

MITCHELLS POINT ROAD TO BE RUSHED

Completion of Link in Columbia Highway by July 1 Is Predicted.

CONTRACT DUE TOMORROW

Commissioners Declare Delay Is Not Due to Intention to Violate Pledge, but to Be Assured of Hood River's Desire.

Pledges made to Portland and Hood River good roads enthusiasts at Salem Friday that work on the Columbia Highway over Mitchell Point in Hood River County, would proceed without unnecessary delay gives assurance from the road board that the road will be completed by July 1. Active plans for completing the road around Mitchell Point are under way now.

The State Highway Commission has promised to let the contract for the construction work tomorrow. It is said that State Senator Day, who protected against the plan to complete the Columbia Highway at the meeting on Wednesday, will go to Salem on Monday in an effort to throw further obstacles in the way of the improvement, but members of the Commission, consisting of the Governor, the State Treasurer and the Secretary of State, have assured the friends of the good roads movement that they will keep their promise to the Hood River people and appropriate \$50,000, or such part of it as will be required in the project to eliminate the prohibitive 28 per cent grade over Mitchell Point.

Through its long years of idleness the road has grown over with weeds, while huge stones and rocks protrude dangerously at various points. There is a sharp curve at the summit of the high hill. The point projects out over the tracks of the O. W. R. & N. Company, and at places the present road hangs out on the edge, adding to the dangers that beset the traveler.

Traveler Courts Death.

Without this improvement at Mitchell's Point, the Columbia Highway, as an artery of through traffic, would have no practical value. Its western link would end at the western base of Mitchell's Point. It is impossible for an automobile to go over the present road. A horse-drawn vehicle could not attempt it. The road has been open for 50 years, but has never been traveled by more than half a dozen vehicles a year. Only one automobile has attempted to go over it, and this machine failed in the attempt.

S. Benson, the "Hood River" man and good roads enthusiast, has agreed to advance the funds necessary, without interest, to meet the payrolls from the time the work is started by the contractors until he money is forthcoming from the regular spring installment of tax receipts.

Grade Not to Exceed 5 Per Cent.

Plans for the Mitchell's point improvement call for a standard state highway, with no grade exceeding 5 per cent. The specifications call also for a short tunnel at the top of the hill. The grade will be put in good condition for eventual improvement with one of the standard forms of hard surface material.

"It would be suicide for a man to attempt to drive a machine over this piece of highway," says E. E. Covert, attorney for S. Benson.

All plans for development of the Columbia highway as a link in a future transcontinental road depend upon eliminating the present dangerous road over Mitchell's Point.

The present magnificent piece of road along the Columbia River in Multnomah County was built with the taxpayers' money with the understanding that the road east of the Multnomah County line would be opened this year.

Accordingly they bonded themselves for \$75,000 with the written and official promise of the state highway commission that the state would appropriate the money necessary to eliminate the 28 per cent grade at Mitchell's point, connect the eastern and western links and aid in making the Columbia highway an asset of practical worth to the state instead of a mere attraction for tourists.

The people of Hood River County entered into the road-building campaign with the same spirit and the same understanding as possessed by the Multnomah County people, but on account of the limited population and limited resources the people there did not have the funds available for construction work on a similar basis.

Commissioner's Delay Explained.

Although this promise was made by the old Highway Commission before Governor Withycombe came into office, it was considered equally binding upon the present Commission. Treasurer Kay and Secretary Olcott were parties to the original agreement and are members of the present Commission.

Despite the fact that the state had solemnly pledged itself to do the work at Mitchell's Point, State Senator Day asked the Commission to repudiate its pledge and spend the money on roads at some other undesignated place.

The people of Hood River County, together with the good roads advocates of Multnomah County, immediately set up a mighty protest against the unexpected proposal of State Senator Day.

Secretary Olcott and Treasurer Kay have given their assurance that they never intended to heed the suggestions of the Multnomah Senator and held the letting of contracts in abeyance until Monday merely to learn whether the people of Hood River County, as intimated by State Senator Day, would prefer to have the money spent some place else.

But they have heard from Hood River people and are assured that the Hood River people want the money spent at Mitchell's Point and at no other place. Therefore it is certain that the contracts will be let tomorrow morning and the work proceed to early completion.

MISS BONNIE TAKES PLACE

Former Baker Player With Stock Company Goes to Tacoma.

To take a special engagement in Tacoma, where she will open as leading woman of the Empress stock company, Miss Bonnie took the train for Tacoma today. Miss Bonnie, former leading woman at the Baker Theater, left last week for Puget Sound. Miss Bonnie for the last three weeks has been under the care of physicians with a severe cold, contracted while playing "The Dawn of Tomorrow."

Miss Bonnie will return to Portland in June, en route to New York to begin rehearsals in a road production which will start on tour in August.

Lucinda Hynes, widow of the late Joseph Hynes, one of the pioneer residents of Southern Wasco County, died at Boyd today, aged 84. She is survived by four sons, 29 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, all residents of Oregon. The funeral will be held tomorrow with interment at Dufur.

FESTIVAL PLANS IS TOPIC

East Side Clubs to Learn of Parade Features.

Representatives of all organizations on the East Side will meet with the East Side Business Men's Club, in the library building, Thursday evening, when details for the annual Rosebud parade will be discussed. It is expected that several hundred people will attend to hear the Festival organizers and East Side business men discuss the details of this feature of the program.

O. M. Plummer, chairman of the committee on school participation, says that there is great interest in the public schools of the city regarding the program.

SERIES OF FREE CONCERTS TO START AT 8 P. M. C. A. TONIGHT.



Dr. Clement B. Shaw.

The first of a series of 20 free concerts under the direction of Dr. Clement B. Shaw and R. C. French, educational secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, will be given at 8 o'clock tonight in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

Several of the most prominent artists of the city will appear at the concert. Dr. Shaw proposes to conduct these free entertainments at the association until June 30 in the effort to popularize the opera with the masses of the people of the city who seldom have the opportunity to hear them at the theater. The artists who will be on the staff are being secured gratuitously.

forthcoming parade, and representatives of East Side Parent-Teacher organizations and the principals and teachers in public schools are urged to be present.

S. P. Pier, who has charge of the musical features, will be present and outline his program. George F. Baker and Ira F. Powers, who will have charge of the fraternal and automobile parades, and President Olmstead, of the board, will speak also. "The Rosebud parade is a feature of the Festival that brings much publicity for Portland every year, since children have such a prominent part in this feature, and last year's parade has been seen in hundreds of theaters over the country. This year new and attractive features will be added and the Rosebud parade is to be one of the big events of Festival week," declared Mr. Plummer.

SIoux LANDS ARE OPEN

Government to Find Substitute for Former Land Lottery System.

SIoux CITY, Ia., March 20.—The Government has issued a proclamation opening the Standing Rock Indian reservation to settlement, according to word received from Washington today. This reservation is in both South and North Dakota.

A new system is to be used, which does away with the old lottery system used at Rosebud and other places. The land will be put in auction on May 2 to May 19, and filing may be made on the latter date. In the event there are two or more applicants for the same piece of land, then these contestants will draw lots.

In North Dakota the filings will be made in Bismarck and in South Dakota at Timber Lake. There are 200,000 acres in the reservation, but after the Indian allotments made, there will remain 200,000 acres for settlement.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Jerome B. Steinbach desires to announce that he has taken the first office of the American Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., and will handle same in connection with the office of A. B. Steinbach & Co., Court st. bldg., for which he is agent.—Adv.

Attorney Sears Released.

Attorney C. B. Sears, accused of assault and battery by A. Hylander, was released from the charge by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday. Sears admitted getting into a fight with the plaintiff and using a piano stool in self-defense during an argument over a business transaction. He asserted that the only force he used was necessary to protect himself from injury.

Kelso Plans Cleanup.

KELSO, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—Mayor C. O. Talbot has announced that Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 3, 4 and 5, will be the official cleanup days for Kelso and that on these days every good and loyal citizen will be expected to turn out with the proper implements and aid in the cleanup, not only of his own, but of his neighbor's lot and street.

Citizenship Is Given to 41.

Forty-one were admitted to citizenship by Circuit Judge McGinn during the naturalization sessions of his court on Friday and Saturday. Only one of the applicants examined was refused. This man admitted that he had been arrested in Salem and convicted of arson and that he is still on parole.

Roseburg to Elect Festival Queen.

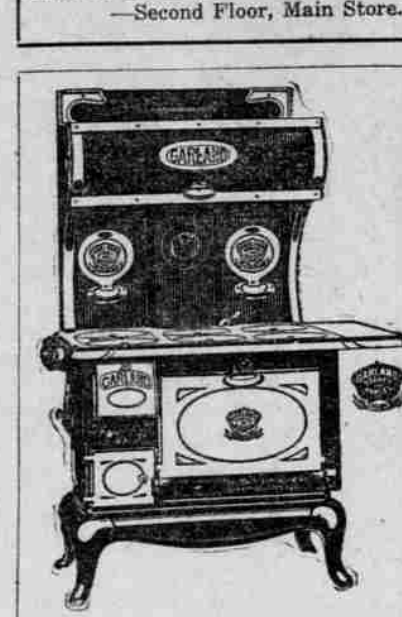
ROSEBURG, Or., Mar. 20.—(Special.)—Following the usual custom, the committee in charge of the Seventh Annual Strawberry Festival to be held here on May 21 and 22, will elect a "Queen" by popular vote. Ballot boxes will be provided and voting will commence early Monday.

Lucinda Hynes Dies, Aged 84.

DUFUR, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—



Regular \$4.00 Pillows of standard size, made of pure, clean feathers, special, pair... \$2.70
—Second Floor, Main Store.



Garland Range.

This splendid Garland Range is built of Wellsville blue steel, with asbestos lining, sanitary base, aluminumized oven of heavy gauge steel, with aerated feature, which supplies ventilation and freshly heated air throughout. Top of heavy cast iron, braced to prevent sagging. High closet of Wellsville polished steel, with revolving sheet steel top. The highest standard of any range on the market.

18-inch oven... \$50.00
16-inch oven... \$45.00
—Basement Salesroom—Main Store

Henry Jennings & Sons

Washington at Fifth Street

Most of Nation Dry

Country-Wide Prohibition Is Predicted in Ten Years.

20 PER CENT OF AREA WET

Rev. P. A. Baker, General Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League, on Visit Here, Says Next Step Is to Bar Liquor From Islands.

In less than ten years nation-wide prohibition will be in effect in the United States, said Rev. P. A. Baker, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, at the Hotel Portland last night. At present 55 per cent of the population of the United States is living in dry territory and nearly 80 per cent of the area of this country is under prohibition.

The prohibition movement has been making rapid strides during the past few years. It simply is a step forward in our civilization. The business interests of the country have come to realize that traffic in liquor is economic waste and that the excessive use of liquor means inefficiency. The enactment of employers' liability laws in the various states has had a pronounced effect against liquor, as the workings of these laws demonstrate to what extent the use of intoxicants is responsible for accidents. Nearly all large employers now are opposed to the liquor traffic.

Nine States Fall in Line.

Within the past six months nine states have adopted prohibition. These include Virginia, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Iowa, Alabama, Arkansas and Arizona. Nine other states already on the dry list are Maine, North Dakota, Kansas, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, West Virginia, Oklahoma and Mississippi. There are now 18 states where prohibition is in effect and within 18 months we expect

to see at least half a dozen more on the dry list.

"National legislation on prohibition will come sooner than many people think. At the last session of Congress prohibition had its first hearing before that body. We had a majority of eight votes in the House of Representatives, although the leaders of both parties made a strong fight against the measure."

Rev. Mr. Baker is on his way to his home at Columbia, O., from a trip to the Hawaiian Islands. He was at Honolulu a month and made a broad study of the liquor situation there.

"We will ask the next Congress to establish Federal prohibition in the Hawaiian Islands," continued Rev. Mr. Baker. "Liquor is killing off the natives. They are so constituted that they are unable to resist the effects of intoxicants. The liquor traffic was regulated much better when the islands were a separate nation. Since the United States annexed them the natives have been falling off nearly twice the rate they were before."

"The population consists of about 90,000 Japanese, 90,000 Koreans, 70,000 Portuguese and about 10,000 Americans and other white people. The large proportion of the population is foreign-born, but the children are Americans. On account of this peculiar racial mixture it is the duty of our Government to look to their future. They will make good Americans if we protect them. The first important step to take is to establish National prohibition there."

Rev. Mr. Baker will remain in Portland until tonight, when he will start for home by the way of Seattle. He will speak at the morning service of the First Episcopal Church and at 2 o'clock today he will address a mass meeting at the First Presbyterian Church.

MANCHURIAN CORN COMING

Japanese Steamer Due From Kobe With 5000 Tons.

SEATTLE, March 20.—The Japanese steamship Hakuohka Maru will arrive from Kobe late in March with the first full cargo of Manchurian corn ever borne across the Pacific, amounting to 5000 tons. It will be used in the manufacture of stock food.

The high price of grain in the United States has caused a brisk market for Manchurian corn. Returning, the Hakuohka will take a half-million-dollar cargo of corn to Vladivostok.



Selecting a Piano at the Schwan Piano Co.

Bedding Department

Specials

Our Bedding Department is growing rapidly. The values we offer in this department are recognized by our customers as setting a standard not equaled elsewhere. Note these specials for this week:

Regular \$1.50 Comforters \$1.10
Regular \$2.00 Comforters \$1.45
Regular \$3.75 Wool-Finish Blankets, full size, 72x80; \$2.85 weight 4 1/2 lbs., special
—Second Floor, Main Store.

Furnish Your Home From Jennings's Great Stocks

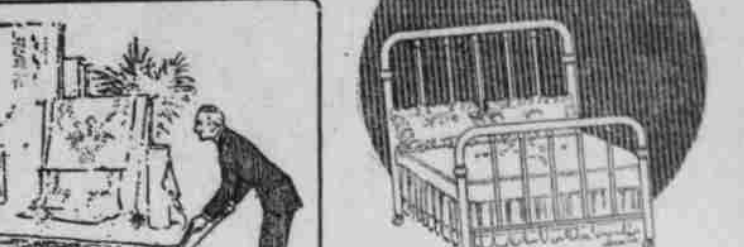
We show a new stock of Furniture and Housefurnishings—larger than that of any other two stores in the city. Every want can be supplied here from the most inexpensive quality to the finest that money can buy. We invite your inspection of our mammoth floors, filled with furniture for the home. Open an account. Our credit policy is most liberal.

Second and Morrison STORE

Fancy Window Curtains

In madras, sunfast and silk-striped fabrics. Positively the greatest value we have ever offered at 1/2 PRICE.

—Second Floor, Main Store.



\$12.50 Iron Bed \$4.95

The greatest Bed bargain in the city. Splendid new Beds, with 2-inch continuous posts, with five 7/8-inch fillers; either Vernis Martin or ivory finish. Beginning tomorrow, special... \$4.95

\$6.50 Springs \$3.95

Strong, well-made Springs of all-metal fabric; a ten-year guarantee not to sag. Special... \$3.95

All Go-Carts Reduced

Our new stock of Oriole Go-Carts greatly under normal prices:

\$8.50 Oriole Go-Carts for \$6.35

\$12.50 Oriole Go-Carts for \$9.35

Sample Go-Carts, Push-Carts and Sulkies at drastic reductions to close out.

Rug Specials

\$27.00 Axminster Rugs, 9x12, special... \$17.50

\$4.50 Axminster Rugs, 36x63, special... \$2.95

\$3.00 Axminster Rugs, 27x54, special... \$1.85

—Second and Morrison Store

A Full Line of "Wearever" Aluminum Utensils

—Basement Salesroom, Main Store.

The Home of Good Furniture

Morrison at Second Street

Bank Merger Is Off

Northwestern and Lumbermen's Will Not Unite.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE AT END

Representatives Unable to Agree on Details and Two Institutions Will Be Conducted Separately as at Present.

although some additional space would have been required.

Since the consolidation plan has failed each bank will continue business in its present quarters—the Northwestern and the Portland Trust & Savings Bank in the Northwestern National Bank building, and the Lumbermen's National in the Lumbermen's building at Fifth and Stark streets.

MRS. M. J. M'VEY DIES

Resident of Oregon for 20 Years

Passes at Age of 83.

Mrs. Minerva J. McVey, who had been a resident of Portland for 19 years,

died yesterday at 6:40 A. M. The body is at Lerche's undertaking establishment. The funeral will be held Monday at 11 o'clock from the undertaker's.

Mrs. McVey was born in Menallen, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1830. She was the wife of R. F. McVey, veteran of the Civil War and member of the Masonic Lodge. She had been a resident of Oregon for the past 20 years and was a member of the Relief Corps, Gordon Granger No. 43, of Woodlawn. She leaves two daughters and a son—Mrs. A. K. Leonard, of Aurora, S. D.; Mrs. W. D. Garrison, and W. F. McVey, of Portland.

United States naval officers have developed a colored glass that renders visible the fumes from submachine powder.

Weekly Growers' Guide

March 19, 1915 Portland Seed Co.

For Flower and Vegetable Garden

Put Your Faith in "Diamond" Quality Seeds and the Results Will Prove Your Wisdom.

Fresh, hand-filled packets, containing liberal portions of new crop seeds. If you will visit our retail department, preferably early in the day, before the crowds come, you will find, in our complete variety, the choicest new varieties of vegetable and flower seeds, as well as all of the standard kind.

If your Sweet Peas are not yet in, they could be sown at once. We can supply you with the latest creations, as well as standard sorts.

Tuberose, per dozen... \$5.00

Hardy Perennials: Asparagus, 1 year old, doz... \$3.00

Veronica, Sweet Williams, Chrysanthemum, Gaillardia, Hollyhocks—all the fine well-known varieties and the choicest new ones, each 15¢, dozen \$1.50.

PLANT PANSIES NOW for Fall blooming. Nasturtiums, both tall and dwarf, should be in the ground at once for best results.

For a Better, Greener Lawn

DIAMOND LAWN MIXTURE—Will surely please you. It is prepared from the choicest, reclaimed seeds, carefully selected for fineness and deep rooting. Per pound 35¢; ten pounds \$3.25.

DIAMOND LAWN FERTILIZER—A splendid, odorless lawn dressing, free from unsightly festering, makes rich, healthy growth. Free from weeds.

Phone for Prices.

Garden Tools, Implements, Etc.

Secure the right tools before attempting gardening. It will mean better results with less work. Good tools are a distinct economy.

GARDEN TROWELS 10¢ and 15¢

Rakes, Hoes and Spades—A complete assortment of the handy tools so needed about the garden. Moderately priced, with quality of the highest.

PLANET JR. GARDEN TOWELS—For over 40 years these famous garden tools have stood the test of the world-wide usage. We cannot tell you all about these famous tools here, but shall be glad to send them and give you the beautiful Planet Jr. catalogue, if you will call.

FREE CATALOGUES Our various booklets and catalogues are valuable and flowers, also to the poultryman, beekeeper, etc. They should be in your hands. Copies gladly supplied on request.

Portland Seed Co.

Front and Yamhill Sts. Phone—Main 4040, A 6015

Look Your Best Easter

Stand Out From the Crowd

A NICOLL-MADE SUIT—so different from the ordinary kind—gives you that comfort and distinction found only where skill and craftsmanship have become an art. Exclusive Importations

\$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00 and upward.

Early visitors have best selection.

OUR MADE-IN-AMERICA SPECIAL \$25.00

Cannot be equaled by any other tailor in the world. COMPARE IT!

F. F. Body, Jr., Mgr. O'Neil Tailor Tailor for Young Men

You can buy it for less on Third Street.