

BUILD NEW COAL ROAD

Contract Closed Yesterday for Construction of 10-Mile Line From Centralia to Mendota Company's Mines.

The first large contract for railroad construction let in the Columbia river basin since the recent financial stringency was awarded yesterday by the Centralia Eastern Railroad company to W. F. Nelson, of the well-known contracting firm of Nelson & White. The line to be constructed is 10 miles of first-class railroad, from a point near Centralia to coal mines owned by the Mendota Coal company.

The road will, when completed and equipped, have cost about \$500,000. It is a rush job and must be completed within 90 days. The contract was closed yesterday at the Portland hotel, between Mr. Nelson and R. H. Johnson, vice-president and general manager of the Centralia Eastern. Mr. Nelson will be stationed at Centralia February 1, to begin submitting the work. About 200 men will be required on construction work.

The interests back of the Mendota Coal company and the Centralia Eastern are believed to be closely allied to the Burlington, and therefore friendly to the Northern Pacific. It is known that the Centralia Eastern could secure, with four miles less road, a connection with the Oregon & Washington railroad, the Harriman line now has about 10 miles of its new road completed north of Centralia, and the proposed new line of the Centralia Eastern will parallel its right of way four miles of that distance, with only a fence between the two roads.

The Mendota Coal company is composed of Iowa and Illinois men who have recently invested in coal mines in western Washington. F. S. Ketchum, the president, is an old-time coal operator and stockholder in the Burlington road. A station a few miles west of Burlington is named Ketchum in his honor. The Mendota Coal company is said to own about 9,000 acres of coal land in Lewis county.

WILL BE GUEST OF UNITARIAN ALLIANCE

Mrs. M. A. Seabury, vice-president of the National Unitarian alliance, has just arrived in Portland, after a visit to the sound. While in Portland she will be the guest of Mrs. L. W. Sittler, Mrs. Seabury's home is in Berkeley, California. She represents the Pacific coast at the national alliance tomorrow afternoon she will be the guest of the Unitarian alliance here, where it is hoped every member, as well as all members and friends of the church, will be present to welcome her and, if possible, hear something of the work of the different church branches throughout the United States, and especially upon the coast.

The meeting will be held in the Unitarian church parlors, corner of Seventh and Yamhill streets, at 2:30 o'clock.

BOY STEALS SEVEN BICYCLES IN ONE MONTH

Thomas Sovern, aged 16, was arrested yesterday by Detective Smith, charged with stealing bicycles. A search of the home of young Sovern in Arleta revealed seven bicycles of which had been taken within the last month or so. In an effort to conceal the identity of the wheels Sovern had changed the handle bars, lights, pedals and other accessories from one bicycle to another.

STILL SQUABBLE OVER NEW BRIDGE

East Side Residents Hope of Getting 'One Next Century.'

For the third time the bridge committee of the city executive board met yesterday afternoon and adjourned without recommending the letting of the contracts for the reinforced concrete bridge across Sullivan's gulch at East Twenty-eighth street. This action was taken because the contractors, Backus, Glueck and Joplin, and City Engineer Taylor could not agree at an understanding as to the plans and specifications.

Mr. Taylor insisted that the plans were not complete although he did not say that the specifications, which Mr. Backus said covered every point asked for, were not. That there has been a misunderstanding between the engineer and contractors came out at yesterday afternoon's meeting. Mr. Taylor stated that he had asked for certain plans and specifications which had not been prepared by the contractors. Mr. Backus and Mr. Joplin both contended that they had met with Mr. Taylor in regard to the alterations and had left him with the understanding that everything was satisfactory. Mr. Taylor did not deny this assertion although he said that the plans were not what they should be.

Representatives of the east side wish to see the present. They came impressed with the idea that Mayor Lane and the members of the board were holding up the bridge and trying to get the contractors to accept a plan which was not satisfactory. Mr. Taylor did not deny this assertion although he said that the plans were not what they should be.

Several of the visitors then addressed the meeting and thanked the committee for the excellent work done, but stated that while they were glad to have the cooperation of the board in erecting a bridge across the gulch, they also believed in fair play which they seemed to think was not being shown to Backus, Glueck and Joplin.

The contractors contended they could not learn from City Engineer Taylor what he wanted of them and tried to get exactly what he desired in the way of plans at yesterday's meeting.

After much beating about an agreement was reached whereby the contractors are to submit no plans to Mr. Taylor by Thursday and he will report to the board Friday. When this agreement was reached everybody present believed the difficulties existing between the city and the contractors had been settled and that they will be awarded the contract. The meeting of the executive board.

MOTHER SEARCHES IN VAIN FOR DAUGHTER

Missing for three months, and with all letters returned to her, the mother, Lulu Williams, the pretty daughter of Mrs. Ella Williams of Troutdale, seems to have disappeared from the circle of all who ever knew her. The mother is almost distracted with anxiety over her daughter's fate. She says the girl has been working in Spokane and that recently all the letters written to her there have been returned. The family formerly lived in Meeker, Colorado, Mrs. Williams having moved to Troutdale five or six months ago. It has been two years since she has seen her daughter.

THOUSANDS OF ROSES IN CITY PARK BLOCKS

Members of the park board formally set aside the three plaza blocks to be decorated with roses by the Rose Festival association at a meeting yesterday morning. In addition to the block between Burnside and Couch chosen to be decorated with roses, the blocks between Harrison and Montgomery, Banked beds will be the means to display the roses which there will be 5,000 bushes set out. Of these 2,500 will be Caroline Testouts, 2,000 Ulrich Brunners, 500 Folkstones and 50 Red Rambler.

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HASTY PUDDING BURNED IN BAKING

Council Now Asked to Reconsider Overzealous Efforts to Slice Expenses.

Because of the council's desire to cut down expenses, which spirit was shown in lopping off \$1,500 from the recommendation made by the park board for a salary for a park superintendent, the board finds itself in a dilemma which has compelled it to write to each councilman asking that the action be reconsidered and the allowance asked for by the board be granted.

Not thinking the council would refuse its request, the board engaged the services of Emil T. Mische of Madison, Wisconsin, who is expected to arrive in Portland about March 1, to take charge of the park system. Now the board finds itself without funds to pay the new superintendent and L. Lang, with the authority of the board, has sent a letter to the councilmen asking for a reconsideration of the salary appropriation on the ground that the change is for the city's welfare.

When the question of appropriations came up before the council, the members allowed an increase for Superintendent Monteth from \$110 a month to \$125. Mr. Mische has resigned his position in Madison to come to Portland and the board feels that it cannot go back on its bargain of employing him. That there is some sort of a hanging over Mr. Mische is the belief of the members of the board. He came to Oregon to find a drug comfort, but when the nickel is multiplied by five or six to meet the demands of a case, it is entirely different matter, which the anti-treating movement advances is an economic one and the welfare of the wageearner is at stake.

The abolition of the treating custom, Rev. Palmer believes is also a cure for the moral phase of the question involved in intemperance for he maintains that: "I must appeal to every one who gives the subject a moment's consideration, that drunkenness is due almost entirely to the treating habit. Few men would drink immediately if it were not for the social incentive."

The anti-treating societies, through their representatives, met February 20, at the cathedral parish, 62 North Sixteenth street, to discuss plans for a reorganization of the anti-treating societies. Representatives from Idaho and Washington will be present.

DISAPPEARS AFTER LOSING HIS JOB

Sick and out of work John Boring-Monsinger has left his home near Boring. He had been working on the Mount Hood railroad but when the forces were discharged he was among those who were out of work. Since then Monsinger has been dependent. Sunday, January 15, he left home, ostensibly to go to Gresham to get medicine. Since then he has not been seen.

Once he had left home and after remaining away some time returned. Mrs. Monsinger is greatly worried over the disappearance of her husband. She is a very poor health. Monsinger is not a drinking man. At the time of his disappearance he had \$1.25 in his possession.

Monsinger is a veteran of the Spanish-American war and is 50 years old. He is five feet, three inches in height, weighs 150 pounds, has hazel colored eyes and short gray whiskers.

HENEY TO SPEAK ON GOOD CITIZENS

Francis J. Heney, famed as a prosecutor of criminals, rich and powerful, is to speak this evening at the Unitarian congregational church on "Graft vs. Good Citizenship." Mr. Heney has been arrested on certain matters that are anxious to speak on certain matters that he has unearthed in his investigation of graft and land fraud cases. He will also speak on the operations of Rufus Schmitz in California and of the land-grabbing ring in Oregon. The lecture will be held at 7:30 p. m. and the interest in Mr. Heney and his work there is no doubt but that the church will be filled to hear what the government's prosecutor has to say.

DOCTORS MISTAKES

Are said often to be buried six feet under ground. But many times women call on their family physicians, suffering, as they imagine, one from dyspepsia, another from heart disease, another from liver or kidney disease, another from nervous prostration, another with pain in the back and thighs, and in this way they send alike to themselves and their easy-going or over-busy doctor, separate diseases, for which he, assuming them to be such, prescribes his pills and potions. In reality, they are all only symptoms caused by some uterine disease. The physician, ignorant of the cause of suffering, keeps up his treatment until large bills are made. The suffering patient gets no better. The reason of the wrong treatment, but probably worse, is proper medicine like Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription directed to the cause would have entirely removed the disease, thereby dispelling all those distressing symptoms, and instituting comfort instead of prolonged misery. It has been said, "that a disease known is half cured."

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Attorneys Become Real Chess-Players and Call Each Other Harsh Names.

The concluding testimony in the Palmerton divorce case in the circuit court yesterday afternoon afforded entertainment for a large crowd of spectators, which was kept constantly amused by the wiles of the opposing attorneys, as well as by the character of the testimony. Once the class of attorneys had a serious aspect, for the lie was passed and W. J. McMahon bounded from the stand to the tower of Mr. McAllister, who had placed him on the stand. But a wide table intervened and the two fellows subsided under the soothing influence of the court.

McMahon, who acted as attorney for Mrs. Eva M. Palmerton, had been called to the stand to testify regarding certain conversations he had had over the phone with one of the witnesses and to other talks with Palmerton and McAllister. McMahon's remembrance of these matters did not agree with McAllister's version, and after McMahon worked himself into a certain remark, McAllister remarked: "You just say what you did say it."

"You're a liar," was McMahon's retort, and he testified regarding the witness stand, while from the other side of the table the big form of McAllister arose to face him. "See here," said Judge Bronough, "you cannot say things like that in this court."

McAllister was insulting, your honor," cried McMahon. "He called me a liar." McAllister denied that he had called McMahon a liar and the latter returned the insult by saying that McMahon answers to McAllister's searching cross-examination. But the remainder of the first work on the bridge was pushed as rapidly as possible.

ELABORATE PLANS FOR SPOKANE JAUNT

Washington Wheat Raisers Will Go in Blaze of Glory to California.

In some respects the forthcoming excursion of Spokane-Walla Walla wheat raisers and business men to Southern California will surpass the most remarkable railroad trip ever made on the Pacific slope. The most elaborate preparations for comfort and pleasure of the excursionists are being made. It is estimated that the inland empire men will spend a sum exceeding \$50,000 for their pleasure trip.

The special train will be one of the most palatial ever run over an American railroad. It will have every known convenience of Pullman train, and will be connected by telephone at an expense of \$500 by the Pacific States Telephone company, so that a number of phones in each car will be available to passengers to carry on conversations with friends in any part of the train.

The train will be powered on the Southern Pacific will be tested by this train, which will have 12 heavy cars, including eight Pullman sleepers, two dining cars, a baggage car and an observation car.

Beautiful itineraries are being printed as souvenirs of the trip. The ticket, including coupons for each meal, and for all rides and special events, has been printed and bound in book form for each passenger.

The excursion will be in the nature of an ovation for the Spokaneans from the moment they cross the state line into Oregon, where they will be proclaimed under the auspices of the "wheat club" that will give any similar event on the trip. The excursion will be an Oregon-California event and not strictly a California jaunt.

ANTI-TREATING MORE RAPIDLY GAINS GROUND

Idaho and Washington Representatives Will Form General Organization.

The anti-treating movement, as a remedy for intemperance, both in its moral and economic aspects, which, since its promulgation by Archbishop Christie, has been gaining force in this state, received a fresh impetus last night, in an address by Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara of St. Mary's cathedral, delivered before the Structural Building Trades union. The speaker reiterated the claims which have previously been made, that the treating habit is the great cause of the misery of poverty at the home of the working man. In this connection he said:

can assert without fear of contradiction, that apart from the cases where families are afflicted with sickness and accidents, the one great cause of penury in the home is the treating habit. A man may be able to spend a cent for his glass of beer and still maintain a family in comfort, but when the nickel is multiplied by five or six to meet the demands of a case, it is entirely different matter, which the anti-treating movement advances is an economic one and the welfare of the wageearner is at stake.

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BAPTISTS TO HAVE SUMMER ASSEMBLY

At the meeting yesterday of the Baptist ministers at the Y. M. C. A. building the plan of having a summer assembly of Baptist ministers from all over the state was discussed. It is hoped to start the movement this summer and to make it a permanent institution thereafter. The time and place have not yet been settled, upon it is likely that the plan will be adopted for it has met with favor wherever suggested.

The matter of the support of the superannuated ministers of the Baptist church was spoken of and a plan is being broached for the establishment of a fund, East Twenty-second and East Third, corner of Commercial, to be brought up for consideration at the Pacific coast conference in May, at Oakland, California. It was also suggested that the churches all take offerings at a communion service for the regular fund.

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