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## NORTH BEND COUNCIL'S PLAN FOR S. P. GRADES SUBMITTED

Proposition Agreed to Last Night and Forwarded to Chief Engineer.

MAYOR SIMPSON HAS PLAN TO IMPROVE CITY

South Portion of North Bend to be Contoured—Whole City in Two Big Districts.

Mayor L. J. Simpson of North Bend was in Marshfield today to hold a conference with Engineer Richardson of the Southern Pacific relative to an adjustment of the railroad grades and the street grades in the city of North Bend. At a meeting of the North Bend city council last evening, a proposition was agreed to which will be submitted to the Chief Engineer of the Southern Pacific for his approval. Engineer Richardson who prepared the plans, specifications and grades for all municipal improvements in the portion of North Bend north of the main street has been conferring with the Southern Pacific engineers and it is hoped that an adjustment will be quickly reached.

The matter is a difficult problem the railroad grade will make a material change in the grades of the main street, Washington and Adams. Mayor Simpson said that he hoped the proposition agreed to the council would result in the plan being made to conform with the existing grades. The difference in the North Bend officials are not being out, as it would probably result in an innumerable objections from many small property owners in the district.

Plan Big Improvements.  
Mayor Simpson says that North Bend is now planning to make some extensive improvements.

It is hoped to put in about 20 miles of hard surface paving this year. The project will be started in the fall and an endeavor made to get under way soon.

Arrangements are also being made for improving all of that portion of the city north of Virginia avenue. It is this most economically and it is proposed to amend the North Bend charter so that the council for the whole section can be held in one place. The entire section will be divided into one improvement district and every lot in the district assessed for the improvements. The improvements will run up over \$100,000 but when prorated, it will be a heavy assessment.

Engineer Richardson has prepared the plans, specifications, grades, etc., necessary so that the engineering required will be a simple matter to supervise the job. By doing all at once, big contractors will be secured to bid on it.

Improve South Portion.  
The North Bend city council last evening also awarded the contract to Engineer Richardson and Richardson for preparing the plans and specifications for improving all that portion of North Bend south of Virginia avenue to Plat A and Porter. Richardson was instructed to improve the present streets so far as possible but if necessary in contouring the ground, to get a good grade, establish new street lines. This will be to take care of the Sherman street bill.

In order to make this improvement it will probably be necessary to condemn some of the property and move some of the houses. Engineer Richardson will start work at once and have his preliminary plans ready in 60 days to submit to the council for approval. It will have them completed 30 days later.

In order to carry out this project it is proposed to throw the entire city into one improvement district and separate the cost, doing the work under one contract and at one price.

At Next Tuesday Night.  
Last evening's meeting of the North Bend city council was a rather

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## FRANCHISE TO W. S. CHANDLER

Council Votes to Give Him Right for Heating System Alone—Long Discussion.

The Marshfield city council last evening after more or less discussion voted to grant W. S. Chandler a fifty-year heating franchise for the downtown section of Marshfield. The heating franchise was granted after the provisions allowing him the privilege of furnishing gas, electricity and water in the same district had been eliminated from the franchise. The original franchise had been amended by City Attorney Goss requiring that all of the services be furnished within a year or the franchise for the ones not used would be void. It also specified that unless the entire district was covered within five years, the franchises on the street not then used would expire.

Councilman Winkler said that he was opposed to a fifty-year franchise and thought that twenty-five or thirty years was as long as one should be granted. If it was to be longer, he wanted the people to vote on it. He said that he had a letter from the attorney general saying that extreme care should be used in granting franchises.

Councilman Albrecht said that ought to be a provision whereby the city would get an income from the franchise in later years, a one per cent gross income tax on it. He said that the city had not provided such an income tax on its old franchises and that the only revenue the city has except taxes is saloon licenses, "rained money," he termed them. Councilman Allen said that this would be cut off within five years.

C. H. McLaughlin arose and said that if a fifty-year franchise was granted for all things specified he would circulate a referendum petition against it.

Councilman Merchant said that Mr. Albrecht was a little late with his gross income tax idea, that it should have been applied to the Terminal Railway and similar franchises. Mr. Albrecht said that in granting the Terminal Railway franchise, he thought he was offering an inducement for railroads to come in here and the community would derive a great benefit from it. He said that he thought that it was a common user and as such would be available to the two or more roads which prominent men told him were coming. Anyway he said that the Terminal Railway would now be operating cars or its franchise revoked if the franchise had been left as he voted to grant it.

Councilman Copple said that he thought the heating franchise was a very good thing for the town. He said the mains would be underneath the street and not interfere with anything. He said that he thought it would be a decided benefit to the town. He said that heat was something which would have to be furnished reasonable or the users would throw it out and use stoves again. As to a vote on it, he further said the franchise only affected a certain area and he thought the people in that area ought to have the say about it. He suggested that a provision in the franchise for furnishing cold water be eliminated as this might possibly interfere with the city in case the latter should install a municipal system. City Attorney Goss and others said that it was doubtful about the latter being any special benefit to Chandler, because there was no source of water supply in that area. Mr. Goss said that some cities had three water supplies, one cold water for drinking and one hot water and the other water for general uses.

However, the cold water was withdrawn. Messrs. Winkler and Copple differed about the people being particularly interested in the franchise being only those in the area affected. City Attorney Goss said that it was unusual to impose an income tax on a heating franchise. Mr. Albrecht said that he did not care about imposing it on the heating franchise so much as on the others. So far as competition was concerned, he said that he did not see it in that light. Under the new law which regulates rates of public utilities, he claimed that the Railroad Commission figured the money that a company paid out for a rival corporation as part of the original investment on which the income had to pay interest and profit. He said that Portland was an example of this. Instead of trying to get a competitor, he thought that the rate situation would be better handled by an appeal to the railroad commission.

City Attorney Goss said that he

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## MEXICAN REVOLT TO SPREAD AGAIN

Victorious Sonora Forces Will March Against Guaymas and Rebels Plan to Consolidate Forces.

NACO, April 15.—"Within sixty days the constitutionalists will take Mexico City," declared today General Atvaro Obregon, commander in chief of the Sonora insurgent state troops which on Sunday took Naco, Sonora. "If the federals don't leave Guaymas, we will be joined in the campaign by 3000 troops from Sinaloa state and 2000 from Tepic territory, under the command of Colonel Martinez Ornozo, 4000 under General Zeppata from Morelos and 15,000 from Coahuila under Governor Carranza. With this force and with Carranza as our commander, we will march triumphantly into the national capital. Carranza doubtless will be the next president." The state troops opposite this point numbering nearly 2000 are recuperating from the Naco campaign before departing toward Guaymas. They will leave within a week.

### SITUATION AT GUAYMAS

Rebels Plan to Attack Town With Force of 5000.

NOGALES, April 15.—The Guaymas garrison consists of less than 600 men, while the state troops have begun the mobilization of nearly 5000 troops to assault the lower California gulf port town.

### TAX ON GOLD EXPORT

Mexico Plans to Impose Ten Per Cent Duty on It.

MEXICO CITY, April 15.—A measure imposing a tax of 10 per cent on exports of gold from Mexico today received final approval from the Chamber of Deputies and was sent to the Senate for consideration.

### FEDERALS MOVE TODAY

Evacuate Empalme Today and Will Move South.

NOGALES, April 15.—All the federal forces evacuated Empalme early today and are moving across the bay to Guaymas, while the state troops occupy the town, according to a direct advice received here today. It was reported that the federals were prepared to depart by boat for the south, leaving the constitutionalists in full possession of the state.

## RAILWAY NEWS OF COOS BAY

### PORTERS WILL SHIP ENGINES

Want to Send Two Small Locomotives Here From Portland.

Porter Brothers are planning to ship in two or more 18 ton locomotives from Portland here soon for construction work. Representatives of the company had the matter up with Capt. Macginn of the Breakwater in Portland last week. Capt. Macginn and Supt. Miller decided that the Breakwater could not handle such large pieces of machinery and it will probably be necessary for Porter Brothers to secure a special steam schooner to bring the locomotives in.

Porter Brothers are also figuring on shipping in some additional equipment here. Whether it means that they are going to use them in construction on this end of the road or they are to be reshipped from here, no one on the bay knows. They have a small engine at Gardner now for work on the Copenhagen contract. It may mean that they are planning to get the work between the Umpqua and Siuslaw under way, or it may mean that they are figuring on rushing the work between the bay and the Ten Mile tunnel.

Terminal Railway Deal.  
No definite news has been received from San Francisco relative to the Terminal Railway-Southern Pacific negotiations about the Marshfield franchise. L. J. Simpson of North Bend who was in Marshfield today stated that he understood a letter had been received from San Francisco about the matter but he had not seen it nor was he able to say what stage the negotiations had reached.

C. A. Smith is expected here shortly from San Francisco. He is going to Portland first and will come here direct from the Rose City, possibly on the next Breakwater. The Southern Pacific-Terminal Railway negotiations will probably not reach a definite stage until after his return to San Francisco from here.

### FOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Merger of Postoffice Department and Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—Consolidation of the Interstate Commerce Commission with the Postoffice Department was proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Reilly of Connecticut. The consolidated departments would be empowered to extend the postal business of the United States to cover all public transportation and through leases to secure control for the government of all such railroads as in the judgment of the department might be needed for public use.

Have your EYES EXAMINED at RED CROSS DRUG STORE.

RETURNS OF THE ANDERSON-BROWN fight RECEIVED by ROUNDS at MAT'S BILLIARD PARLOR TONIGHT.

Lots of FLOUR at HAINES.

## JAPAN MAKES LAST APPEAL TO PRESIDENT WILSON TODAY

## POPE PIUS IS BETTER TODAY

Pontiff Had a Good Night and Symptoms Are Now More Favorable for Recovery.

ROME, April 15.—The Pope's condition appeared practically unchanged today. The morning bulletin follows: "The Holy Father was again without fever 12 1/2 hours. His temperature was 97, his cough has diminished and expectoration has become easy and copious. The pontiff's general condition has always been satisfactory. Marchalava, Amiel."

## SUFFRAGETTES CONTINUE FIRES

England Prohibits Public Meetings There—Destroy Country Mansion.

LONDON, April 15.—A stringent order prohibiting the Woman Social and Political Union Militant Suffragette Society from holding meetings in Hyde Park, Wimbledon Common and other open spaces in London was issued today by Reginald McKenna, home secretary. This step is taken the government announced, "As a consequence of the recent disorders."

### CUT TELEGRAPH LINES

Suffragettes Sever Lines Near Big Tunnel.

BATHE, England, April 15.—Militant suffragettes cut all telegraph and telephone wires at the entrance to the Box tunnel on the Great Western Railway.

### DESTROY FINE MANSION

Militant Suffragettes Set Fire to Country Place.

HASTINGS, England, April 15.—Militant suffragettes destroyed the handsome seaside mansion, Leonard-on-Sea, belonging to Arthur Philip Ducros, the unionist member of Parliament for Hastings. The women not only set fire to the house but placed explosives in many rooms.

## WILSON'S VIEW OF CANAL TOLL

President Opposes Exemption of Coastwise Shipping From Panama Tolls.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—While President Wilson has never expressed himself publicly on the question of the Panama canal tolls, he has informally indicated to friends that he believes in an interpretation of the treaty which would make it improper for the United States to exempt its vessels in coastwise trade from paying tolls. He also is understood to take the position that the exemption as now proposed is in effect a subsidy, and he always has been opposed to subsidies. The inference of Wilson's friends, and in official circles of London the report is that the President has seen fit to informally indicate to England that a favorable adjustment will be forthcoming, so as to forestall early representatives from Great Britain.

All correspondence between the United States and Columbia relating to the latter's claims for the partition of Panama is called for, to be submitted to the Senate by a reso-

Ambassador to Convey Views of His Country on California Land Legislation.

TOKIO FEELS BITTER ABOUT ALLEGED INSULT Expect to Make Appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—President Wilson has arranged to meet the Japanese Ambassador at the White House today. It is believed that the Ambassador sought the interview to convey to the President the last views of his government on the changes in the alien land laws of California, since he called on Mr. Wilson two weeks ago.

TOKIO, April 15.—The Japanese in official circles are now inclined to believe that nothing they can do will have any effect in averting the projected land ownership legislation of California. As soon as the bill has passed, however, application will be made to the federal government of the United States for extension of naturalization rights to the Japanese. Otherwise, the bill, it is claimed, will be discrimination against Japanese. Public meetings of protest and representations to the American Embassy here have been innumerable but the feeling of hopelessness is pronounced. Newspapers call attention to the "humiliating insult to a nation which, though high spirited and proud, has gone out of its way to maintain most friendly relations with the United States."

CALL HALT IN BALKAN WAR  
Armistice Arranged Between Turkey and Bulgaria and Also Between Others.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 15.—There is a persistent report here that a ten days' armistice beginning at six yesterday evening has been concluded between Turkey and Bulgaria.

### BALKAN WAR TRUCE

Three Days' Armistice Between Warring Nations.

PARIS, April 15.—A three days' armistice has been arranged between Turkey and the Balkan allies, according to a semi-official dispatch from Constantinople.

### WILL KEEP REPUBLICANS

British Ambassador Gives Views on Panama Canal.

LONDON, April 15.—The report sent by James Bryce, the British Ambassador to the United States on the results of his recent conversation with President Wilson forebodes, it is understood, a favorable termination of the controversy between the two countries over the question of the Panama canal tolls. The Manchester "Guardian" understands that the President will shortly make an important statement on the question.

### DEMOCRATS WILL NOT OUST POSTMASTERS

FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—Postmaster General Barleson announced today that the administration's policy would continue all Republican postmasters now in office to end their terms, provided there were no charges sustained against their offices. This policy applies to all classes of postmasters.

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