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PORT OF COOS BAY MEETS TO ARRANGE FOR DEEPER CHANNEL

Three Dredging Companies to Bid on Improving Inner Harbor.

START WORK AT ONCE: FINISH IN 15 MONTHS

About 4,000,000 Yards of Dirt to be Removed—Capt. Polhemus Can't Build Jetty.

The Port of Coos Bay Commission at a meeting today is making arrangements for letting contracts for his improvements in the inner harbor of Coos Bay.

The specifications for dredging are: First—To make a cut 150 feet wide, increasing depth from 18 to 25 feet from Smith mill to sea.

Second—Make second cut along first, making channel 300 feet wide and 25 feet deep.

The Southern Pacific is anxious to get part of the dredgings to fill in their yards in North Bend and it is possible that the port will arrange with them to pay for some of the dredgings there.

The dredging by the Oregon here cost seven cents or less per yard, but this was easier work than is now being arranged so that if the bids are as low as nine cents per yard they will be considered.

The Port Commission specifies the work is to start with 60 days and both projects are to be completed with 15 months.

One of the dredge men stated that if his company got it, they expected to keep the dredges going 24 hours a day and get done in considerably less than 15 months.

Polhemus Can't Come. President L. J. Simpson of the commission has received a letter from Captain Polhemus stating that he cannot come here to take charge of the reconstruction of the jetty for the Port of Coos Bay.

It is possible that the Port can arrange to do the work under its direction, of course in a manner satisfactory to the government.

He makes some suggestions about it and says that he would be glad to assist in any way he could. If the Port does it, the government will have to send an engineer here to see that it is done as the government desires and it is possible that Captain Polhemus might be delegated for that.

Other Business. Captain Polhemus suggests that his son, Jos., who has been working on the Cello project, might be secured to do the Port's work.

CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON. Republicans May Call State Gathering There.

ABERDEEN, Wn., May 12.—A State Republican convention to meet probably in Seattle and probably some time in June, is announced today by State Chairman Warner A. Rapp, provided the National Republican committee approves of the plan to call a national convention in the fall. The state convention may be held any way.

BIG CASE DECISIONS. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—The United States supreme court recessed today until May 26 without announcing decisions in the state rate or other important cases before it.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT. The Redondo will sail tomorrow afternoon for San Francisco.

Grand Jury Continues Investigation of White Slavery—One Woman Held.

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I. W. W. STRIKE SMALL SO FAR

No particular developments and no Violence—Advice from Greek Consul.

There have been few developments in the I. W. W. strike since Saturday. There has been no violence reported from any point so far.

One logging camp is shut down, but it was closed last Friday, prior to the issuance of the order, and so it is not attributable to that manifestation.

Quite a few loggers came to town Saturday and a number came in on today noon's train from the Coquille valley. Some of these were I. W. W. members and others were those who were taking a layoff on account of pay day.

Tomorrow morning, it is said, will probably give the first real indication of the number of members the I. W. W. has. Most of the logging camp foremen have told their men that all who desired to work must report by Tuesday morning or their places would no longer be open.

The order, while not directly specifying, is understood to have been aimed at the I. W. W. members.

Advice to Greeks. One of the leading Greeks in Coos County is one of the proprietors of the Marshfield Oyster House on Market near Front street.

Some of the loggers who left camp on the first request from the foremen for their time, are now sorry. One man thought that to put in appearance might mean the granting of better pay and went in. Instead of that, he lost his job.

Had Fixed Date. The calling of the strike, Saturday, which was precipitated by the order for all I. W. W. members to leave the camps was simply advanced a little, it is said.

Many rumors are rife about the plans of the I. W. W. It is said that they are planning to import some members, and others. It was also said that some of the members were to be brought in here from Copenhagen Brothers' camp, where they were to call a strike.

There are no indications of trouble locally but the large number of business men who were enrolled as special officers last week is maintained in case of emergency duty and the first indication of trouble will probably be promptly checked.

Princeton Wins Race. Harvard Second and Pennsylvania Third in Boat Contest.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 12.—Princeton won the varsity boat race today by a quarter length. Harvard was second and Pennsylvania third.

FREE PULP AND PAPER. Duty on Imports Removed by Canadian Reciprocity.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—The custom's court has decided that European nations are entitled to free entry of pulp and paper under the "most favored nation" clause of their commercial treaties with the United States, because the free entry privilege is granted to Canada, under the only operative clause of the Canada reciprocity agreement.

VICE PROBE IN LOS ANGELES

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North Bend's Victorious Debaters Home Tomorrow



LYLE CHAPELLE



NORMA CHASE

THE VICTORS

The silver tongued North Bend debaters who wrested the championship of the State High School Debating League by their splendid victory at Eugene will arrive home tomorrow.

WILSON WANTS CALIFORNIA DELAY

President Says Negotiations with Japan Have not Reached an Alarming Stage—Friendly Negotiations.

JOHNSON'S REPLY.

SACRAMENTO, May 12.—Today Governor Johnson says he will not telegraph his reply to Secretary Bryan's message asking him to veto the alien land bill until late this afternoon and possibly not until tomorrow.

KAHN GETS BUSY.

California Congressman Looks Up Alien Land Laws. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Representative Kahn of California conferred today with Secretary Bryan and intimated that he was seeking information relative to the laws in other countries barring Japanese and other aliens from owning land.

MORE TELL OF BIG FRAMEUP

Details of Charges Against Lieut. Gov. O'Harra of Illinois Told Committee.

CHICAGO, May 12.—The senate committee investigating the charges of alleged immorality against Lieutenant Governor O'Harra resumed its hearing today. William L. O'Connell, treasurer of Cook County, took the witness stand and testified confirmatorily to that given by O'Harra.

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feeling of an effort to discriminate against the Japanese on the ground of their ineligibility to citizenship. President Wilson revealed that the question of naturalization had not yet entered into the discussion with the Japanese ambassador, but that of course underlying the bill, it was realized that the federal courts had not finally passed upon the question of their eligibility.

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GRAFT ARREST IN CHICAGO

Many Politicians and Policemen to be Caught in "Fortune-telling Trust"

CHICAGO, May 12.—New arrests of "higher ups" in the police protected clairvoyant trust, so-called, are expected today. Three or more politicians are expected to be in custody by nightfall.

FIRECRACKERS ARE BARRED

ORENCO, Ore., May 12.—The Town Council, at its last meeting, passed an ordinance for a sane Fourth of July. No merchants in the town will be allowed to sell firecrackers or explosives if any kind for that occasion.

STEEL TRUST CASE.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The taking of testimony for the defense in the Government's suit to dissolve the United States Steel Corporation under the Sherman law was begun here today with James Farrell, president of the corporation, as the first witness.

MEXICAN REVOLUTION ASSUMES PROPORTIONS OF REAL WAR

IS DRAIN LINE CONSIDERED

Drain Paper Revives Story on Occasion of Calvin's Visit.

The Drain Nonpartisan publishes the following interesting railway news under the caption "Drain Will Win": "There is a rumor in the air that the S. P. Co. will build the Drain line to Coos Bay after all, and the fact that the S. P. Co. has not ordered any construction between the Umpqua and the Siuslaw is said to indicate that the story is well founded.

"Parties in close touch with it say that Mr. Calvin's departure via the Umpqua route to Drain, convinces them that he is still figuring on the Drain-Coos Bay line, even though the Siuslaw is built.

"His trip around the circle will enable him to directly compare the two routes, and they declare that an announcement that the Drain road will be built, would not be surprising.

"During last year when Mr. Calvin was in Drain after he had made a trip from Eugene, California, up the coast by auto to Marshfield and Drain, he declared the Drain route would be the best one as it would reach Southern Oregon with a lesser mileage than other competing points. This route was the favorite one of Chief Engineer Hood, and practical reasons will no doubt have their force in at least building the Drain branch on something more than paper in the near future.

CAMP IS FINISHED.

Laying of Steel on Coos Bay Line Out of Eugene Resumed.

The Eugene Guard at Camp No. 6 will permit laying of rails as far as Camp No. 10, about four miles farther out. Work on Camp No. 12 was finished this week and when the cut at No. 10 is finished, which it will be in about a week, steel can be laid as far as Portola and probably to the tunnel. The track to the tunnel will undoubtedly all be in before July 1. The laying of steel will be resumed Monday morning.

FIRE DESTROYS PLANT.

S. P. Electric Plant in Oroville, Cal., Burns Today.

OROVILLE, Cal., May 12.—Fire of mysterious origin destroyed the Southern Pacific Gas and Electric Company's plant, against which a general strike had been called. The immediate loss will be approximately \$25,000, the indirect loss may be much larger, for the absence of power has shut down all work on all the gold dredgers in the Oroville field, leaving an investment of millions idle.

PEOPLE WILL ELECT SENATORS.

Secretary Bryan Will Issue Proclamation Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Notice of the final ratification by Wisconsin of the constitutional amendment for direct election of U. S. Senators was received today by the department of state, making thirty-six states that have favorably reported. Secretary Bryan will issue the proclamation probably tomorrow.

HOUSE TAKES RECESS.

Now Waits on Senate About Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The House was in session a few minutes today. Even minor legislation failed to materialize and a series of three-day adjournments was begun. The House will meet next Thursday and thereafter on Mondays and Thursdays until the first week in June.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

On May 30 Mayor A. T. Morrison and wife will celebrate the silver anniversary of their marriage, and about fifty invited guests will join in appropriately observing the occasion.

Five Hundred Dead Found on Enslanguined Fields of Last Week's Battles.

MUCH ACTIVITY ALL ALONG THE BORDER

Munitions of War and Army Aeroplane Smuggled in Last Night.

NOGALES, May 12.—Reports of lack of water and food at Hatamotoal have been received. Only 200 of the federals were left at Guaymas, while the men are said to have retaken Empalme. In last week's battle 500 dead were found on the field.

ATTACK MATAMORAS.

Insurgents Preparing to Battle for Possession of Border Town.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, May 12.—The Constitutionals were in sight of Matamoros, the Mexican town opposite here at noon today. They outnumbered the federal defenders of Matamoros, who are behind the entrenchments and with four machine guns are prepared to fight.

FEDERALS SURROUNDED.

Huerta Soldiers Found Themselves in Close Quarters.

NOGALES, May 12.—The federals from Guaymas today found themselves surrounded at Hatamotoal, the first station on the Southern Pacific north of Guaymas and Empalme, a gulf port. Confronting them from the north were state troops which last week won in three days' separate fighting which forced the Huerta soldiers back toward the gulf. From the federal rear, the Constitutionals of Colonel Benjamin Hill have cut off retreat.

AMERICANS INVOLVED.

Four Are Threatened With Plot to Steal and Sell Ammunition.

NOGALES, May 12.—Cal Wright, city marshal of this town, and Jack Wilson, a bartender, and two United States soldiers were arrested here today by the military authorities. A plot is charged in which it is alleged is a plan to steal ammunition from cavalry camps and railway warehouses and sell it to the insurgent troops in Sonora.

AMMUNITION SMUGGLED.

Insurgents Are Busy Getting Supplies to Continue War.

NOGALES, May 12.—A shipment of 125,000 cartridges, it is reported, was smuggled over the line near here last night. It is said the remaining parts of an aeroplane, completing portions secured last week at Nogales, Sonora, were shipped through the border patrol.

Part of Money Given Lawrence Strikers Is Missing.

BOSTON, May 12.—No satisfactory explanation of the disposition of \$16,800, of the total of \$28,000 subscribed for the benefit of striking operatives and families of the textile strikers in Lawrence a year ago, has been made, according to the finding of Winfield S. Sleum, who as master, investigated the strike expenditures.

TARIFF FIGHT UP.

Senate Tomorrow Will Begin Wrangle Over Revision.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The tariff revision fight has shifted from the House to be renewed in the Senate tomorrow when the Underwood bill comes up for reference to the finance committee. The Senate was not in session today.

FOR ALASKA COAL.

Wants U. S. Navy to Use It Instead of Foreign.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Government coal reservations in Alaska for the exclusive use of the United States Navy were advocated today before the Senate Territories Committee by F. G. Jemmett, treasurer of the Alaskan Northern Railroad. Jemmett declared that if the Alaska field was developed, the coast would be materially lessened and that Pacific coast naval stations would be able to keep an unlimited supply on hand.