

ROADWORK COST TO BE \$7,930,150

State Highway Engineer Estimates Expense of Programme in Report.

\$685,613.24 IS EXPENDED

Commission Approves Report of Expenditures Submitted by Engineer Nunn for Fiscal Year Ending Nov. 30; State Body Praised.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The State Highway Commission has under consideration a report on the construction of which will be done at an estimated cost of \$7,930,150, according to the report for fiscal year ending November 30, just completed by State Highway Engineer Nunn, and approved by the Commission. Of this amount \$541,123 has been expended on construction, and \$144,490.12 for engineering, or a total of \$685,613.24. The estimated cost of engineering will be 2.1 per cent of the total cost, according to figures submitted by Mr. Nunn. Administrative and engineering supervision expenditures up to November 30 were \$139,858. Estimates on construction cost are aggregated by Mr. Nunn as follows: Construction jobs, \$2,347,200; surveys requested by counties, \$2,322,949; state location surveys, \$1,151,000; accounts left from 1916, \$11,310; bridges, \$68,540. The total amount expended for reconnaissance surveys up to November 30 was \$2,495.37. So far the bridge department has prepared plans for \$244,200 worth of bridges, of which \$239,390 were included in the course of construction on November 30.

Cost is 1.53 Per Cent Total. Of the construction jobs estimated with a total of \$2,347,200 to be expended, \$478,417.70 has been expended already on construction work and \$26,311.96 on engineering, or a total of \$504,729.66. The engineering cost was 1.53 per cent of the total estimated cost. In filing his financial report Mr. Nunn accompanies it with some comments. Referring to engineering costs, he says:

We have every reason to believe that the administration and engineering expense will be decreased this year as the preliminary surveying, locating and investigating crews are considerably larger than the actual construction crews. Many of these crews are being dropped. However, provided that the engineering and construction expenses are not as heavy as they have been during the past year, we could continue the entire construction program and complete the five years and still remain within the 10 per cent limit for administration and engineering expense. This expense will be much less than the amount expended in 1917. I simply call this to your attention because of the heavy burden we are carrying in regard to county requests, and have no reason to believe that this work will consume a period of five years.

The cost of testing materials and inspection, as well as the cost of sending men into the different counties to give advice and assist in the general construction work, has been carried against our general engineering without separate accounts. A considerable item, but is considered by this department as the most important and one of our work. This includes the cost of quarries, gravel pits, advice on paving mixtures and testing of same.

War Causes Difficulties. The unusual conditions by the war have made it exceedingly hard to maintain engineering and construction organizations, and especially in this state. The state has had work in outlying districts. We believe, however, that the actual construction work in the state shows a very uniform and comparatively low cost, and the present work as much as was expected last year. In county co-operative work it was found that the county owned equipment and maintained an organization it was sometimes advisable to place the work in the hands of the county. This has proven successful, as an investigation of the work in Lake County, Deschutes County and Lake County, Oregon, has shown.

The progress of the investigations of the State Highway Department, which we have been able to complete as much work under the unfavorable conditions as we have, is due to the general interest and prompt decisions made by the State Highway Commission, our work never having been delayed by any matter of fact or definite orders. I also wish to thank each member of the highway organization for their splendid cooperation and assistance in helping make our work a success.

The co-operation between the highway department and the respective counties has been carried on in the most efficient manner and the cordial relationship that now exists between these departments insures the success of our future work. In every instance this office has received the help of all county officials.

I wish to call particularly to your attention the large amount of investigation which has been demanded by the highway department. Such investigations are necessary in order to determine the route to be taken, and in some cases when we have been unable to locate the route, the survey will be finally laid out and the money expended on them will have to come out of the state treasury.

In regard to general office costs and general engineering work, I should like to mention the fact that from 1 to 2 per cent preliminary expenditure before construction is started is legitimate, and in the case of the newly organized Highway Commission, with a very few working months ahead of it, this expenditure is somewhat greater than if we had had a full working year ahead of us.

PETITIONS TO BE HEARD Complete Suspension of Alaska's Eight-Hour Law is Urged.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 14.—Hearings of petitions urging complete suspension of Alaska's eight-hour law will be held by Governor J. F. A. Strong here tomorrow.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Williams.

CLEAR YOUR SKIN SAVE YOUR HAIR WITH CUTICURA

BEAUTIFUL SILVERTON GIRL WHO WAS MADE VICTIM OF ATTACK BY HAIR-CLIPPING FIEND.



MISS LILLIAN ROSHEIM.

MYSTERY IS DEEPER

Silvertown Girl Nears Nervous Prostration.

OFFICIALS WITHOUT CLEW

Paring Knife, With Which Fiend Cut Beautiful Locks of Miss Lillian Rosheim, Found, Together With Considerable Hair.

SILVERTOWN, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—With Miss Lillian Rosheim, the 18-year-old girl attacked by a hair-cutting fiend yesterday morning near the Hugh Small home, 1 1/2 miles from the city limits, on the verge of nervous prostration and still in the care of physicians, the officials, town and county, have been unable to unravel the mystery of the "man in the white mask."

At first Mrs. Rosheim was inclined to believe it was a young man with whom her daughter formerly kept company, but today she and her daughter declared positively that he was not the assailant.

It was while he was away with the Third Oregon on the border that the romance of the two young people grew cold, which led to the belief immediately following the attack on Miss Rosheim that someone in Silvertown might have known who the assailant was.

Today Miss Rosheim said that for the past two or three days she had been followed by a man, who was dressed like a lumberjack, wearing a dirty blue suit and a black cap. His boots, too, had the appearance of being those of a logger. That the assailant might have been a member of the camp crew of the Silvertown Lumber Company, which camp is located 1 1/2 miles from the city, has been advanced, but no one has left the city for the camp within the last few days. Several men, however, came out today, due to the heavy snow.

The important developments today in the mysterious case were the finding of a paring knife some 20 yards from the place where the fiend slashed the beautiful hair of the young and popular silvertown girl, also considerable of the hair was found nearby, it being believed that the assailant in his flight stumbled and dropped some of his booty.

Miss Rosheim also said today that while fighting with the man he raised his mask and attempted to kiss her, showing two rows of bad teeth, which led her to believe the man was old and of the logger type.

The girl is still in a serious condition, and no one was permitted to see her this afternoon, but her parents, she is bruised all over the body, but so far as known there are no internal injuries.

GRAFT DIRECTOR NAMED NEW YORK MAN TO MANAGE LAKE AND COASTWISE SHIPPING.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Coastwise and Great Lakes steamship lines operated by railroads today were placed by Director-General McAdoe under the supervision of W. H. Pleasant, of New York, president of the Ocean Steamship Company, who was designated manager of the marine section of the railroad administration.

railroads are involved in the new arrangement. From time to time, it is planned, the Railroad Administration will take over temporarily any steamers not needed by the Shipping Board for trans-Atlantic traffic and use them in the coastwise trade.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—Only one railroad-owned steamship line is operating on the Pacific Coast—the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Company, a subsidiary of the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation Company.

At Portland the only vessels expected to be affected will be the Beaver and Rose City, of the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Company's line, but in reality they have been under the Government's direction since last fall when all vessels of 2500 tons were requisitioned. It is said that up to this time there has been no physical evidence that any change was made, the liners being run as of yore.

Recently, when the railroad systems of the country were taken over, the steamers figured in that. It is believed the new move is intended to facilitate the movement of fuel and other commodities on the East Coast and Great Lakes, and has no material bearing on the Pacific Coast fleets.

HONOR GUARD MEETS

GIRLS KNIT WHILE LISTENING TO SPEAKERS' REMARKS.

"Food Conservation," Topic of Assistant Administrator for Oregon, Arouses Much Interest Among Members.

To greet their newly-appointed chief, Miss Ruth Plummer, the Girls' National Honor Guard of Portland assembled last night in Library Hall and discussed plans for future work. In addition to the routine business and some interesting talks the gathering was a knitting bee, for nearly every one of the 200 or more girls knitted diligently at a sweater for some soldier lad the while she listened to the speakers.

W. K. Newell, assistant food administrator for Oregon, spoke to the guard on "Food Conservation." In closing he asked that the girls assist in the distribution of the new cards for food regulation. As a result of Mr. Newell's address the girls expressed keen interest in the cause and a willingness to do their part, not only in cutting down on the candies and sweets, but in many other plans for definite work.

"The Soldiers' News Letter," a publication with all the counties of Oregon represented in its columns, was distributed and the girls will send the paper to some of their soldier friends in France. Miss Plummer announced that the Honor Guard headquarters, 113 Seltling building, will be open daily hereafter from 2 to 6 P. M.

WILSONVILLE IN DARKNESS

Generator at Light Plant Burns Out, Due to Accident.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 14.—Wilsonville is in darkness tonight, and probably the citizens will have to keep the old kerosene lamps going for the rest of the week.

Early this morning a generator at the light plant burned out, the accident being caused from a short circuit when a large handle worked loose and fell into the armature.

It is the hope of the Attorney-General that a stipulation may be obtained as to the facts and consequently take the case through to the higher court without the necessity of long-drawn-out and expensive litigation.

BAKER TAKES SPORT

Eastern County Lines Up 101 Ship Workers.

STATE TOTAL NOW 1144

Mass Meetings at Industrial Plants and Before Labor Bodies Are Planned to Speed Enrollment of Skilled Men.

Baker County spurred yesterday in its total enrollment in the United States Shipyard Volunteers, County Chairman Charles L. Palmer reporting a total registration of 101. As Baker County's quota is 30, the present total is nearly 200 per cent above the minimum appropriation for that district.

Additional reports from up-state were received at State Director Griffith's office yesterday, bringing the total enrollment to date up to 1144, divided as follows:

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Enrollment Count. Baker: 101, Multnomah: 719, Clatsop: 10, Union: 38, Crook: 10, Washington: 27, Hood: 20, Yamhill: 17, Linn: 6, Total: 1144.

Oregon Quota is 3204. County Enrollment goes. Smith is arranging for mass meetings among local industrial plants and various organized labor councils, in order to bring the importance of immediate enrollment home to all skilled men competent for future service in the Government shipyards.

Emphasis is being laid upon the fact that the government is conducting its shipyard volunteers drive at this early date, several months before the full capacity of all plants will be reached, so that the construction program should develop that there is an enrollment of a preponderance of one class of skilled artisans. These men will be given a free course of instruction under the direction of the United States Shipping Board, which will in a very short period fit them for the classes of work for which the available supply is insufficient.

The following message was received yesterday from Franklin T. Griffith, state director of the Public Service Reserve, from Dr. Harry A. Garfield, Federal Fuel Administrator:

"Ships cannot move without coal, but neither can coal move without ships. With plenty of ships to keep the terminals clear we shall be able to move only to the places where it is most needed and we shall have coal enough to move. Every man, woman and child in the United States has had at least a touch of war hardships through interruption of the coal supply. We all know now that more hardships will recur unless we remedy the fundamental conditions. That means that we are all interested in building ships."

"Do everything you can to speed shipbuilding for your own comfort, for your own safety, for the honor of the United States to enable this country to bear its share of the burden of the war."

BINOCULAR GIFT VALUED

Navy Department Thanks Portland Man for Furnishing "Eyes."

From the Navy Department at Washington, D. C. came a letter of appreciation to Herbert J. Breeze, of 1047 Belmont street, who recently answered the Navy's urgent request for binoculars. "Your prompt and patriotic response," writes Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, "to the Navy's call for binoculars is most appreciated. The glasses will be very useful in the prosecution of naval operations until victory is won."

"At the time of the war every effort will be made to return them to you, when it is hoped that you will feel compensated for any evidence of wear by the knowledge that you have supplied 'eyes' for the Navy during a very trying period. On behalf of the Navy I wish to thank you most heartily."

The need for binoculars is still great, and citizens are asked to respond by leaving the glasses at the naval recruiting station.

VALENTINE HELPS U. S. WIN

Nine-Year-Old Sends Savings to Red Cross Auxiliaries.

Kenton auxiliary of the Portland Red Cross branch received a valentine yesterday. Lantz Dalbow, a 9-year-old lad living in that district, had a red bank of tin with pennies, nickels and dimes totaling \$1.52 with the announcement that he has started another just like it for the Red Cross.

"All beside the dimes, nickels and pennies," he told the ladies, "I am putting into thrift stamps to help win the war." Lealie Gise, who lives in Rose City Park district, put her small funds into a Red Cross subscription, and at Christmas time, through the savings stamps of her uncle sent from Tacoma, yesterday she received a valentine worded like this:

"Thrift stamps you've valentined. I'm sure you'll think it wiser; Be Uncle Sam's good Valentine, And help Stamp Out The Kaiser."

STATE GRANTED EXTENSION

\$4,000 Acres of Crook County Land Affected by Federal Ruling.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The Desert Land Board today received a telegram from the Department of the Interior, saying that the Government has granted to the state an extension of time until October 17, 1920, on segregation list No. 6 of Central Oregon Irrigation Company's project. This makes the expiration of time even with that on segregation list No. 19, the other big one on the profit list. Under the original Carey act the time on list No. 6 expired in 1915 and no extensions could be granted past that time. A subsequent act of Congress gave the right to grant extensions. List No. 6 includes approximately \$4,000 acres of land in Crook County in the vicinity of Bend.

DEMURRER MAY BE FILED

Attorney-General Would Adjust Six-Cent Fare Case Inexpensively.

SUITS and COATS IN A SWEEPING SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

\$13.55 IS THE PRICE ON 75 SUITS AND COATS FORMERLY SOLD AT \$22.50 TO \$35.00

Suits and coats that will serve you for several months are sacrificed in this sale to clean up and make room for Spring goods. Materials alone are worth \$13.55.

Smart New Silk Blouses OF GEORGETTE AND CREPE DE CHINE

\$3.95 The quality of silk is unusually good and the styles dainty as can be in every wanted effect. High or low neck, tailored or lace trimmed. Splendid values at \$3.95.

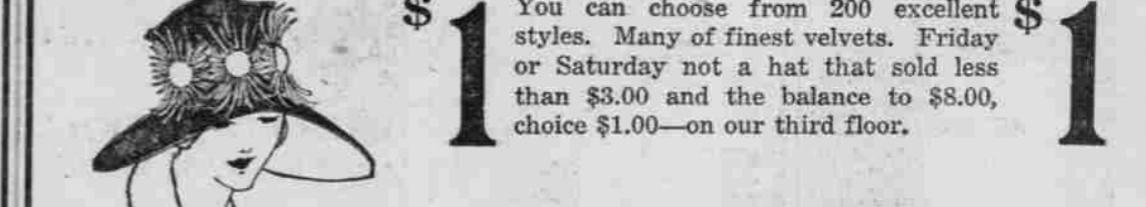
100 Mussed Voile Blouses The Regular Prices Were \$1.00 to \$1.38

59c All they need is washing and you have a perfect waist. The styles are the best.

Jersey and Serge Dresses—The Newest Styles for Spring are arriving almost daily and we're very enthusiastic about the smartness of style. They're so different. You'll want one the minute you see them. Priced \$16.75 to \$32.50.

A Drastic Clean-Up of Trimmed Hats PORTLAND RARELY ENJOYS SUCH A SALE AS THIS

\$1 You can choose from 200 excellent \$1 styles. Many of finest velvets. Friday or Saturday not a hat that sold less than \$3.00 and the balance to \$8.00, choice \$1.00—on our third floor.



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FOOD CRISIS FEARED

Menacing Situation Revealed to Senate Committee.

MEAT SHORTAGE LIKELY

Present System of Production and Distribution Declared Faulty. Huge Profits of Packers Not Shared by Cattlemen.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Investigation of the Nation's food situation, with particular reference to wheat and meat, was begun today by the Senate agriculture committee.

Mr. Sykes, of Idaho, vice president of the Corn Belt Meat Producers' Association, told the committee stock feeders were contending with a host of menacing war-time difficulties.

Dwight B. Hurd, of Phoenix, Ariz., former president of the American Live Stock Association, told the committee that Sykes' picture of a serious meat shortage was not overdrawn and that unless remedial action was taken a "National disaster" was probable.

As a solution to present defects in the production and distribution system, Hurd recommended that the Food Administration and Department of Agriculture form a joint committee to analyze conditions and make recommendations for Government co-operation with the industry.

"Although the packers are making 'tremendous' war-time profits, their increased earnings, Mr. Hurd said, have not been reflected in better prices to the cattleman or in more equitable prices to the consumer.

Difficulties of the stockmen have been intensified, said Hurd, by failure of the Government to reconcile production and distribution ends of the industry. Ample precautions have been provided for the protection of the consumer and fair profits for the packer, but little attention has been given the stockman.

O. T. Jacobson, of St. Paul, chairman of the Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission, told the committee that farmers throughout the Northwest were discouraged by the Federal grain standardization act, which worked inequitable determination of grain values with consequent loss to the farmers.

PET-STOCKSHOW DRAWS

DISBARMENT IS SOUGHT E. G. Mills Charged With Connection With Blackmailing Case.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Edgar G. Mills, candidate for State Supreme Court Judge in 1914 and 1916, faced trial today in disbarment proceedings brought by the State Bar Association because of his alleged connection with the attempt of Frank J. Richards to blackmail D. E. Thompson, wealthy Clallam County resident and former United States Ambassador to Brazil.

Mills, who entered a general denial of the allegations of unprofessional conduct, is charged by the Bar Association with having acted as Richards'

attorney in the attempt at blackmail. Richards was convicted in 1916 of attempted blackmail and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, but was pardoned after serving a few months of his term.

"Phone your want ads to The Oregonian. Main 7070, A 6095."

Advertisement for 'An Army of Savers' by Ladd & Tilton Bank, Washington and Third. Text: 'is as essential to victory as is an army of soldiers. Are you enlisted in the great National Army of savers? If not, then we invite you to join the ranks of the hundreds and hundreds of thrifty people who have savings accounts in this strong, established bank. ONE DOLLAR or more opens a savings account here. MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM'

Advertisement for 'EVERYONE LIKES THIS COLD CURE' by 'Pape's Cold Compound'. Text: 'Everyone likes this cold cure. "Pape's Cold Compound" Ends a Cold or Grippe in a Few Hours. Your cold will break and all grippe misery end after taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken. It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasty discharge or nose running, relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness. Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffing! Ease your throbbing head—nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only a few cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice and causes no inconvenience. Accept no substitute—ADV.'