



OFFER IS TAKEN UP

Citizens Respond to Reid's Appeal.

LINE COMMITTEE ACTS

Prominent Men to Secure Right of Way for Line Through Clatsop.

AGREEMENT IS DRAWN UP

Money and Deeds to be Held in Escrow and Will be Nullified if Road is Not in Operation Two Years From Commencing Work.

In response to the statement by William Reid that the Portland-Oregon & Seacoast Railway would commence construction immediately if obstructions to the right of way were removed, a concerted movement on the part of the Chamber of Commerce and leading citizens of the city has been commenced to help the plans of the railroad company.

Attorney G. C. Fulton, George W. Saborn, F. L. Parker, Secretary Whyte of the Chamber of Commerce and others talked the matter over informally yesterday and all were convinced that the railroad should have every opportunity to "make good." George W. Saborn was made chairman of the executive committee, composed of the first three men named, with G. C. Fulton as council, and plans to bring the nine property owners in Clatsop county, who are "bucking" the railroad, into the fold of progress and enterprise, were discussed.

The upshot of considerable enthusiastic discussion was that the executive committee will raise by popular subscription an amount of money to purchase the right of way from the land owners at a higher figure than that offered by the Portland-Oregon & Seacoast Railway. The amount offered by Mr. Reid for the right of way will be added to by the executive committee to a reasonable amount for the purchase of the right of way strips which have been filed for condemnation in the courts.

The money for the land will be held in escrow, also the deed to the properties, for the space of two years, during which time the railway will have to complete its line and have cars in operation thereon in a given time, to be named when the articles of agreement are signed.

Reid's price for the contested right of way strips will also be held in escrow until the agreement has been carried out, the time allowed being two years in which to fulfill the contract of building the railroad line and having it in operation. In default of the construction of the railroad, both commencing immediately after the agreement has been reached and the completion in two years from the beginning, all contracts will be called off and the right of way will revert back to the property owners.

This, in short, is the proposition that will be presented to the property owners, and to the railroad company. The executive committee and Secretary Whyte will see the property owners personally on the matter and lend their best efforts toward making everything smooth for the immediate construction of the railroad. It is a response on the part of the citizens of Astoria to Mr. Reid's bluff, as it were, although the general conviction is that the railroad will be built by the company, and that they are in good faith in the matter.

G. C. Fulton is responsible for this idea, in promoting a feeling of progress among the property owners and in paving the way for the rapid construction of the railway by Mr. Reid and his associates. Under this plan there is nothing for all parties interested to lose and everything to gain in the completion of the railway. Overtures to the property owners will be made immediately so that if the plan is satisfactory work on the new railway may start at once. The contested right of way is only about

16 miles or the 120 miles of the road. Nine property owners are "bucking" the construction and seven have had condemnation suits filed against them.

A formal meeting of the executive committee was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms yesterday afternoon, and the following agreement drawn up by Attorney G. C. Fulton, for the property owners and the railway company was approved, and will be acted upon if possible:

Know All Men by These Presents, That County, State of Oregon, in consideration of the sum of one (\$1) dollar, in hand paid by G. W. SANBORN, F. L. PARKER and G. C. FULTON, constituting the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Astoria, Oregon, trustees, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said G. W. Sanborn, F. L. Parker and G. C. Fulton, trustees, their successors or assigns forever, a right of way feet in width, being in width on each side of the center line of the railroad of the PORTLAND-OREGON & SEACOAST RAILWAY COMPANY, the same is now surveyed, located, staked out and adopted across, over and through the following described premises in the County of Clatsop, in the State of Oregon, to-wit:

The said premises are hereby conveyed to G. W. Sanborn, F. L. Parker and G. C. Fulton, trustees, aforesaid, to be held and conveyed for the following uses and purposes, that is to say:

Provided and upon the express condition that the said PORTLAND-OREGON & SEACOAST RAILWAY COMPANY, shall within days from the first day of September, 1907, in good faith, begin at some point at or near Clatsop City, actual construction work on its roadbed on its present surveyed line, and shall on or before months from September 1, 1907, actually construct from a connection with the line of railroad of the Astoria & Columbia River Railway Company at or near Clatsop City, thence easterly along its present surveyed line, not less than ten (10) miles of good substantial roadbed with cuts and fills, culverts and bridges, accordingly as such roadbeds are generally constructed for a first-class standard gauge railroad; and shall also, on or before years from September 1, 1907, have constructed a completed line of standard gauge railroad with

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BODIES FOUND IN VAT

Boys Discover Medical Students Hooible Work.

PARTIALLY COOKED BODIES

Dr. Thornton and J. E. Jones, a Medical Student, Arrested But Are Released—Were Preparing Skeletons For Scientific Purposes.

PORTLAND, August 27.—Three human bodies in a big vat was the gruesome find made by William Earl and Verna McIntyre, two small boys, while bathing in the Willamette River, on the east shore of Ross Island yesterday afternoon. The lads were badly frightened and reported their discovery to Police Captain Moore. Captain Moore immediately dispatched Harbormaster Speler and Detective John Pries with the two boys to the scene to make an investigation. When they reached the place where the boys said the bodies were to be found, they beheld two human skulls half submerged in the vat.

The harbormaster and detective made a careful survey of the camp and then conducted a more minute investigation of the vat, in which they found parts of three human skeletons, from which the flesh had been partially cooked. It was seen that the place was the rendezvous of medical students, who were cooking the flesh from the bodies for the purpose of preserving the skeletons for scientific purposes. As the flesh was cooked from the bones, it and the water in which the bodies were cooked, were dumped into the Willamette River.

Further investigation revealed the fact that the plant belonged to J. E. Jones, a medical student, and Dr. D. O. Thornton, of the Good Samaritan Hospital, and that their headquarters while cleaning skeletons was in a nearby houseboat. Under a bed in the houseboat was found a large box of human bones.

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HENEY IS REBUKED

Bellows at Witness Evading His Questions.

LAWLER ADMONISHES

Delmas Accuse Him of Trying to Bullyrag John W. Gilkyson.

BOXTON RECALLED TO STAND

He Testifies That Burns Told Him to Deny That He Made a Confession But Finally Admits That He Thought It Was to Throw Newspapers off Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 27.—During the Glass trial today there occurred another clash between Heney and Delmas. Heney was examining John W. Gilkyson, assistant to the general manager of the telephone company. Gilkyson showed no excess willingness to answer and took long periods to frame his replies.

Heney, finally exasperated, bellowed the question at the witness winding it up with a sarcastic query as to whether the witness understood.

Attorney Delmas protested that the witness ought not to be "bullyragged." "And I submit," shouted Heney, "that he ought to be bullyragged if this is bullyragging. It is perfectly evident, your honor, that he is trying to evade the questions. He is getting just the sort of treatment he needs."

Judge Lawler told Heney to control his manner in addressing the witness and if the responses were not forthcoming promptly to submit the fact to the court and that the court would deal with it.

Dr. Boxton was recalled and reiterated his previous testimony that W. J. Burns, detective, commanded him to deny before the public that he made a confession. Under Heney's questions Boxton admitted that Burns "did not tell me to throw the newspapers off the scent. It is considered perfectly legitimate to deceive newspapers, possibly to extent of false oath," was Dr. Boxton's answer.

SOLOIST LACKING AT THEATER.

BERKELEY, August 27.—Owing to the inability to secure a soloist for the Half Hour of Music in the Greek Theater, for this date, it is announced that the Sunday program will not be resumed until September 1.

MONEY MARKET SEES A LIGHT.

Expects Big Government Bank Deposit And J. P. Morgan Has Returned.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—There was a report in Wall Street yesterday that the secretary of the treasury might soon deposit \$30,000,000 of public funds in the banks. Should this be done it would be of material aid to the money market.

The return of J. P. Morgan is expected to be of some benefit to the stock market, as there was a feeling in Wall Street yesterday that something might be done toward supporting the stocks owned by the interests associated with him.

It was said yesterday that the commission houses in the Wall Street district were carrying probably \$200,000,000 less stocks for customers than was the case a year ago. It was asserted that five firms alone now were carrying for customers \$100,000,000 less stocks than twelve months ago. Brokerage houses are sold out as a general thing.

The executive committee of the directors of the Erie Railroad Co. held a meeting yesterday, but nothing was done in regard to the dividends on the preferred stocks. It is expected that some action will be taken at the fall meeting of the board of directors next Wednesday.

OLIVER JURY AN OBSTACLE.

Judge Dunne Will Not Proceed With the Parkside Case Until Legality is Settled

SAN FRANCISCO, August 27.—Defendants Umben, Brobeck and Green appeared in Judge Dunne's court today in connection with the Parkside bribery case. Judge Dunne announced he will take no further action in the case until the supreme court decides matters affecting the Oliver Grand Jury pending there.

LOSS WILL BE \$75,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 27.—General Manager Schwerin today began an investigation of the cause of the sinking of the steamer Acapulco yesterday. He said the preliminary examination did not result in fixing the blame.

The loss to the company will amount to \$75,000. The cargo is valued at \$115,000 but it is impossible to estimate how much can be saved.

Wrecker Whitelaw has been engaged to raise the vessel and hopes to have the vessel afloat by tonight or tomorrow.

STREET CAR WRECK.

LA CROSSE, Wis., August 27.—A fast passenger train on the St. Paul Railroad struck a street car filled with passengers at the crossing here today. One man was seriously injured.

WILL SUPPORT BRAZIL.

RIO JANEIRO, August 27.—It is officially announced here that a score of lesser governments will support Brazil's position regarding the organization of a permanent international arbitration court.

LAST MUTE MESSAGE

Name Plate of Steamer Columbia.

FOUND AT MUSSEL ROCK

Mrs. Gibson, Wife of a Former Member of Columbia's Crew, Makes Find.

LETTERS SHOW ABOVE SAND

Regarded as a Strange Coincidence That the Board Should Float to the Home of an Old Member of the Crew of the Columbia—Other Relics from Steamer

SAN FRANCISCO August 27.—After toasting for weeks over miles and miles of waters the shattered name plate of the ill-fated Columbia has been picked up on the ocean shore by the wife of an old sailor who cruised in the wrecked vessel when she was one of a proud fleet on the Atlantic coast. Strange coincidence that this board with its gilded letters should finally float ashore near San Francisco whence the doomed vessel went out to carry scores of men, women and children to watery graves. Stranger still, that it should be recovered by the helpmeet of one who knew the old vessel in the long ago and that it should find a resting place after its uncertain voyage in the home of one who knew it when its lettering was bright and when it was securely nailed in its proper position on the pilot house. It was Mrs. Al Gibson who recovered the broken name plate of the Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson live at Edgemar on the ocean shore near Mussel Rock.

The sea rolls to the beach of Edgemar the floatsam and jetsam of many wrecks and in the home of Gibson are many trophies of the Pacific, mute witnesses to disasters that have brought sorrow to homes all over California. On last Thursday as Mrs. Gibson was walking along the shingle near her home, she found a shattered board half buried in the sand and led by some impulse, turned it over. It was painted black and bore the gilded letters, M B I A. Mrs. Gibson guessed at once that it came from the Columbia and bore it home knowing that it would interest her husband who was once of the Columbia's crew when the vessel plied on the Atlantic coast.

"Yes, I remember the board well," said Gibson to his wife when she showed the board, "it is the nameplate of the old boat, and comes from the side of the pilot house. Brave Captain Doran stood on the bridge beside this board as his ship went down."

Gibson was a member of the crew of the Columbia in 1855 when the steamer was on the Atlantic Coast. He left the vessel after many voyages when she was sent around the Horn to join the O. R. & N. fleet in this port.

The Gibsons have other melancholy souvenirs of the wrecked Columbia. Life preservers bearing the name of the wrecked vessel that must have floated passengers before the waves claimed them as victims and tossed the empty belts down the coast, copper cans of hard tack and many other articles that came from the swamped lifeboats.

But they treasure most the nameplate of the vessel that some curious fate bore from the stormy Mendocina coast and the wreck, to the calm beach at Edgemar.

TROOPS ARE IN PERSIA.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 27.—The Porte has decided to send a commission to investigate, conjointly with the Persian commission, the allegation that Turkish troops are now in Persian territory. If true, the Porte will order their withdrawal.

IMPORTANT DEAL.

The Telephone System and Electric Plant of Seaside Sold by the Willamette Valley Co.

A deed was entered for record at the county clerk's office yesterday in which the Willamette Valley Co. transfers all their property to the Seaside Light & Water Co.

According to the deed the Willamette Valley Co. transfer to the Seaside Company the telephone system of Seaside and West Seaside including poles, lines, wires, machinery and apparatus pertaining thereto; franchises from Clatsop county and from Seaside; rights of way on county roads; agreements, etc. An agreement with the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company for the establishment of an exchange and making rates to be charged until June, 1916, is among the transfers.

The intention of the deed is to transfer all the property, assets, franchises and interests of the Willamette Company to the Seaside Company. The deed is dated Aug. 19 and was acknowledged in Portland and the consideration is one dollar.

BRUIN EVADES EDWARD.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 27.—E. H. Harriman and his party concluded their stay at Pelican Bay Monday, after putting in several strenuous days hunting for bear. The party had a number of guides and a pack of bear dogs, but no bear were found. Bear are not as plentiful as they were a few years ago, and it is a rare occurrence when one is killed. Mr. Harriman enjoyed the outing and did not mind sleeping out at night in a drenching rain.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND.

LAKE HOPATCHONG, N. J., August 27.—The body of Agnes Maguire, who disappeared Saturday night, was found in the lake near the place where she was lost.

FULL DINNER PAIL FOR TAFT.

FORT SCOTT, August 27.—Secretary of War Taft was presented with a luncheon here placed in a massive tin dinner pail made to typify the full dinner pail campaign.

PLUNGING PASTOR

Invests the Flock's Money in Fire Clay and Looses.

OTHER SCHEMES ALSO FAILED

Preacher of the Gospel Had Better Luck in the Pulpit Than in the World of Business—Suit to Recover Money Shows Financial Conditions.

PITTSBURG, August 27.—Rev. John H. Morris, pastor of Pentecostal church, at Mount Washington, a suburb, took a flyer in high finance which cost him and the members of his congregation \$300,000. Members of Pastor Norris' flock until yesterday had dreams of becoming millionaires. Now they wonder whether they are going to get any of their money back.

The true state of affairs became known when Mrs. William Waters, who had invested \$10,000 in Dr. Norris' enterprise, started suit to recover her money. Dr. Norris promoted a mining company and had the offices of his concern in the basement of his church. With \$300,000, obtained from the sale of stock, he bought 1000 acres of Ohio land containing coal and fire clay. A development company was formed to exploit the land, but that venture did not succeed and the pastor formed a firebrick concern. This was no more successful and the pastor then bought a silver mine. This scheme went to the way of the others and finally a receiver was appointed.

MOORS DRIVEN BACK.

CASA BLANCA, August 27.—The French and Moors had a sharp engagement late yesterday six miles from General Drude's camp when a party of mounted Algerians had an encounter with the enemy. Reinforcements of artillery drove the Moors into the hills. There were no French losses.



France—Mon Dieu! Calm your Moroccan excitement or M. Spain and myself will make a grand demonstration on your face!