

16,000 ACRES TO RECEIVE WATER

Citizens' Company of Josephine County Completes Negotiations for Mammoth Irrigation Project—Commence at Once.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 13.—Sixteen thousand acres of arid lands in and around Grants Pass will be placed under irrigation this season. After five months' work the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company, composed of local people assisted by an expert from the United States reclamation service, has perfected a system whereby irrigation becomes a fact. At the final meeting of directors held this afternoon, a contract was made with the Golden Drift Mining company to supply water. This company owns a large power dam three miles above the city, with immense high pressure pumps and pipelines already installed. All that remains is the construction of ditches, work upon which will begin at once.

By the terms of the contract, water will be supplied at a flat rate of \$5 an acre. The irrigation company is given an option on the dam for \$200,000 within two years for \$200,000. After two years the option will be extended to 10 years with the price raised to \$300,000, but all money paid for water at the \$5 per acre rate will be applied to the purchase price.

The directors of the irrigation company, composed of leading business men and ranchers: H. L. Gilkey, manager; First National bank president; G. J. H. C. Kinsey, G. H. Carner, C. G. Coultant, E. E. Blanchard, O. E. Blanchard, G. A. Hamilton, R. Thomas, C. W. Ament is manager of the Golden Drift company. M. C. Ament is superintendent.

The plant is one of the best, both for power and irrigation in Oregon. The dam lifts water of the Rogue river 200 feet, giving 16,000 horsepower. Four turbines are already installed. The largest high pressure pump in the world will be in operation, capacity 3,000,000 gallons every 24 hours, 9000 gallons a minute. An additional pump of similar size and capacity will be installed.

There will be six ditches, four on each side of the river, six high line and two gravity. The water will be lifted to a highest ditch 350 feet at the dam, allowing it to reach all the upper benches, nooks and mountain dales.

The concluding work of the ranchers' irrigation company is the most important event in the history of Grants Pass. Land will now be available for 50,000 people in and around this city.

MUKILTEO WRECK DUE TO BAD BOILER

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Everett, Wash., Feb. 13.—The coroner's jury called to investigate the Great Northern boiler explosion, Wednesday morning near Mukilteo, when the locomotive pulling the southbound owl train blew up, killing two men, met at noon today and brought in a verdict declaring the accident was due to a defect in the boiler, the result of broken staybolts and corrosion.

The verdict was rendered after much conflicting testimony had been introduced and a visit had been paid the wrecked engine.

CUTS THROAT WITH A RUSTY NAIL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Skagway, Alaska, Feb. 13.—With a rusty nail, William E. Merick of Seattle today cut his throat from ear to ear in the federal jail here and died within a few moments.

Merick was a confirmed drug user and was in jail awaiting transportation to Seattle, where relatives had promised to care for him. He had recently threatened to kill his wife and had been arrested on her complaint.

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COAST WINS ON PEARL HARBOR

Drydock Contract to San Francisco Firm—Atlantic Bidders Were Nowhere.

(Special News by Lowest Leased Wire.)
 Washington, Feb. 13.—The proposed drydock at Pearl harbor is to be built by a San Francisco firm, the Pacific Construction company. Bids were opened this morning at the bureau of yards and docks and the Pacific company's bid was almost \$200,000 lower than the next highest bid, that of Edward Malloy of San Francisco.

Eastern bidders were far underbid by all of the western contractors. The easterners ran a million or more above the Pacific coast men. The dock is to be one of the largest in the world. The contract calls for a dock 1184 feet long, large enough to hold two warships at once.

The Pacific Construction company, with which the Healy-Thibet Construction company is said to be associated, bid \$2,560,000; Malloy bid \$2,580,000 and the San Francisco Bridge company \$2,600,000. There were two eastern bids of \$3,400,000 and \$3,450,000.

The work must be started within four months. The larger part of the higher class labor used in this construction will be taken from the Pacific coast.

NEWS FORECAST OF COMING WEEK

Washington, Feb. 13.—The conference called by President Roosevelt to discuss the conservation of the natural resources of North America, the movements of President-elect Taft, the proceedings of congress and the arrival of the Atlantic battleship fleet in home waters will figure prominently in the news of the coming week.

Canada and Mexico have consented to join with the United States in the conference called by President Roosevelt to discuss the conservation of the natural resources of the continent. The sessions will be held at the White House in this city, beginning Thursday. The main object of the conference, as announced, will be to point out that natural resources are not limited by the boundary lines which separate nations, to develop the resources of each nation on the part of the others and to invite suggestions for the preservation of the result of the protection of mutual interests related to conservation.

President-elect Taft will spend the early days of the week in Cincinnati, his home city, where elaborate preparations have been made for his reception and entertainment. Tuesday, before his visit in Cincinnati it is expected that he will proceed immediately to Washington to communicate to the president the result of his observations and investigations at Panama.

The battleship fleet under Rear Admiral Sperry, will complete the circuit of the globe at the end of this week, when it is due to arrive at the Virginia capes, which will be the point of its departure on its memorable cruise a year ago last December. The entrance into Hampton Roads and the review by the president will be deferred, however, until Monday of the following week.

A national tariff commission convention, in which commercial and trade organizations throughout the country have been invited to take part, will meet at Indianapolis, Tuesday, for a session of several days. The convention will be the first national gathering ever held for the express purpose of promoting the movement for comprehensive, scientific tariff revision. Its deliberations doubtless will be followed with close public attention, particularly by members of congress.

The hearings of the government's suit against the anthracite coal trust, comprising the alleged "coal trust" will be resumed in New York Tuesday, when the defendants will open their side of the case.

At the latter end of the week thousands of visitors from all parts of the continent will begin to assemble in New Orleans for the annual Mardi Gras festivities. Several added attractions, including a notable program of automobile races, promise to make the carnival this year eclipse all of its predecessors in point of splendour.

Universities and scientific societies of Germany will unite next Tuesday in paying honor to Professor Ernst Haeckel, the celebrated naturalist, on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday. The anniversary will mark the re-anniversary of Professor Haeckel from the chair of zoology at the University of Jena, a post he has occupied since 1862.

Important gatherings of the week will include a general convention of the Laymen's Missionary movement of the Presbyterian church in the United States at Birmingham, Ala., the annual meeting of the National Bothers congress in New Orleans, and the eighteenth annual Tuskegee Negro conference at Tuskegee institute.

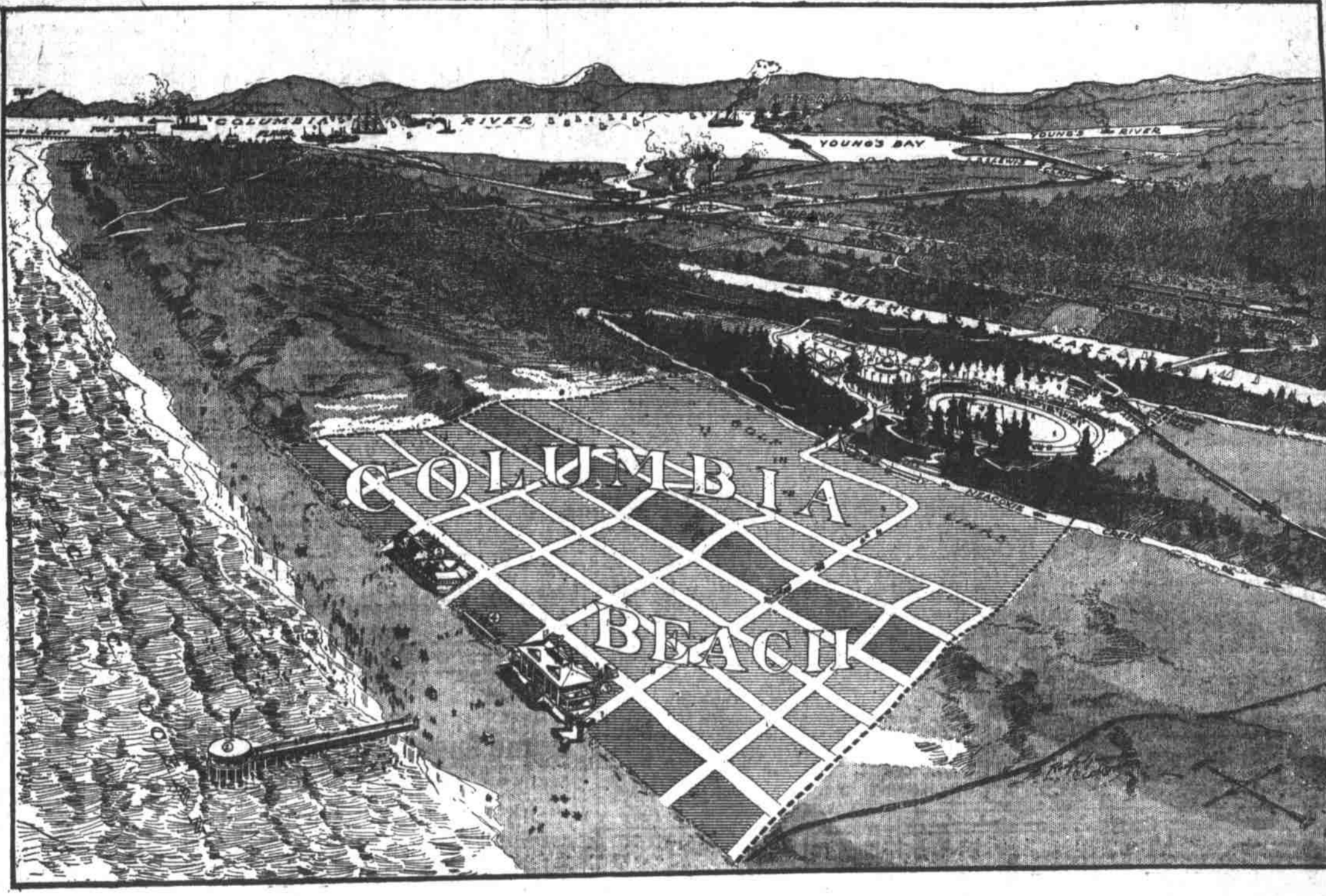
BEZEMER DID IT; PLEADS INSANITY

Mount Vernon, Wash., Feb. 13.—Attorneys for Leo Bezemer, accused of kidnaping E. G. English, a wealthy lumberman, and demanding of him a ransom of \$5000, this morning withdrew the plea of not guilty and admitted Bezemer committed the act. Instead of asking for mercy from the court, as it was rumored would be done, the lawyers entered a plea that Bezemer was insane. They will introduce evidence to bear out this contention.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In beginning the selling campaign of COLUMBIA BEACH LOTS, we announced that the first hundred purchasers would receive a discount of \$100.00 from the price of the lots they bought. THESE FIRST HUNDRED LOTS HAVE BEEN SOLD, and the purchasers have good cause to congratulate themselves on their foresight. In order to smooth the path towards owning their "Cottage by the Sea" for those who put off buying, WE are going to GIVE A DISCOUNT OF TEN PER CENT until further notice on COLUMBIA BEACH LOTS, but reserve the right to withdraw this offer at any time. So if you who are reading this WERE NOT ONE OF THE FIRST HUNDRED, take advantage of the TEN PER CENT DISCOUNT on COLUMBIA BEACH LOTS.

Columbia Beach, the Seaside Capital of the Northwest, as Seen From an Airship



The above illustration pictures COLUMBIA BEACH exactly as it would appear to some daring aerial navigator like Knabenshue or Wright. It's safe to assume that neither of these gentlemen would rest content with only a downward glance. Far from it! They would descend quickly in order to sample the joys so plentiful at COLUMBIA BEACH. Would they hasten their departure? No! It is safe to assume that the airship would be put in storage and its navigator would remain until the season's end—and invest before he left. It's certain that no other investment COULD give better and more tangible returns than COLUMBIA BEACH PROPERTY. Let us analyze this claim.

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