

FAIR COMMISSION IN ANGRY MOOD

Members Resent Attacks of Master Builders--Threaten to Return State's Money if Bidders Combine and Hold Up the Fair.

The return of the state's contribution to the Lewis and Clark exposition is the drastic measure suggested by a member of the state commission in view of the attacks of the Master Builders' association on the methods of the commission. Said a leading member of the commission today: "It may not be that this talk of the master builders is for the purpose of holding up the state and to shut out legitimate competition. I hope that such an idea never entered their heads, but after the foolish talk of graft that has been made against the commission, and after the builders trying to model the rules so as to exclude outside competition some of us feel that the state may be held up by organized bidders who wish exorbitant prices for the work.

"If such is the case, and the bids Saturday will show, I will favor the returning of the money to the state treasury and building no structures at all. This board is for the state's best interests and if there is any general suspicion as to the integrity of its members we had better not spend a cent."

Open Bids Saturday.
Bids for the erection of state buildings at the Lewis and Clark fair will be received until noon Saturday. The commission will meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and will open the bids. No bids had been received up to late this afternoon for these buildings and it is not expected that any bids will be received until the last day.

"The complaint of contractors that

out of town bidders have been given all the opportunity to freeze out local firms seems to be without foundation," said Secretary Clinton of the commission. "No plans have been sent out of the city and if foreign bidders desire to submit estimates they will have to view the plans at the rooms of the state commission."

The members of the state commission may not accept any of the plans offered for their consideration Saturday. At the time of the commissioners' meeting there will be submitted the estimate of competent architects on the cost of the central building, the central tower, the should the bids as a whole exceed the estimates they will probably be rejected and readvertised.

The commission has not emerged from the recent attack of the master builders without some feeling of rancor remaining.

President Myers' View.
President Myers of the commission said: "I know nothing about the plans. They are in the hands of the building committee and they are in full charge. I do know that we are going to give local bidders the preference if they submit reasonable bids, and I also know that those buildings are going to be built at a reasonable figure or not at all."

"What is the status of the builders' controversy?" was asked.

"There is no controversy," was the reply. "We have had no written complaint. The plans and estimates are made by the corporation and so there is not only nothing to act on, but we could not act if there were. As far as anything is on file, there is no controversy and when the delegation was here Saturday they departed apparently satisfied. As for the report that they had been refused permission to see the plans, that is a mistake. The plans have been open to public inspection every day in the week except Sunday and they have also been kept on display most of the evenings. This commission has nothing to hide."

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BAKER CITY HAS ANOTHER HOLDUP

TWO MEN, AS USUAL, PARTICIPATE—ARE DEFEATED BY QUICK ACTION OF BARTENDER—MAKE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE—SECURE NO BOOTY.

(Journal Special Service.)
Baker City, Or., March 17.—Two masked men, one tall, the other short, entered the Club saloon of Snyder, Gertrude & Co. at 1:45 o'clock this morning and attempted a holdup. There were not many in the place at the time, and the head dealer, Smith, and night bartender, Charters, were a little too quick for the thugs.

Charters managed to reach the end of the bar and press the button which turned out all the lights in the house, and the highwaymen quickly retreated to the street. They were followed outside and five shots fired at them, but none took effect.

This is the fourth holdup of the same kind within 90 days, and it is believed that the same two men did all the jobs, which strangely enough have happened each time on the night of the 15th of the month.

The police are at a loss. Two men have been tried for the crime, but were released.

CANDIDATES FOR REPUBLICAN VOTES

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to his candidacy. Strauss is said to be the only candidate of German extraction who will be before the convention, and this may bring him support from the German Republicans.

For two of the county offices there will probably be no contest. County Clerk Fields seems certain to receive a renomination on the strength of the administration of the office since he has been its head. No rival candidate has appeared.

County Treasurer Lewis seems almost equally sure of renomination, and if he has any competitors they are not in evidence.

Coroner John P. Finley expects a renomination and seems likely to get it without serious contest.

R. F. Robinson, the present superintendent of schools, is opposed by A. P. Armstrong, president of the Portland Business College. Robinson finds some strong supporters, who believe that his conduct of the county schools has been such as to demand his retention in office.

There are two candidates for county surveyor—P. H. Lewis, and the son of the present surveyor, John A. Hurlburt.

The convention will also elect one county commissioner to succeed W. A. Showers, president of the Portland Juniors. Showers was formerly allied with the Simon Republicans, but is now allied with the dominant faction. He has served for several years on the county board, and is a candidate for renomination.

There are many candidates for places on the legislative ticket, and Judge Carey and his advisers will meet tomorrow night to consider who will be the most suitable. Judge Carey says that, in pursuance of his declared policy, he will not attempt to influence the nominations for county offices, but the selection of nominees for the legislature involves important political issues and he will interest himself in seeing that suitable men are chosen.

There has been some speculation as to the convention's probable choice for chairman. Judge Carey, it is said, does not care to preside over the convention, preferring that the honor should go to some one else. A. A. Courtney, who was chairman of the convention two years ago, may be selected. C. W. Hodson and W. K. Muir are also mentioned as possible recipients of the honor. Whitney Boies would be a probability if he were here, but he is in Washington in the interest of the Lewis and Clark fair.

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DYNAMITE FAILS TO BREAK THE DAM

City Workmen Explode Big Charge of Powder in Vain Effort to Open Tanner Creek Sewer--Waters Rise but Fall Again.

At a depth of 30 feet below the surface of the street a charge of 60 pounds of dynamite was exploded this morning in a vain attempt to blow away the huge pile of logs and debris which clogs the Tanner creek sewer, causing the flood which has raged without cessation for the past nine days. The experiment with dynamite was regarded as almost a failure, though a portion of the debris was dislodged.

Another and heavier charge will likely be placed in the subterranean tunnel in the hope of effectively crushing a way through the impediment. Should it also prove a failure it is said that a large gang of workmen will be put to work to dig away the earth surrounding the location of the sewer and dig a hole large enough to permit the men to clear away the logs and drift without the aid of explosives. The undertaking will be gigantic and will be tried only in the event of the failure of the use of dynamite.

Set Off by Live Wire.
The explosion occurred shortly before noon today. The charge was placed at the bottom of the shaft and at one side of the obstructions. An electric wire reaching a distance of 100 feet was connected with the charge and with a live wire at the other end.

A warning from one of the workmen sent a crowd of curious people scurrying for shelter. Standing far off they watched expectantly while the final preparations were made for the explosion. Finally the current was turned on and there was a dull, muffled sound from the earth.

There was a slight tremor of the ground and houses in the immediate

vicinity vibrated for a second. Great crevices in the silty earth seen by were seen and a portion of the embankment tumbled and fell into the water below. The pile driver was uninjured. Soon a dense white cloud of smoke issued from the shaft and with its stifling fumes drove back the crowd, which again pressed in to see the result.

So far as could be learned by the engineers before sending men into the shaft after the explosion, little was accomplished in the way of dislodging the mass of timbers and earth which has blocked the sewer. The dense clouds of smoke which lingered long after the explosion prevented the men from descending, but those in charge of the experiment expressed no particular satisfaction at the outcome.

During the nine days that the muddy waters from the blocked sewer have held malignant sway in the vicinity, three experiments have been tried by the engineering department to remedy the defect.

Waters Again Rise.
The flood continues its wild career of devastation. The waters in Multnomah field rose last night a foot higher than they were yesterday, but fell perceptibly today. The Chinese gardens to the south are almost completely submerged in stagnant water, which swirls and eddies close upon the homes of the Celestials. Another rise, caused by the possible clogging of the manhole in Lowndale street, would drive the inhabitants higher into the hills.

The city's engineers are unable to state when the sewer will be opened sufficiently to permit the water to pass uncheck through the regular channel.

IRISHMAN HONOR GOOD ST. PATRICK

GENERAL CELEBRATION OF THE DAY OF BRIDE'S PATRON SAINT BY ALL HIBERNIAN SOCIETIES OF PORTLAND—AN ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT.

Due honor was accorded St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Emerald Isle, in Portland today. Shamrocks were in evidence on all sides and especially in the-buttnholes of politicians. Irish punch was served at most of the saloons, and varied in shade from a light green to a hue rivaling copying ink. The windows of many business houses were appropriately decorated with "green goods."

An advance celebration of the day was held at St. Lawrence church, the main feature of the program being an address by the Rev. P. J. Carroll of Columbia university on "Ireland's Glory, Her Devotion to the Church."

Solemn high mass was celebrated at 10:30 o'clock this morning at St. Patrick's church by the Rev. Father Thompson. Father Kennedy officiated as deacon and Mr. Deimler as sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Smith, a Paulist Father of San Francisco. Special music was sung by the choir. The Ancient Order of Hibernians attended the church in a body.

The Hibernians will hold a celebration of their own in honor of the day at the Empire theatre tonight. The program consists of musical and literary features. William R. McGarry, the orator of the evening, will decant the praises of St. Patrick. The celebration will begin at 8 o'clock.

At the United Irish League meeting in Albina last night M. G. Munty presided. There were songs and recitations by the Misses Fleming, Burke, Reynolds, Anderson, and Breston, and the Messrs. O'Farrell, Keating and Toucher. The feature of the entertainment was an address by the vice-president of the league, James Hennessy Murphy, on the "Genius of a Race." After paying an eloquent tribute to the late Pope Leo XIII, he pictured the genius of the Celt in every walk of human endeavor—as warrior, orator, artist and preacher—closing with the following tribute to Ireland and the Irish:

"It is well said that a man may commit to memory every incident of Irish history, the date of every occurrence, the birth and death of all her heroes, her uprisings, the result of every battle that has been fought, the whole chronology of her fortunes and misfortunes, and no advance one step toward the story of Ireland's honor and her glory. It is when one begins to see the relations, harmonies and lessons of these facts than an insight into her history begins. It is a fine saying of Emerson's that the Celtic of the forests is in one accord; and Egypt, Greece, Rome, Gaul, Britain, America, lie folded already in the first man. Epoch after epoch, camp, kingdom, republic, democracy, are merely the application of the immortal spirit to the manifold world." St. Patrick was the spiritual acorn of Ireland, the supreme figure in her history, whose immortal spirit permeates her racial life to the remotest reach of her scattered children. This is what has made the Irishman what he is in every land, under every flag. It entered into the moral foundation of this country in its suckling years and nourished and strengthened and developed it on its mighty march to an ideal liberty. On every battlefield of this great nation the fearless tenement of that spirit lay wrapped in its bloody sacrament, a silent and an eloquent tribute to the church and the blood of an invincible race; it kindled the fires of patriotism in every crucial period in the history of our country; it is symbolized in every church spire and cross that lobs the land; it is the inspiration of the glories and the spiritual salutations that will ascend tomorrow above the stars in commemoration of a divine event that saved a race, enroched humanity and perpetuated Christian virtues, and you will know it by token upon the breasts of Irish men and women—the same color that God painted the earth—who with erect heads and proud carriage will testify to a glorious past and an abiding faith in the future, when in God's good time Ireland will again be "United, strong, glorious and free—First flower of the earth and first gem of the sea."

ENTRYMEN DENY CHARGES OF FRAUD

SEVEN APPLICANTS FOR TIMBER LAND IN KLIKOKAT COUNTY OFFER TESTIMONY BEFORE LAND OFFICE OFFICIALS AT VANCOUVER—NO CRIMINAL ACTION.

Seven applicants for timber claims, whose entries are held up by the department of the interior on the grounds that they are violations of the timber and stone act, yesterday afternoon finished submitting their testimony to the register and receiver of the United States land office at Vancouver, Wash. E. W. Bartlett, formerly register of the La Grande land office, and Seneca Smith, of Portland, are counsel for the entrymen. The suspended claims are in Klickitat county, Wash., and the entrymen are Jesse and Mary M. Holtz, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Duck and Mrs. Brower.

Attempt to defraud the government is charged against the seven, in which it is alleged they made applications for the claims intending to sell to timber land speculators. However, no criminal action is looked for because the seven were called to Seattle at the last session of the federal grand jury, and after four had given testimony before the jury, they were all allowed to return home.

In their testimony the applicants set up the defense that their entries were bona fide and were not made for the purpose of defrauding the government. A general denial of the charges made by the government was entered.

Special Agent J. A. Ferguson of the interior department has been conducting the case at the Vancouver land office. Attorney Bartlett, who since his successor at La Grande assumed office, has been making a specialty of land cases, returned home this afternoon.

TOTTERING TREE MAY CAUSE AN ACCIDENT

With each current of wind a huge tree which stands at Sixth and Pine streets sways back and forth, threatening disaster in case it yields to the storms and falls of its own weight. The roots of the tree have been loosened by workmen who have been digging the street at that place. A number of the largest and strongest roots were cut away, leaving the tree in a dangerous condition.

"The tree will surely fall if struck by a high wind storm," said a resident of that neighborhood. "The roots have been cut away so that it sways whenever there is any movement of the air. It was done by workmen in excavating the streets. If it does topple over it will do so quickly and without any warning. If there is any within its reach, serious accident will follow its fall. The city should take some prompt action that will prevent accident, for the tree cannot remain as it is for any great length of time."

GERMANY WILL NOT RECOGNIZE DEGREES

(Journal Special Service.)
Berlin, March 17.—The supreme court of appeals has decided that the degree of doctor of dental surgery from American colleges cannot be recognized in Germany, on the grounds that American colleges are private institutions and not supervised by the government.

The blow falls as a serious one on many practicing dental surgeons in Germany, who have hitherto been permitted certificates on their American degrees. The case has been a long-contested one, being carried through from the lower courts in the endeavor to make a thorough test and gain a permanent decision.

Burglars entered the home of Walter Carson, 745 East Twenty-first street, at 9 o'clock last night and stole some jewelry and 45 cents in cash. They gained entrance through a rear window. The robbery was reported to the police and Sergeant Hogeboom was detailed to investigate.

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