

## GRADING CONTRACTS LET FOR \$271,133

Five Awards Made by State Highway Commission Are on Columbia Highway.

### A. D. KERN GETS BIG SHARE

After Conference With District Forester Cecil, Decision Is Arrived At to Build Only Such Post Roads as Are Needed.

Five contracts, aggregating \$271,133, were awarded for the grading of 17.6 miles of the Upper and Lower Columbia River Highway, to make it ready for paving next year, were awarded by the State Highway Commission at a meeting in Portland yesterday.

Three of the contracts totaling \$216,885, were awarded to A. D. Kern. The Warren Construction Company won one contract, for \$42,300, and to A. L. Clark was awarded a contract on his bid of \$11,880.50.

All were low bidders on the jobs awarded. Mr. Kern's bids on his three contracts were regarded as especially low. He not only underbid his competitors, but did not count in the cost of slashing and grubbing out stumps necessary on much of the right of way before grading work can be started. This time alone was estimated by some of the other bidders at as high as \$8000.

Mr. Kern was lowest by about \$32,000 on the three bids taken together.

**Mr. Kern Wins on Upper River Road.**  
The contracts awarded Mr. Kern a total of \$11,885, for grading three miles in the Vicks section of the Upper Columbia River Highway, east of Cascade Locks; \$39,988.75, for grading two miles at Rutherford hill, on the upper highway, and \$105,930.00, for grading 8.2 miles on the upper highway near Cascade Locks.

The contract awarded the Warren Construction Company on its low bid of \$42,300 was for grading Gobie hill, 1.8 miles, on the lower highway near Gobie.

Mr. Clark's contract of \$11,880.50 was for grading two miles at Rainier hill, on the lower highway.

The bids on these jobs were as follows:

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Upper hill, in Columbia County, 1.8 miles: A. D. Kern, \$42,492.50; Warren Construction Company, \$42,300. Contract awarded to Warren Construction Company.

Vicks section, Upper Columbia River Highway, East of Rainier hill, 4.7 miles: E. T. Johnson & Son, \$57,490.50; Warren Construction Company, \$79,988.75; Reliance Construction Company, \$87,389.50. Contract awarded to A. D. Kern.

**Bids Vary Greatly.**

Rutherford hill, on Upper Columbia Highway, west of Hotel River, 2 miles: Sloan Bros., \$55,340.50; Warren Construction Company, \$46,936.50; E. T. Johnson & Son, \$54,274.65; Montague-O'Reilly Company, \$48,987; A. D. Kern, \$39,988.75; Transport & Livery Company, \$49,721.75. Contract awarded to A. D. Kern.

Cascade Locks section of Upper Columbia River Highway, 8.2 miles: A. D. Kern, \$105,930.00; Warren Construction Company, \$11,880.50. Contract awarded to A. D. Kern.

**Mount Hood Road Deferred.**

After a conference with George H. Cecil, United States District Forester at Portland, it was mutually agreed, in connection with the joint state and federal forest road program, that no work this year should be confined to roads the building of which will be of real economic value. Scenic roads will be delayed until later. The Mount Hood road has been eliminated from further consideration this year, as it is a scenic road only.

The commission decided to pave important trunk roads 16 feet wide instead of 12 feet, as provided in contracts awarded at a recent meeting. The contractors will be paid the same as arranged under the contracts, but the length of road paved will be correspondingly less.

The loss of paving mileage caused in this manner will be made up for the present with gravel, which will make a good foundation later on for pavement.

A delegation from Tillamook County rode the road to the commission, which accepted to pay for the additional four-foot width if the commission would authorize 16-foot pavement there instead of only 12 feet.

### MR. TUCKER TO PRESIDE

Judge Gatens Succeeded for Remainder of Vacation.

Circuit Judge Tucker will sit as presiding judge of the Circuit Court during the next two weeks, during the absence of Presiding Judge Kavanaugh. Judge Gatens has been sitting at the presiding jurist during the past two weeks.

As presiding judge Judge Tucker will hear all criminal matters which arise during the next two weeks and will also handle all other criminal and civil business in that court.

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## SOCIETY NEWS

BY GERTRUDE P. CORBETT

ATTRACTIVE VISITOR FROM ABERDEEN WHO WILL ASSIST AT BENEFIT PERFORMANCE ON AUGUST 10.



Miss Valdien Weatherwax

members of the younger set shared in the pleasures of the evening.

Mrs. Herman A. Politz is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. G. Politz, at Hotel Del Monte, California, during the Summer.

August 10 has been set as the date for a benefit performance and patriotic entertainment to be given at the Eleventh-street Playhouse. Jotg Fastine, Norwegian dancer; Misses Ethel Weatherwax of Missoula; Mine Lucie Valair, and a number of others will appear. The fund, after expenses are paid, will go to a patriotic cause.

Mrs. and Mrs. William D. Wheelwright have returned after a month's absence from Portland. They have been enjoying a delightful trip in Canada.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Pantons and daughter, Miles, have had their vacation at Seaside to F. T. Burke of the Korten Bank. The Pantons will remain in Portland for the Summer.

Mrs. Irving Stearns and two children and Misses Rosalie and Chapman and daughters have gone to Cannon Beach for the week. Mrs. Chapman came from San Francisco to pass the Summer with her mother, Mrs. J. F. Shea.

"Keep on a-dancing" will be the rule tonight. There will be dances in all parts of the city and no excuse can be offered for a lack of interest in the dance that inspired this round of festivities. The dances are planned for the benefit of the Third Oregon ambulance fund. A city-wide effort is being made and the Army and Navy Auxiliary's pet scheme which means protection for the boys of this regiment should make appeal to all local citizens. The Home Guard Girls will have charge of the dance at Council Crest. The complete list of halls includes: Council Crest Pavilion, Fremen's Pavilion, Tremont Station; Grebel's Hall, East Eleventh and Twelfth streets; American Legion Hall, Alameda; Moose Hall, Royal building; Modern Woodman of America, Eleventh and Burnside streets; Women of Woodcraft Hall; Woodmen of the World, Eleventh and Alder streets; Cotillion Hall, Second and Eleventh streets; Union streets; Hibernal Hall, Russell street and Rodney avenue; Neighborhood House, Second and Wood streets; Rose City Park Clubhouse, Bohemian Hall and Christensen's Hall.

The benefit entertainment given for a patriotic and philanthropic cause in Alsworth School last night was one of the best of the season. Mrs. Helen Elkin Starrett, gifted authoress and editor of "The American Art" gave some of her famous readings and Miss Helen Howarth Lemmel sang a group of her cleverest child-songs. Mrs. Martha S. Gleow, noted Southern educator and lecturer, told stories of the South in her most fascinating manner.

An Italian and a French table will be presided over by prominent matrons. To make the fete right up-to-date, a dramatic sketch will be instead of a candy booth, one at which attractive bunches of radishes and other vegetables may be purchased.

Mr. Peter Kern will have charge of the vegetable booth and will be assisted by a number of young girls. The younger girls, Mrs. Ralph Matson will preside at the fruit booth and Mrs. W. D. Wheelwright and Mrs. Arno Rothwell will have charge of the flower table. Mrs. J. D. Farrell will have charge of the refreshments, while Mrs. Morrison, who is chairman of the committee, will be in charge of the programme.

One of the great attractions of the day will be the programme. Tom Dobson, from New York as one of America's best known tenors, will sing a group of songs. This will be his first appearance in Portland since his return from the East. Mr. Dobson heard the plea for help for the little sufferers of the Red Cross and decided to set aside a portion of his time to help, notwithstanding the fact that he is here to rest after a busy and brilliantly successful season.

Another feature of the programme will be songs by Mr. Leah Cohen, whose splendid voice has won her recognition in New York City. Mr. Dobson will play Miss Cohen's accompaniments. Mr. Dobson when a young boy was a member of the choir at Trinity Church, and the organist, Mr. Dobson, the cross at the head of the procession.

The announcement that he and Miss Cohen both will appear, the committee feels sure, will be sufficient charm to attract a large gathering of both young and old.

There will be the regulation tea-table with its patronesses and assistants. One dollar admission will be charged.

St. Rose's parish will give a lawn party on Wednesday night on the grounds surrounding the church at East Fifty-third street and the Alameda. Refreshments will be served and there will be an attractive musical programme. The proceeds will be for the parish fund.

A benefit will be given by the members of the First Oregon Cavalry auxiliary Thursday, Aug. 10, until 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Edward Dunn, 652 Tillamook street.

In the evening line will be Mrs. George A. White, Mrs. John L. May, Mrs. E. E. Fletcher, Mrs. M. Marcelle, Mrs. McDaniel, Mrs. C. L. H. H. Mrs. C. E. Gietstrand, Mrs. E. Maguire, Mrs. Joseph Wackrow, Mrs. J. D. Riley, Mrs. George L. Baker and Mrs. Day Kellaher.

Entertaining in the dining-room will be Mrs. H. R. Albee, Mrs. William Murray, Mrs. J. T. Peters, Mrs. J. J. Panton, Mrs. F. L. Fuller, Mrs. E. J. Swindell, Mrs. Calvin S. White, Mrs. John Manning, Mrs. Jessup, Mrs. Robert E. Maguire, Mrs. William F. Woodward, Mrs. L. B. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Moody.

Mrs. H. A. Moser is general chairman of the committee. A musical programme has been arranged for the afternoon under the direction of Miss Estelle Hogan.

Scout Young Auxiliary No. 3, United Spanish War Veterans, will dispense with their regular meeting tonight to entertain the members to attend the dance for the benefit of the ambulance fund for the Third Oregon Regiment.

The members of Scout Young Auxiliary are taking an active part in this benefit.

**MIXED ROMANCE STARTED**

Chinese Seeks Marriage License to Wed Negress.

It was nearly 5 o'clock and "Cupid" Caldwell, of the marriage license bureau, was just congratulating himself on issuing an even dozen licenses on the first day after his vacation, when the telephone at his side clanged sharply.

"Say," came a high-pitched voice, which was unmistakably that of a Chinese, "can a Chinese boy get license to marry cold'ed lady?"

"Not if I see you first," replied Caldwell.

"Allite, allite, allite," said the unknown voice over the wire, and "Cupid" closed his books for the day, thankful that a wise law forbade him taking any part in marrying a Chinese and a negress.

Mrs. Sam C. Tevis gave a dinner party at Forest Hall Saturday night in honor of her daughter, Cornelia. Eight

co-workers shortly before her departure.

Miss Velma Cook, of Drain, a teacher in one of the Douglas County schools, is visiting Mrs. Josephine R. Sharp.

Mount Scott Mental Culture Club will meet Thursday with Mrs. F. Armstrong, 823 East Sixth street. Miss Lovell will speak. The club is busy with Red Cross work.

Holman Parent-Teacher Association has arranged for picnic in Terwillegar Park today. There will be games and contests for the children and a band concert in the evening.

Brooklyn W. C. T. U. will meet today at 2:30 P. M. at 329 East Sixth street.

Camp Lewis Field Hospital Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday night in room A, Central Library. All members are requested to attend, as business of importance will be discussed.

Central W. C. T. U. will meet today at 2:30 P. M. in the Library. Important business will be discussed.

Albina W. C. T. U. will meet today at 2:30 P. M. with Mrs. Christensen, 883 Borthwick street.

Religious Society Honors Recruits.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 30.—(Special)

—The Christian Endeavor Society of the First Christian Church, of this city, has honored the members who have enlisted in different branches of the Army and Navy, serving in the war.

They have given their names on a big honor roll that is now hung in the Endeavor room of the church. The following names are on the roll: Henry Blagg, H. Paul Strahl, Curtis Abbott, Rossell Krohn and Alva Hardman.

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### OLIVE BOUGH EXTENDED

**CONSUL BRENNA ASKS LOCAL ITALIANS TO HARMONIZE.**

**Portland Colony Told Not to Follow Dr. Carlo Visconti Because He Is Traitor to His Land.**

The complete programme follows:

March, "Uncle Sammy's Army," (H. M. Dolph); overture militaire, "To Arms," (Eduardo Balza); (a) intermezzo, "Semper, Giovane, Sempre"; (b) "I'm a Soldier"; (c) "I Love You"; (d) grand selection, "Faust" (Gounod); intermission; (e) "La Vie des Abeilles"; (f) "Le Chasseur au Loup"; (g) request; (h) waltz, "The Skater" (Wadeau); patriotic melodies, "Sky High" (Taylor); (i) popular selection, "America" (Toboli).

That all Italians in the Portland colony should forget their personal differences and harmonize for the purpose of uniting in an effort to assist their native country in the war and that all who will not do so are losing a great opportunity for good, is the sign of a statement by Alberto Ferrara, representing Consul Paula Brenna, of Seattle. The latter authorized an interview in a telegram.

Announcement of an opposition meeting of Italians, led by Dr. Carlo Visconti, was held Friday night in the Plaza blocks while the Consul Brenna is in progress elsewhere, caused the issuance of the statement through official channels.

Consul Brenna wishes me to communicate to the people of Portland that he is the representative of the Red Cross and not to protest against any one," said Mr. Ferrara. "The purpose of the Visconti campaign is only revenge and should not be participated in by patriotic Italians; they cannot afford to attend his meetings or to associate with his supporters, either neutrals or enemies of the war who can sympathize with Visconti, as he is a real traitor to his country."

"This is no time to foment trouble or to inject personal hatred into the affairs of the Italian people of Portland, and we must stand by Consul Brenna whom I represent that differences will be dropped and harmony prevail, to the end that the war may be successfully prosecuted."

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### MRS. GANTENBEIN DIES

**WIFE OF CIRCUIT JUDGE DIES SUDDENLY.**

**Husband at Officers' Reserve Corps Camp When Spouse Is Stricken at Hood River Home.**

Mrs. C. U. Gantenbein died early yesterday morning at the Good Samaritan Hospital, after an illness of less than a week. Mrs. Gantenbein was the wife of Judge Linley W. Gantenbein, a prominent attorney of this state, and a niece of Mrs. A. M. Crawford, wife of the former Attorney-General of Oregon. She was also a cousin of Mrs. Rufus Holman, of Portland.

Recently in the treatment of these foot troubles these distinctive features were noticeable. Tired, aching, burning and swollen feet invariably become cool, swelling and contracted after first application, while in the treatment of corns and calluses, it was noticed that the corn or callus had a tendency to loosen, and in a short time could easily be lifted leaving the surrounding skin in normal, healthy condition.

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