraudulent claims with the handwriting of employees of the department. No statement as to whether, and the intimation is that no further statements in regard to evidence will be made until arrests occur, the Governor taking the view that premature publicity has served thus far to warn suspects of most of the moves of the investigators. Ex-Chief of Police Ben F. Hall, held in the county jail under a charge of receiving a bribe, was one of the visitors to the Governor's office today.

Receivers of Funds Sought.

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Interview Brandred Fake.

Harry J. Parr, Gillies' attorney, declared today that interview attributed to his client was "faked." Commissioner A. B. Ernst said, however, that Gillies had "told him six months ago that he had made more than \$500 in the sale of oil stock and wanted to invest it. Ernst advised him to grubstake Eggs Erickson, a British Columbia prospector, who Ernst had grubstaked for several previous seasons, he said, and Gillies used \$500 for this purpose. Erickson located the claims and now is in San Francisco attempting to sell them, Ernst said. Commissioner Clarence Parker also

Thanksgiving

Another twelve-month has been added to our years of peace.

No roll of drum nor note of bugle has called us from our firesides.

Nature, ever lavish with her bounty, has blessed our land with her increase.

Ripened field and fruited bough have followed plow and pruning-hook.

We have given freely of that which we have, and now, in the evening of the year, we rest from our toil, serene in faith that dormant bud and fecund grain will awake to new life.

Let us then, today, partake of that which we have garnered—that which shall give us strength and courage for the duties of the morrow.

Let us give kindly thought to kindred of every tongue who struggle upward toward the dawn of peace.

Let us remember those in peril on land or sea.

The Portland Hotel
Geo. C. Ober, Manager

admitted having engaged with Gillies in his oil stock speculation.

RAIL EXTENSION IS DENIED

O.-W. R. & N. Declares Service to Umatilla Too Expensive.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Pointing out that it would cost \$700 a month to grant the request of the Commercial Club, O.-W. R. & N. officials today politely refused to change the run of the train to Wallula. The Commercial Club wanted the run extended to Umatilla to bring mail in here earlier. Changes contemplated to be made in a few weeks will eliminate the dissatisfaction, it is said.

HOUSEKEEPER IS SHUT OUT

Woman Gets No Share in \$85,000 Estate of George W. Marshall.

Mrs. Ray Levison will get no share in the \$85,000 estate of George W.

Marshall for acting as his housekeeper during the last six years of his life. She had put in a claim for approximately \$32,000 against the estate. Mr. Marshall died June 14. He left no will. Mrs. Levison presented her claim and declared on the witness stand that Mr. Marshall had often during his life declared he intended to leave her a substantial sum at his death. For her services as housekeeper Mr. Marshall had paid her a small sum each month, it was shown. On this account Judge Cleeton ruled that she had received compensation for her services as housekeeper.

Newport Surf Deluges Building.

NEWPORT, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—As an aftermath of the storm that raged along the Newport coast Monday, the heaviest surf of the season has been running for the past 24 hours. Huge breakers at high tide have swept entirely over the restroom at the beach on Nye Creek and washed logs and drift as high up as Coast street. So far, however, the bulkheads have withstood the waves and no serious damage has been done.

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