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CLAIM CONTRACT LET FOR 200 MILES EAST FROM BAY

Report That Utah Construction Company Has Been Given Contract for Line

ONTARIO DISPATCH IMPORTANT IF TRUE

Activity in Eastern Oregon and Revival of Coos Bay and Boise Causes Stir

That the Utah Construction Company has been awarded a contract for construction of 200 miles of line eastward from Coos Bay is the news in an Ontario dispatch to the Coast Journal.

The possibility of a connection between this and activity in the revival of the Coos Bay and Boise is causing speculation here.

Completion of the 2500 foot tunnel of the Oregon Eastern railway is the most difficult engineering in the construction of this line.

Arrangements have been made for the running of an excursion train on Decoration Day to the mouth of the tunnel in order that the people may have an opportunity to view much of the country lying between.

WORK ON LINE.

Juntura, Ore., May 28.—In a few days the big tunnel through Deer Mountain will be completed and track laying in it and on Juntura rushed as much as possible by the O.-W. R. & N. people.

The drilling was supposed to have been in dry rock as no springs are to be had in the mountain.

Crews were put to work building roof of water-proof material the 5700 feet. This allows water to run out at the sides and thus keep the grade dry.

Trucks will be laid in a short time through the long bore and progress will be rapid as the line is complete and ready for the next 40 miles.

It is said here that a settler living near the east end of the long tunnel has filed on the mountain to the supply coming to the mountains to use for irrigation purposes.

TO END MERGER HARD PROBLEM

Southern Pacific and Union Pacific Unable to Decide Fate of Central Pacific

The disposition of the Central Pacific is understood to be the cause of a hitch in the efforts of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific to reach an agreement.

McREYNOLDS IS FIRM.

Declares S. P. Must Give Up Central Pacific.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—Attorney-General McReynolds has decided to contend that the Southern Pacific must give up the Central Pacific in the pending dissolution of the Union Pacific merger.

PLAN OF DISSOLUTION.

Reported Basis of Severing S. P. and W. P. Lines.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Judge Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific board, and Attorney-General McReynolds held a conference Monday of this week to discuss plans for the dissolution of the Southern and Union Pacific mergers.

Matters at state control, such as the Benicia line in California, over which the railroad commission of that state claims jurisdiction will be adjusted later on.

It is expected the details of the plan will be made public this week, but they will contain no additional information beyond that explained in the foregoing, except as regards some matters of detail.

CHARTER VALID FOR PORTLAND

Oregon Supreme Court Sustains Commission Form of Government Adopted There

SALEM, Ore., May 28.—The Oregon Supreme Court today held legal the charter recently adopted by the people of Portland, providing for a commission form of government.

STORE LOTTERIES ILLEGAL.

United States Court Renders an Important Decision.

KANSAS CITY, May 28.—A recent decision by Judge Van Valkenburg to the effect that store lotteries are illegal will not be contested in the United States Circuit Court, as was determined at the time the decision was handed down.

Elks Meeting.

Bill be out for the regular meeting of Marshfield Lodge, B. P. O. E. tomorrow night.

ROOSEVELT'S CASE DRAGS TODAY

Attorneys Wrangle About Admissibility of Evidence—Newspapermen Declare the Charge of Habitual Drunkenness is Ridiculous.

NO HEARSAY EVIDENCE.

MARQUETTE, Mich., May 28.—The court ruled that Editor Newett cannot produce evidence to show that other newspapers published reports that Roosevelt was addicted to excessive drinking, or whether the individuals heard such reports.

The defense interpreted the ruling to permit witnesses to testify as to the "general reputation" of Roosevelt in reference to his personal habits.

MARQUETTE, Mich., May 28.—The introduction of further testimony to show the abstemious habits of the plaintiff, was resumed today in the libel suit of Colonel Roosevelt against George A. Hewett, publisher, who charged the former President with drunkenness.

John Callan O'Laughlin, Washington correspondent, testified during his 20 years' experience with Roosevelt, said: "Not only I never saw him under the influence of liquor, but it seems absolutely silly to me to have any one suggest the fact that he ever was."

Asked if it was not general report among newspaper men that Roosevelt drank to excess, O'Laughlin replied:

"There is not a reputable correspondent in Washington but who thought the report silly, too absurd to be regarded or repeated."

Counsel for both sides were on their feet in an instant and the jury was excluded.

Attorney Pound said he found the answer embarrassing and Attorney Belden explained that he proposed to show what other newspapers had to say on the question.

The question of the admissibility of testimony touching on "general" reports brought a statement from Belden of the intention of the defense to show "that there was in existence a general report amounting to general reputation, that Roosevelt does use liquor some times to excess, that the reports were published in newspapers, that Roosevelt read these reports and the charge was never contradicted by him; that the defendant published the report of the former President's excessive use of intoxicants believing it true and not with malice."

Belden read from the plaintiff's declaration in the suit that Roosevelt "had never been suspected of drinking alcoholic liquors to excess."

On this basis, he said, the defense could claim the right to bring out testimony on Roosevelt's reputation as it existed in various parts of the country.

The plan of the defense as pointed out by Roosevelt's attorneys was to prevent the exclusion of "hearsay" testimony throughout the trial, according to Belden.

Attorneys for Roosevelt contended that such evidence should not be admitted unless it was first proved that the defendant knew of the reports before he published the article and believed them to be true and based his article upon them, believing them true.

ON TRIAL FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Arthur Pelkey and Tommy Burns to be Prosecuted for McCarty's Death

CALGARY, May 28.—Arthur Pelkey, whose blows in the first round of his fight with Luther McCarty Saturday resulted in the latter's death, and Tommy Burns, promoter of the contest, will have to stand trial on the charge of manslaughter, is one of the developments of the case.

Representatives of the crown are preparing to present a mass of evidence against the two men. Burns has filed a suit for libel against a minister of this city, who is alleged to have denounced promoters of the fight as "murderers, who should be deported."

ARMOR PLATE PLANT COSTLY

Would Cost Government \$8,000,000 to Install and \$1,000,000 Yearly to Run

WASHINGTON, May 28.—An armor plate factory capable of producing 8000 tons of armor a year would cost \$8,000,000 to build and nearly \$1,000,000 to operate, according to Rear Admiral Twining, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, who testified today before the Senate naval affairs committee.

GARDINER WOMEN'S VOTE CARRY PORT ELECTION THERE

Proposition to Organize Port of Umpqua Carried by Majority of Ninety Yesterday

ELKTON AND SCOTTSBURG ARE STRONG AGAINST IT

Gov. West to Appoint Commissioners—Warren Reed and W. F. Jewett Likely

(Special to The Times.)

GARDINER, Ore., May 28.—By a majority of 90, the question of organizing the Port of the Umpqua for improving the Gardiner harbor and bar carried at the special election yesterday.

The total vote cast was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct, For, Against. Rows: Gardiner (350 For, 34 Against), Scottsburg (12 For, 80 Against), Elkton (17 For, 175 Against), Totals (379 For, 289 Against). Majority in favor—90.

Nothing has been done yet about Port Commissioners but it is expected that Warren Reed and W. F. Jewett will be two of the five who will be appointed by Governor West to act until the commissioners can be regularly elected.

Steps will be taken at once in order to get the commission under way and start river and harbor improvements.

VICTORY DUE WOMEN.

H. C. Diers Says That Gardiner Ladies Carried the Election.

H. C. Diers, of North Bend, returned this afternoon from Gardiner, where he was assisting the people in the campaign in favor of the Port.

He is greatly pleased over the victory and says that Gardiner is highly elated over it.

The victory for the port is almost entirely due, Mr. Diers says, to the campaign made by the women of Gardiner.

Messrs. Jewett and Reed also worked hard for it. The big vote against the proposition at Scottsburg and Elkton was due to the opposition of the older residents and the big land owners who objected to being taxed for the harbor improvements.

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Senator Ashurt has introduced a bill for the government plant.

LANE STARTS NEW SYSTEMS

Secretary of Interior Announces Reorganization of U. S. Reclamation Service

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Secretary Lane, as one result of the recent inquiry into Government irrigation projects, announced today a radical re-organization of the reclamation service.

F. H. Newell, director of the reclamation service, will be chairman of the new reclamation commission.

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MANY CHANGES IN TARIFF BILL

Senate Sub-Committee Begins Final Consideration of Revision Measure

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Members of the Senate finance sub-committee met behind closed doors today and plunged into a mass of briefs and testimony relating to the Underwood tariff schedule preparatory to making their report to the entire committee next week.

Many items, some of the Senators declare, probably will be changed.

While the sub-committees were at work, Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, sought counsel with Secretary Bryan and John Barrett Moore, counsellor of the State Department, regarding foreign protests against administrative features of the bill.

The committee is considering the eliminating of the clause which would extend the five per cent tariff discounts on imports in American-owned or controlled bottoms.

Many nations have protested against this as a violation of treaty rights.

POLITICS HOT IN JAPAN NOW

Katsura's Party Attacks Present Ministry Over California Situation

TOKIO, May 28.—The executive committee of former Premier Katsura's new party issued a statement declaring that the present cabinet could not be relied upon to settle the California alien land ownership question and adding that after a conference with Katsura, the party had decided to adopt its own propaganda in regard to the dispute.

The indications are that opposition parties in Japan are utilizing the California problem to discredit the Yamaoto ministry and to further their own interests.

The cabinet, however, generally is conceded to be in a strong position with the public, chiefly because of the extensive economic and administrative reforms it has brought about.

THE KOKEEL KANU KLUB

New Summer Outing Association Organized at County Seat—Is Incorporated

(Special to The Times)

COQUILLE, May 28.—The three Ks—"The Kokeel Kanu Klub," is the name of a new social organization and summer outing association that has just been incorporated here.

The new club, for such it may be called, has been organized for the purpose of acquiring property and building club houses for the use of members for summer outings and vacation parties.

The new organization has already purchased 40 acres of land at Ten Mile and 20 acres in the Brewster Valley for club purposes.

It starts with a membership of 15, a paid up capital of \$3,000 and \$1,500 treasury stock, which is to be held in reserve for improvements.

The following is a list of the charter members: Leo J. Cary, J. J. Stanley, S. M. Nosler, L. H. Hazard, J. E. Norton, L. A. Liljeqvist, Jas. Watson, C. W. Endicott, W. C. Rose, Dr. Cullin, O. C. Sanford, E. E. Johnson, Arthur Ellingson, P. M. Hall Lewis, J. S. Lyons.

WILL HANG "HUMAN TIGER" California Man Who Killed Three to Pay Penalty

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Unless some extraordinary means is taken, Jake Oppenheimer, known as the "human tiger," will be hanged in San Quentin June 6.

All legal resources have been exhausted. Oppenheimer has killed three men, two since he was incarcerated in the state prison at Folsom.

BULGARS AND GREEKS FIGHT

Constant Clash Between Opposing Armies—Hostilities With Serbia Expected

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SALONIKI, May 28.—A severe tension still exists between the Greek and Bulgarian armies, facing each other some distance north of this city.

There were several clashes, during which shots were exchanged yesterday and today. The Greeks accuse the Bulgarians of assuming the aggressive, and to be systematically creating "incidents" and endeavoring to drive the Greeks towards the sea and seize the positions vacated by them.

STAND OF BULGARIA.

Willing to Leave Future of Saloniki To The Powers.

VIENNA, May 28.—Bulgaria has addressed a note to the European powers, offering to submit to their decision the question of the future of Saloniki, according to the Reichpost today.

CLASH WITH SERBIA.

Bulgarians Expect Outbreak of Hostilities Soon.

SOFIA, May 28.—Military circles at the Bulgarian capital expect an almost immediate outbreak of hostilities between Bulgaria and Serbia.

NEW YORK FOLLOWS OREGON.

Governor Inaugurates Campaign for Direct Primary Law.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 28.—Governor Sulzer today opened his state wide campaign for a district primary law at a meeting in New York.

The governor recently vetoed an act of the legislature on the ground that it was a miserable makeshift and a fraud on its face.

It is said Colonel Roosevelt will engage in the campaign.