

FIRM WITHDRAWS ITS BID WHEN CONTRACT IS ABOUT TO BE LET

Rushlight & Hastorf's Offer to Install Heating Plant Made Void.

CLERICAL ERROR ALLEGED

Item of \$2325 Said to Have Been Omitted After Bids Submitted Have Been Read and Compared.

Again the Portland school board is asked to allow a low bidder on a school contract to withdraw his bid and his certified check after the bids have been opened and the award is about to be made.

This time it is the firm of Rushlight & Hastorf which asks to withdraw its bids on the heating plant of the new Franklin high school. Reasons given for wanting to withdraw the bid is that an error was made in the tabulation of the figures.

D. C. Rushlight explained to School Clerk Thomas that the stenographer or bookkeeper, in adding up the figures for the bid, omitted an item of \$2325. Apparently the figures were never checked over until after all the bids were opened by the school board and it was found that the bid of Rushlight & Hastorf was \$1861 lower than the next lowest bid. Then the work of the incompetent clerk was discovered.

Similar Case Before. In April a similar circumstance arose when Martin Clancy was low bidder on the contract for the Kennedy school. His bid was \$25,432 and the next low bid was \$27,785. Clancy said he made an error in his figures and asked to withdraw his bid and his check. The school board permitted him to do so.

The question of allowing Rushlight & Hastorf to withdraw their bid will come before the board at a meeting this afternoon. The matter now is in the hands of the building committee, the members of which are O. M. Plummer and Dr. Alan Welch Smith.

Disapproval Has Been Expressed. Action of the school board in allowing bidders to withdraw bids after the bids have been opened has caused considerable comment. While no charges of any nature have been made in these instances, disapproval has been expressed against allowing practice to grow which would open the way and invite collusion on the part of bidders for public contracts. The principle of the practice is declared to be wrong.

Woman Killed on Way to Be Married

Mrs. Della Edgar Meets Death and Plunge, John Lewis, Fatally Injured When Auto Hits Boulder.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—On their way to Fairplay to be married, Mrs. Della Edgar was killed today and her fiancé, John Lewis, of Cripple Creek, fatally injured, when the automobile in which they were traveling hit a large boulder at the foot of a steep hill and overturned.

RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE

Washington, Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson today ordered 5,802,000 acres of the Chugash national forest in Alaska returned to the public domain.

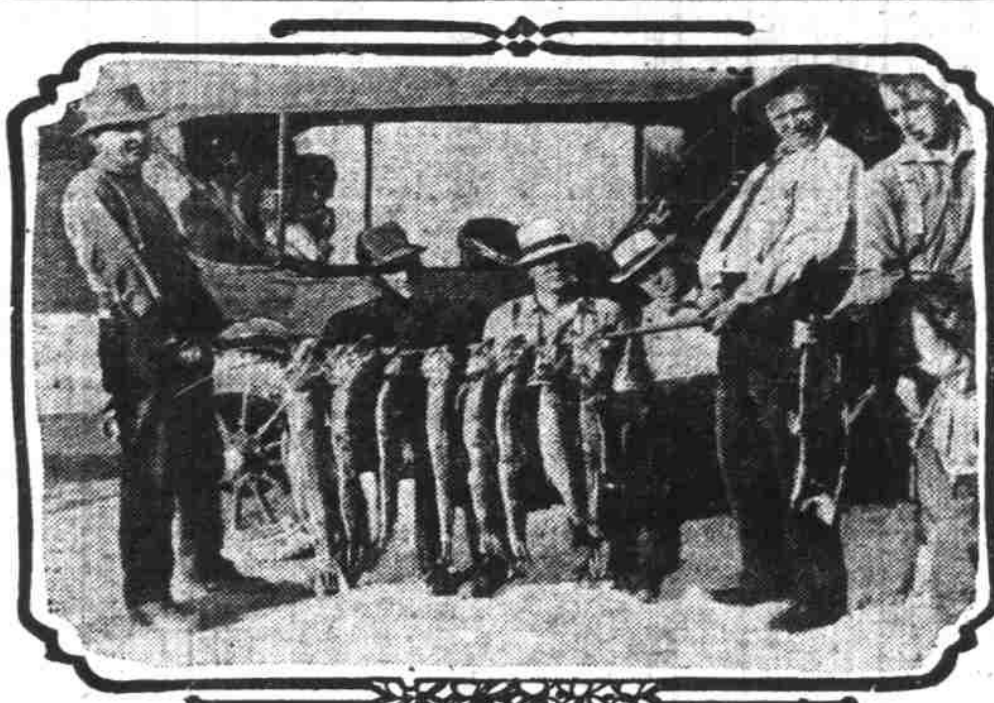
New Search for Murderer.

Mos Angeles, Aug. 12.—(P. N. S.)—A new search for Calvin Whittington, on charge of murdering Mrs. Frances Harrison, a wealthy money lender, formerly of San Francisco, several weeks ago, was on here today. Information that Whittington was aboard a steamship bound for Mexico ports resulted in a fruitless search of the vessel. Mrs. Harrison was found strangled to death in her bungalow here. She and Whittington, known as Dick Allison, had been living together. Valuable jewelry belonging to Mrs. Harrison disappeared.

Boy Loses Three Fingers.

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 12.—Catching his left hand in the chain drive of his Metz auto Wednesday afternoon, North Watts, 14-year-old son of Dr. P. D. Watts of Weston, suffered the loss of three fingers. He was riding with James Read, another Weston boy, and reached over to ascertain whether the machine was getting hot.

PARTY MAKES BIG CATCH



L ft to right—Rev. A. M. Williams, Haines, Baptist preacher and dry worker; Charles Halvorson, Douglas county hunter and guide; Dr. Myers, Haines, insurance; E. P. Hutton, Portland, superintendent Oregon Anti-Saloon league; William Parker, Haines, professional trap shooter and hunter for Remington Arms Co.; Dr. R. W. Biswell, Haines. In car Messdames Parker, Biswell, Mc. Jr.

Sometimes the water wagon takes to the water. R. P. Hutton, chauffeur of the Oregon water wagon, arrived from Astoria Oregon with a photograph of the record catch for Union county. The catch was made on Katherine creek near the city of Union.

IMMIGRATION DOCTOR HOLDS UP RICH PACIFIC COAST MAN FOR LIMP

W. A. Anderson of Vancouver, B. C., Detained at Ellis Island Despite Protests.

New York, Aug. 12.—W. A. Anderson, one of the wealthiest citizens of Vancouver, B. C., was held for Ellis Island on his arrival aboard the White Star liner Lapland. He will be taken to the island for further examination.

Mr. Anderson, who has been a resident of Vancouver for 18 years, where he was engaged in the real estate business, left 16 months ago for England to have an operation performed on his foot. It was successful, but the damp climate of England produced rheumatism which caused him to limp.

Held Because of Limp. It was on account of this limp that Dr. Brooks, of the immigration service, ordered him held. Mr. Anderson pleaded to be allowed to land, and showed his through tickets to Vancouver to prove his contention that he did not intend to stay in this country.

An agent from the Canadian Pacific, who was sent specially to meet him, corroborated his statement, but failed to move the immigration authorities, who declared they had no alternative under the law but to hold him.

Offer of Bond Refused. Mr. Anderson then offered to put up a bond for any amount, or pay an inspector's fare to the border as evidence of the good faith of his intention to leave the country. When this offer was refused he became reconciled to his fate and went on the upper deck to cogitate upon his position.

"I think it is an outrage," he said at first, but later added, "Oh, well, I'll get a ferry ride at the government's expense." Further red tape up his baggage for some time.

HERO OF ROMANCE KILLED

London, Aug. 12.—(U. P.)—War has taken its toll from one of the highest circles in Germany. In the death of Baron von Eitelroeder, the Princess Sophia of Saxe-Weimer committed suicide in 1912, when her father, Prince William, refused to permit their marriage. The baron and princess were secretly engaged, but the latter was told the marriage would never be permitted unless she renounced all her titles and rights of nobility.

Husband Makes Charges.

Salem, Or., Aug. 12.—R. A. Wilson has brought suit against M. E. Wilson, his wife, alleging cruelty and unfaithfulness. They were married in Norton county, Kansas, August 26, 1899.

\$475,000 Fund for Disaster Sufferers

Relatives of Victims of the Eastland Horror Will Get Every Cent of Big Sum—May Raise Boat Today.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—(U. P.)—Relatives of the victims of the Eastland disaster will benefit directly from all of the \$475,000 raised as a relief fund in Chicago, according to Red Cross officials today. This is the first time in the history of relief enterprises that every penny collected is going to the beneficiaries. Business men of the city bore the expenses incident to raising the fund.

In over 90 per cent of the cases a lump sum will be paid to dependents of the steamer victims. The remainder will be expended in the form of \$100,000 donated by the Western Electric company, the relief fund was raised almost entirely in Chicago.

It is expected the Eastland will be raised in the Chicago river today from the muddy bottom where it turned over with more than 2000 excursionists recently. The water was almost all pumped out this morning, and cables have been wrapped about both ends of the big boat.

Fruit Growers Make Protest

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 12.—When several large fruitgrowers of the valley yesterday filed with the county commissioners a protest against the work of District Fruit Inspector Charles W. Gilbreath they stirred the latter to a vigorous reply. The charges claim the inspector has not cleaned up the valley as he should. The reply says those who are complaining are among the worst offenders in the district.

The protest has been forwarded to the state department of agriculture. Those signing the protest are among the largest orchard owners in the district. They are: Baker-Langdon Orchard company, Johnson-Martin-Trausnick Orchard Tract, Rader & Barker Orchard, Miles C. Moore & Son and C. E. Montgomery.

Union High School Favored.

Roseburg, Or., Aug. 12.—The people living in school districts Nos. 58, 101 and 112, in the Anlauf vicinity, have voted in favor of establishing a union high school in these three districts. August 28, three school districts near Glide will vote on the same question.

Ditch Is Completed.

Salem, Or., Aug. 12.—Contractor Lee W. Acheson of Salem has just completed the ditch for the George A. Miller drainage district, five miles west of Gervais. The ditch is 5.3 miles long and will drain 226 acres of low land.

Latter Day Saints.

Centralia, Wash., Aug. 12.—The Latter Day Saints of the Seattle and British Columbia district yesterday voted to return here for their 1916 reunion. The present reunion closes Monday.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE MAY LEAD TO WHITE SLAVERY PROSECUTION

Young Woman Declares She Poisoned Herself to Escape From Man.

JAMES M'CABE INVOLVED

Woman Says Member of Twenty-first Regiment Compelled Her to Live With Him.

The attempt of Miss Clarion Amadale to end her life with poison in a rooming-house at 428 Stark street, shortly before 10 o'clock last night, will probably result in the prosecution of James McCabe, a barber of the Twenty-first regiment, stationed at Vancouver barracks, on a charge of violation of the Mann white slavery law.

As physicians from the city emergency hospital treated her last night, Miss Amadale told them that she had attempted to take her life as the only way to escape the life she is living with McCabe. She met him, she said, three years ago, in Sunnyside, Mont., and they had lived together ever since. Many times recently she has tried to get away from him, but she asserts he retaliated with terrible beatings and other abuse. The woman is now at St. Vincent's hospital, but the prompt work of Assistant City Physician Lawton is believed to have saved her life.

Living much of the time as brother and sister, McCabe last time enlisted, she declares, under her name, as James Amadale. Until last week she was employed as a nurse in training in the government hospital at Vancouver. While there, she asserts, she took steps to get away from McCabe, who Saturday brought her to Portland.

McCabe was just about to have been declared a deserter from the army, she says, when he decided to go back yesterday afternoon. The officers at Vancouver have been notified, and McCabe will probably be put in the guard house to await official investigation today. Miss Amadale, who is 28 years old, is a city prisoner, booked on a charge of disorderly conduct. She is being held as a witness for the government in connection with the prosecution under the Mann act.

C. E. Walpole, proprietor of the rooming house, told the police last night that the couple was registered as man and wife.

ANOTHER PISTOL TRAGEDY

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 12.—(U. P.)—R. C. Cunningham, the fireman who shot Mrs. Flora Sanders while she was working behind the counter in a cafeteria yesterday noon, died last evening, and his victim is expected to expire before night. Cunningham fired two bullets into Mrs. Sanders' breast, and then turned the weapon on himself. He was jealous.

O. & C. Tax Assessment.

Salem, Or., Aug. 12.—Tax assessments against the Oregon & California railroad lands has been placed on the roll by Assessor West of Marion county, and the usual penalty of 1 per cent per month will be collected on sums delinquent. Marion county never agreed to give the company any lower rate than provided in the law relating to delinquent taxes.

School Contract Let.

Centralia, Wash., Aug. 12.—The contract for erecting a new school at Silver Lake has been awarded to Jenkins & Mauer, Kelso contractors. The new school will replace the only recently destroyed by fire and will be modern in every detail. It will cost about \$10,000 and will contain a large auditorium and four class rooms.

Socialists Protest Arrests.

Lusanne, Switzerland, Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—A mass meeting of German Socialists yesterday afternoon, protesting to the government against numerous arrests of Socialists upon charges of treason, according to Berlin dispatches received here today.

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There was, with Theda Bara, the vampire woman, at the Grand theater.

Sign Falls From Alisky Building, Damaged by Fire

Frank Hannan, agent for the structural steel workers, narrowly escaped death yesterday, when he was struck on the shoulder by an advertising sign that had been blown from the building, Third and Morrison streets. The Alisky building was damaged by fire early last week. The sign, weakened by the fire, dropped suddenly from its place on the rope. Street car guy wires deflected its fall, but one corner struck Mr. Hannan, knocking him down and bruising his shoulder. Hannan's office is 162 1/2 Second street.

Grape Carnival to Be Record Breaker

Kennewick, Wash., Aug. 12.—The second of a series of entertainments given by the executive committee for the purpose of raising funds for the fifth annual grape carnival was held here. It proved to be one of the most successful social functions of the season. Several hundred people attended the dance at the open air pavilion. Music was furnished by the Commercial club orchestra.

Friends' Meeting Is Great Success

The tent meeting in progress at East Thirty-fifth and Main streets, under the auspices of the Friends' church, is proving a great success. Rev. Mr. Cox and Rev. Mr. Wells are the speakers, and the attendance is increasing.

The meetings will continue throughout the coming week. Services are held each afternoon and evening except Saturday. Everyone is invited and assured of a cordial welcome.

Work Is Begun.

Husum, Wash., Aug. 12.—Road work has been commenced on the Gilmer cut-off, a project long contemplated. The new road is being constructed from the main state line between White Salmon and Glenwood, and starts from Gilmer, five miles north of Husum, bearing in a westerly direction, connecting with the Trout Lake road near the William Campfield ranch. This will be a county road.

The road will be a 4 per cent grade from the river to Gilmer, and will prove a great benefit to the traveling public.

Cowlitz County Fair.

Centralia, Wash., Aug. 12.—Wednesday the premium lists were issued for the third annual Cowlitz county fair to be held at Woodland September 22 to 25.

A feature of the 1915 fair will be an exhibit of the manual training, domestic science and agricultural products of the county schools.

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SUGGEST ONE SUNDAY EVERY YEAR BE SET ASIDE AS 'THRIFT' DAY

International Congress of Thrift Wants President and Governors to Decide.

States will have to decide whether or not they favor the official declaration of one Sunday a year to be signaled as "Thrift day."

Benjamin Ide Wheeler, David Starr Jordan, S. W. Straus, Durand W. Springer, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and other prominent educators and economists led in the campaign for the Thrift day resolutions.

Those who oppose it declare that we already have too many special days in America. Resolutions were passed, however, following the urgent request of President Straus, of the Thrift society.

A committee previously appointed to devise means for introducing thrift studies in the schools filed its report today with the request that the National Educational association, in session here next week, make a complete investigation of thrift conditions in America, and outline a definite thrift curriculum.

G. E. Uehara, representing the Japanese government, caused surprise among the thrift workers when he said that his people needed thrift instruction more than Americans.

"The Japanese do not understand how to save money," he said. "Come to my country with this propaganda. We need it."

The next thrift congress will be held in Detroit, in December, in connection with the midwinter meeting of the National Educational association.

Houseboat Robbed.

Ridgefield, Wash., Aug. 12.—The houseboat, standing on the bank of Lake river, near the Brattle-McClelland shingle mill, belonging to Charles E. Trude, was robbed of clothing, jewelry, etc., valued at \$150.

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45c Children's Long Cloth Drawers. Knickerbocker style, finished with braid and embroidery, others with bead-ing and ribbon. Sizes 2 to 12 years. 25c. Fourth Floor.

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