

ASTORIA PROMISES NAVAL BASE SITE

\$75,000 Is Asked—Admiral Helm Demands Reduction. Mayor Harley Acts.

MASS MEETING IS CALLED

Formal Action Will Be Taken to Guarantee Securing of Property Desired at Price That Government Will Pay.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The question of whether or not the Columbia River will secure a submarine base and aviation station has reached a crucial point. In fact, it is hanging in the balance today, and one reason is that the owners of the site desired are asking a price which the Naval Board considers all out of reason. Unless the figures are reduced fully one-half, the Helm Naval Board will not recommend the establishment of these bases on the Columbia River. Such is the announcement made here today.

Today Mayor Harley telegraphed Admiral Helm that the city and county are behind the committee and the site will be furnished. He has issued a call for a mass meeting of citizens to be held on Tuesday evening, when some formal action will be taken to guarantee the site at the price which the Government is willing to pay.

Price Called Exorbitant. When the Naval Board visited Astoria a short time ago it decided to recommend the Columbia River as one of the places for a submarine base and aviation station. It selected Tongue Point as the one site that was suitable. The owners of this property, the Hammond Lumber Company, the Columbia Land Investment Company and the Van Dusen Investment Company, had pooled their interests with George B. McLeod, of Portland, and had set \$75,000 as the price.

When informed of the figure demanded Admiral Helm said it was exorbitant; that not over one-half that amount would be considered, and, as there is no other suitable site, the price must be reduced or the committee cannot report favorably on the Columbia River.

He commissioned Mayor F. C. Harley, of this city, to secure various data, all of which has been obtained, and also to secure a lower figure for the property, but this the Mayor has been unable to do. Just how the matter stands and what has been done in an effort to adjust the difficulty is shown by the following telegrams which have passed between Mayor Harley and the owners of the site:

Mayor Telegraphs for Price.

First telegram: "Astoria, Feb. 13, 1917.—G. B. McLeod, San Francisco: To enable me to complete my report and forward same to the committee on navy-yards and naval stations, it is important to me to have your report at the earliest possible moment as to the price of your property and the committee cannot report under pool agreement; therefore trust Mr. Hammond will do his best in helping Astoria to locate this institution." (Signed) F. C. HARLEY.

Second telegram: After waiting two days for a reply, Mr. Harley sent a second message, appealing to Mr. B. Hammond, president of the Hammond Lumber Company. It said: "Astoria, Or., Feb. 15, 1917.—A. B. Hammond, San Francisco: Failing to receive Mr. McLeod's answer to my telegram, am appealing direct to you, success in locating submarine base on Columbia rests on Tongue Point price. Commission believes price stated is exorbitant. Look to you to get it just half or less; otherwise project will fail. Act quickly. Report ready to send to Washington commission is waiting for my report." (Signed) F. C. HARLEY, Mayor.

Answer Is Received. This morning, four days after sending his first message, the Mayor received the following reply: "San Francisco, Feb. 16, 1917: F. C. Harley, Mayor, Astoria, Or. Have conferred concerning naval base property. Wishing aid all possible are willing to make price offered Admiral Helm, namely \$75,000, include frontage west of Tongue Point and north of railroad track, comprising, in all, 120 acres upland and over 12,000 feet frontage, which equals, for frontage alone, only about \$8 per foot. Compare this with price of \$24 per foot for other upland and we have just paid for immediately adjoining property. Property desired by Government was bought for a mill site and is the best, if not the only one, near Astoria. Owners have held

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PROPERTY FOR 25 YEARS AND COST TODAY, INCLUDING INTEREST AND TAXES, IS OVER TWICE PRICE ASKED. BELIEVE OFFER SHOULD CONTAIN CLAUSE NAMING SOME REASONABLE TIME FOR ACCEPTANCE AND ALSO SHOULD PROVIDE THAT SAME BE USED FOR PURPOSE INTENDED WITHIN, SAY, 18 MONTHS. HOPE FOREGOING WILL MEET VIEWS OF ALL CONCERNED. (Signed) G. B. McLeod.

THORNTON PIONEER PASSES

J. L. Liefer Dies Suddenly on His Washington Farm.

ST. JOHN, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—J. L. Liefer, a rancher of Thornton, is dead of heart failure. He was preparing to leave home when he suddenly complained of pain at his heart and died almost instantly.

BRIDGE RECEIPTS \$896.57

Total of 12,930 Persons Cross Span in 23-4 Days, It Is Said.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—In the two and three-quarter days ending at 9 o'clock tonight since the Interstate bridge across the Columbia river was opened for traffic, 12,930 persons, 1529 automobiles, 199 horse-drawn vehicles and 55 head of livestock have crossed the big span. In the same period receipts totaled \$896.57.

NORMAL SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GET ACTIVE TEACHING PRACTICE.

It was announced that beginning tomorrow the streetcars would make no stops on the bridge and that the time of crossing would be reduced to 90 seconds. A ticket office has been opened at the south end of the bridge.

Mrs. Clara Prouty Loses Purse.

Mrs. Clara Prouty, of Walla Walla, lost her purse containing \$13 yesterday while shopping at a First-street store. She is a visitor in the city, staying with her friend, Mrs. Ed. Hill, 339 Going street. She suspects the purse was snatched by someone in the store at the time.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—Maximum temperature, 44 degrees; minimum temperature, 24 degrees. River reading, 8 A. M., 2.5 feet. Change in last 24 hours, 0.3-foot rise. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.) .03 inches. Total rainfall since September 1, 1916, 16.04 inches. Normal rainfall since September 1, 29.51 inches. Deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1916, 13.47 inches. Total sunshine, 4 hours, 5 minutes. Possible sunshine, 16 hours, 50 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) 30.2, 29.74 inches. Relative humidity at noon, 69 per cent.

THE WEATHER.

Table with columns: Station, Max. Temp., Min. Temp., Wind, Direction, State of weather.

WALLA WALLA, WASH., FEB. 17.

The northeastern disturbance is moving rapidly down the St. Lawrence Valley, and another disturbance, also of marked intensity, has developed over the Southern Plateau states. A large high pressure area, with attendant low temperatures, is spreading southward over the north central portion of the United States. Precipitation has occurred in California and Oregon and northward to the Lake region, also in the Gulf states and Tennessee.

The weather is warmer in the Gulf and Atlantic states and colder in most other sections, especially in the Northern Rocky Mountain states, Missouri and Upper Mississippi valleys.

The conditions are favorable for snow Sunday in southeastern Idaho and for unsettled and occasional threatening weather in the remainder of this district.

Temperature changes will be important and winds will be mostly northerly.

FORECASTS. Portland and vicinity—Sunday unsettled and occasional threatening weather; northerly winds.

Oregon and Washington—Sunday unsettled and occasional threatening weather; northerly winds.

Idaho—Sunday snow southeast, unsettled and occasional threatening weather southwest and north portions.

North Pacific Coast—Sunday unsettled and occasional threatening weather; moderate northerly winds.

T. FRANCIS DRAKE, Assistant Forecaster.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

POLICE FIRE SHOT

Suspected Auto Thieves Are Chased; One Caught.

PHYSICIAN GIVES ALARM

Dr. K. P. Moran Sees Two Rifling Auto; Starts After Them, Summoning Patrolmen to Aid. Harold Carr Being Held.

The Irvington district was the scene of an exciting police chase after two alleged automobile thieves last night, and one was shot while the fugitives at East Thirteenth and Tillamook streets. Harold Carr, a candymaker, 29, was arrested at Carr, Seventeenth and Brazee streets by Patrolman Davis.

Morris and Crane and held on a tentative charge of vagrancy. The chase started when Dr. K. P. Moran, 681 Waidley street, stepped out of his house and saw two men rifling his automobile. The physician was unable to catch the thieves, so he jumped into his automobile and drove to Union avenue and Russell street, where he found Patrolman Davis. With the policeman in his machine, Dr. Moran drove around the neighborhood until he saw two men walking hurriedly at East Thirteenth and Tillamook streets. The patrolman called to the men to halt, but they fled in opposite directions, and the policeman fired at them.

After Carr's arrest Dr. Moran notified him at police headquarters as one of the thieves. Nothing was taken from the machine.

DALLAS QUINTET VICTOR

MULTNOMAH SQUAD IS DEFEATED BY SCORE OF 16 TO 9.

Exciting Contest Is Witnessed by 600 Persons—Victors Get Lead at Start and Keep It.

DALLAS, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Dallas basketball team turned the tables on the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club quintet of Portland here tonight, 16 to 9, in one of the greatest games ever played on the local floor.

The Dallas team stood 3 to 4 at the end of the first half in favor of Dallas. About 600 persons were present.

The visitors started out with a rush, but they were without the services of their star forward, Captain Clayton Sharp, who was ill.

The stars for the Winged "M" were Ira Mix, ex-Oregon Aggie athlete, and Ray Poomey. These two players were responsible for breaking up many of the Dallas scoring combinations.

For Dallas, Shaw made three field baskets from the guard position. As was expected, Dewey scored the most points for the Portlanders, with seven

to his credit, and Mix added the other two.

The first game resulted in a 12-to-10 victory for the Winged "M" at Portland a week ago last Saturday night.

After the game tonight the visitors were the guests of honor of the Yalta Social Dancing Club of Dallas.

Manager Masters and Harry Fischer accompanied the clubmen to Dallas.

Dallas (16) Pos. Multnomah (9) Boydston (4).....(7) Dewey Wood (4).....(3) Edwards Fenton (2).....(2) Mix Matheny (1).....(1) Twining

Substitutions: Xavier D. Clerta for Fenton; J. W. W. for Fenton; J. W. W. for Fenton.

VANCOUVER DEFEATS SEATTLE

Lead of Metropolitans Is Now Cut to Half Game for Championship.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 17.—Vancouver reduced the lead of Seattle in the race for the hockey championship to half a game here tonight by taking a thrilling game by a score of 4 to 2.

Roberts, of Vancouver, ran in four goals in the first period as the result of fine combination work on the part of his teammates.

Surviving him are two other players, Mr. Charles Heyne and Mrs. Retta French, both of San Francisco, two grandchildren, Mrs. E. O. Volgrath, of Spokane, and Dr. F. M. Henshaw, of this city, and one great-grandchild, Paul Volgrath. Mr. Miller was 89 years of age.

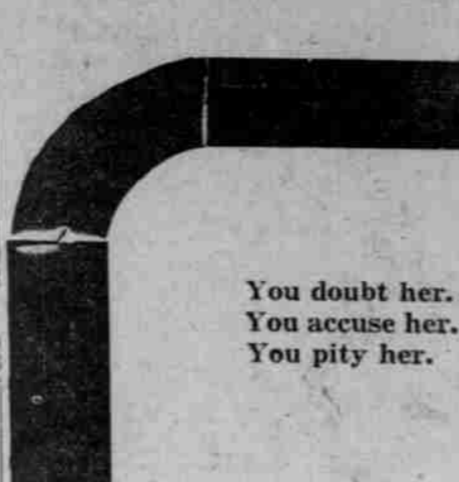
OREGON PIONEER DIES AT AGE OF 89.

John Wilkerson Miller, who died Thursday, February 15, was a pioneer of Oregon and California. He came around the Horn to San Francisco in 1851. In 1852 he moved to Oregon and settled in Oregon City, later moving to Portland.

He opened a sheet metal shop on Front and Alder streets and was in business there for many years. In later years he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Ferris Henshaw.

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11 A. M. to 11 P. M.



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OREGONIAN IS IN FRANCE

PROFESSOR TRACEY KITTRIDGE OF CORVALLIS DOING RELIEF WORK.

Historian, Lately at University of California Reported Detained With Other Americans.

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Corvallis has been moved several thousand miles nearer the war zone in the past 24 hours, knowledge having come that Belgian relief workers are detained by the Germans and one of them is from here. He is Tracy Kittridge, a grandson of Mrs. Emma Groves, of this city.

The Corvallis man is a professor of history at the University of California, and at the time the war broke out was in Germany as a student of history and was visiting some historical places.

In order that he might have an opportunity to be on the ground and see history in the making Professor Kittridge volunteered his services to the Belgian Relief Commission in the Fall of 1914, and he has been in the war zone most of the time since.

A recent letter from the historian to his Corvallis relatives said the Belgian relief work has been under more strict surveillance in the past six months than before that time. At all times two German officers were assigned to accompany him on his trips through the province to which he was assigned as superintendent. His last letter indicated a tightening by Germany on the work of the expedition, but he said the German officers were cordial and he had become warm enough friends with one of them that he had been invited to Christmas dinner.

Mr. Kittridge is superintendent of a section of territory in German-occupied France, between Belgium and the present line of trenches. For about a year he was superintendent of the relief work in the province of Limburg, in Northern Belgium. During his stay

he is on leave of absence from his duties with the University of California.

Y. M. C. A. Director to Speak. "Health and Physical Culture" is the subject of an address to be given at the Behrke-Walker salesmanship class on Tuesday evening next, at 7:30, by A. M. Grilley, director of physical education at the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Grilley will give the class a workout suitable for home and office practice to maintain physical fitness. Another special feature will be the address by A. G. Clark, ex-president of the Salesman's Club, on the "Salesman Plus." All those who are interested in salesmanship are invited.

600,000 Boy Scouts Ready to Serve. NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—There are 600,000 trained boy scouts in the United States who could be called for service in a National emergency, Colin H. Livingston, president of the Boy Scouts of America, announced tonight. Of this number it is stated, 250,000 are active members of the organization and 350,000 are former members.

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