

BIDS AUTHORIZED FOR THE BENSON SCHOOL; OPEN BIDS ON JAN. 31

Work Calls for Erection of Main Buildings and Three Units of Boys' Shops.

\$210,000 NOW AVAILABLE

Petition of Mrs. Maud Richards, Tendering Services, Is Received and Placed on File.

After inspecting the plans for the main building and three units of the boys' shop for the new Benson Polytechnic school, the Portland school board yesterday afternoon authorized F. A. Naramore, superintendent of properties, to advertise for bids for the construction of the buildings. The board has \$210,000 available for the buildings and the improvement of the grounds. It is expected to open bids January 31.

The board rescinded its action of several weeks ago, when permission was given to the student chamber of commerce at Washington High school to conduct a cooperative book store for the benefit of the pupils, and denied the students permission to establish such a store at that school.

Protests Had Been Made. The board had received an opinion from Nicholas & McCoy, attorneys for the board, holding that the board had no authority to permit the students to establish such a store. Protests against the store had been made by a number of small stationery dealers.

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Mr. Alderman announced that graduating exercises of the high schools and Benson Polytechnic school will be held the night of January 27.

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C. L. Boes & Co., Reo truck, \$1925, and allow \$300 for old car; General Motor Truck company, G. M. C. truck, \$2170, and allow \$400 for old car; Gerlinger Motor Car company, Federal truck, \$2150, and \$200 for old car; E. C. Atwell, agent International Motor company, Mack truck, \$2450, and \$400 for old car; the Kelly-Springfield Motor Truck company, \$2200, and \$200 for old car; the White company, White truck, \$2270, and \$300 for old car; Thayer-Shaver-Gully Machine company, \$900, and \$50 for old car.

Bids on fireproof furnace rooms of various schools were opened, as follows: Arthur W. Harris, \$13,348; A. C. Meyer, \$13,295; Parker & Banfield, \$12,139; E. W. Wernerson, \$12,995. On recommendation of the supplies committee, the purchase of 1584 pairs of scissors was authorized for use in the schools.

A delegation from the Oakley Green Parent-Teacher association petitioned the board to change the name of the Oakley Green school to the Frank Rigler school.

COUNTY COURT NEWS

Ralph W. Hetzel of the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college was requested by the board to call upon the board as early as convenient for a conference on the subject of employment of a county agriculturalist.

The Blake-McFall company, was granted, subject to the approval of the superintendent of bridges and ferries, permission to remove a section of the wooden railing on the east approach to the Burnside bridge where a viaduct adjacent to the bridge will be built.

A warrant for \$5.00 was ordered drawn on the county treasurer that a guardian might be appointed for George E. Harding, a minor, who wishes to join the United States army, but is without the necessary funds.

A communication from the Kenton Traction company, in regard to safeguarding the said company from injury to fill about to be commenced for the Derby street approach to the Interstate bridge be placed on file and copies forwarded to the district attorney for his information.

The board ordered the communication from the bureau of water works which contained a bill for \$149 for water service on the west end of the Burnside bridge, be transmitted to the county auditor for a report on said count and on any counter account he may have against the city of Portland.

A request of school district No. 1 through F. A. Naramore, superintendent of properties, for use of 14 portable coal oil stoves was granted.

Upon the recommendation of the roadmaster, William Adams refused payment for gravel which Adams claims to have used on Slough road.

A report of the roadmaster regarding the drainage of Eighty-second street stating that the road department will keep the street drained in the best possible manner, was placed on file.

Portland Woman to Wed.
Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 6.—(N. S.)—Marriage license issued today to Albert Stem, 35, of Chicago, Ill., and Lola Barlow, 24, of Portland, Or.

YOUNG ATTORNEY IS PRESIDENT OF CLUB



J. E. Flynn.

White Salmon, Wash., Jan. 7.—J. E. Flynn, newly elected president of the White Salmon Commercial club, is a leading young attorney of Klamath county.

Mr. Flynn, 25, is a native of White Salmon. He is a member of the club since its organization last year. He is a member of the club since its organization last year. He is a member of the club since its organization last year.

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200,000 TEUTONS ARE GATHERED ON BORDER TO ATTACK SALONIKI

Allies Remain Confident That They Can Beat Back Invading Armies.

SALONIKI IS PROTECTED

Fortified Line of 37 Miles Around Bay in Circle Forms Backing of Allies Defending the Grecian City.

Saloniki, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—Two hundred thousand fully equipped troops of the central powers are massed before the Grecian border ready to invade Greece in an attack in Saloniki, the allies' base. Their blow probably will not be long delayed.

The Bulgars are advancing in masses between Dolran and Giegliv. Fifteen thousand of them are concentrated at Monastir. Only a single Bulgarian division is operating in Albania.

Aviators reported that the Austrians are forming on the Bulgarian right near Monastir, while four German divisions are behind the Bulgarian center. At least seven Bulgarian divisions are within a few hours' march of the border and other armies are coming up to join them.

Meanwhile the allies are extremely confident that they can beat back the tide of Teutonic invaders. Saloniki is well protected by a fortified line running like a giant steel half moon in a 37 mile circle around the bay. The allies at the border expected to retire to this line if superior forces drive at them.

Serb Railway Repaired.

London, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Dispatches received here from several sources today indicate that the invasion of Greece by the armies of the central powers is about to begin.

The report of yesterday in the Frankfurter Zeitung that Field Marshal von Mackensen had been ordered to move against Saloniki has been partially corroborated by statements from Athens, Saloniki and Rome. The Bulgars have resumed their concentration along the Greek border within the last 48 hours and the allies have been active in transporting ammunition to their lines at the border. Anglo-French air scouts are keeping continual watch.

Athens and Rome papers print similar reports. Athens stating that a squadron of Austrian aviators has arrived at Monastir. The railway leading southward through Serbia has been completely repaired and is rapidly, the reports say, bringing up men and munitions to the Greek front.

France Helps Greece.

Paris, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—An Athens dispatch to the Havas news agency says the French government has informed the Greek government it has placed 10,000,000 francs at the disposal of Greece. This sum is an advance on a loan of 40,000,000 now being negotiated.

Sodaville Man Gets Blow on the Knee

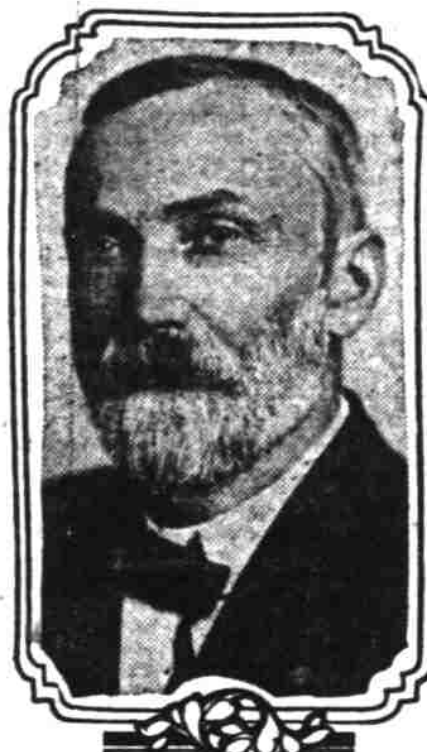
Lebanon, Or., Jan. 7.—When the dolesters broke on a grubbing machine driven by R. B. Skinner of Sodaville, the sweep of the machine flew back and hit him on the knee, spraining the inner ligaments. Skinner was brought to Lebanon, when the injured knee was put in a plaster cast.

for failure to observe rule providing for a brakeman to ride the top of the train while passing flag or telegraph stations.

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D. P. MASON HEADS ALBANY MERCHANTS



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Albany, Or., Jan. 7.—D. P. Mason, one of the oldest and best known merchants of Albany, was elected president of the Albany Retail Merchants' association at the annual meeting Tuesday evening.

Mr. Mason is a druggist, and is proprietor of "Cash & Mason's" wholesale and retail drug firm, one of the oldest establishments in this city. Mr. Mason is also a well known Mason. He is a past grand master and has been a member of the local lodge for years.

D. O. Woodworth, another local druggist, was elected vice president; W. O. Bushong, secretary; William Portmiller, treasurer; E. R. Williams, R. A. Hocking and E. M. French, directors.

Robert G. Duncan, editor of the Oregon Merchants' Magazine, was the principal speaker at the meeting.

S. P. CONTENTS BANKS ON LUMBER CARS ARE NOT REAL NECESSITY

Files Brief Stating Reason for Refusal of Labor Commissioner's Demands.

Salem, Or., Jan. 7.—That the installation of banks on cars used in hauling logs provides no protection for employees of logging companies who unload the cars and results in no economy of operation of logging camps by a saving of time and labor in unloading, but would mean only an expense of from \$55 to \$100 per car for the railroad company with no return, is contended in a brief filed by the Southern Pacific company today in the case brought before the public service commission by Labor Commissioner Hoff.

The company contends that the demand for the banks comes from the labor commissioner and not the shippers, and that the negligible number of accidents compared with the thousands of loading operations where stakes are used to hold logs in unloading, seems to indicate the demand is by no means imperative.

It is also asserted that where the banks are used it is the universal custom for the shipper to furnish the pay for them and it is entirely feasible for a logger to own banks and attach them.

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COMPTROLLER IS ON STILL HUNT FOR ANY USURIOUS VIOLATION

National Banks of the Country Are Being Checked Up for Past Year's Business.

LOCAL BANKS FILE REPORT

Not Only Loans Made Over Counter but Purchases of Paper From Outside Concerns Inspected.

By James J. Sayer.

John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, is continuing his still hunt for usurious practices among the national banks of the United States. He is planning to check up all of the operations of the national banks in this respect for the entire year 1915. The national banks of Portland, in common with those all over the country, are now compiling the information the comptroller desires.

The request for this report accompanied the comptroller's order for a transcript of the statement of the condition of their respective banks at the close of business December 31.

Specifically, the comptroller wants to know the number and amount of the time and demand loans made by each bank during the year 1915, in all cases in which the interest charged or interest collected, or the interest, discount and commission earned on any transaction was more than the equivalent of 6 per cent per annum on the amount of the loan.

All Loans Inspected. The comptroller wants this information not only on loans made by the banks directly over the counter, but wherein they have bought paper from outside concerns.

The report must be subdivided so as to show the number and amount of the loans which earned over 6 per cent and less than 7 per cent; from 7 per cent to less than 8 per cent; 8 per cent to less than 10 per cent; 10 per cent to less than 12 per cent; 12 per cent to less than 15 per cent; 15 per cent to 24 per cent and all over that rate of interest.

The reports must separate, in each instance, the demand, time loans and the discounts, and so show the grand total of all the transactions. Caution is given that the reports must be accurate and the sub-totals must check up with the grand totals.

Examples Are Listed. The comptroller further wants to know the aggregate of the new loans and the number of renewals that were allowed. He cites the following example to show more specifically what he means. In the case of a note for \$1000 given for 60 days, if it is renewed at the end of that period for another 60 days, and if at the end of the second maturity the note is cut down \$400 and the balance renewed for another 60 days, the transactions must show in the report, as three separate loans of a total of \$2600.

The comptroller also states that the reports, in some instances, will be turned over to the national bank examiners for verification. If errors are found the attention of the bank will be called to them and the bank will be required to make them right.

The banks are now engaged in making these reports and the clerical labor involved is heavy, according to the banking officials. It is no slight task for the smaller banks, it is declared, on account of their limited clerical forces. In the case of the larger banks, the work involved will be proportionately greater, although they may have more help to handle the situation.

Experts Are at Work. One of the larger banks said it would require three men one week's labor to comply with all the demands of the comptroller. One bank says it will send in a summary of its transactions along this line and test out the right of the comptroller

to make these arduous demands. In the case of the larger banks in this section, as well as the smaller banks, the majority of the loans bear a greater rate of interest than 6 per cent. The number of such "items," as they are termed, in the pouches of the larger banks of Portland, for a year, will vary between 5000 and 7000. The dealings in detail and in total connected with the items will have to be recorded in the report to the comptroller.

Penalties Are Included. In addition to the facts demanded above the comptroller desires, to ascertain the aggregate which borrowers may have refused to pay the banks on account of the usury charges they may have made, the number of cases in which protests has been raised, and the total amounts involved in these protests.

The comptroller also wants to know the amount of penalties the banks may have paid, under the United States laws, for the practice of usury in the years 1914 and 1915. It is not known definitely what use

the comptroller proposes to make of the information thus gathered. It is presumed, since he has called for a report for the calendar year of 1915, that he will make the result of this latest investigation one of the chief subjects of a survey of the work of his office for the year.

Portland Banks Land Bonds.

Baker, Or., Jan. 7.—The Lumbermen's Trust company of Portland last evening were successful bidders for \$125,000 Baker high school bonds, bidding per, accrued interest and premium of \$1487.50. Of 24 bids received, four offered over \$4000 premium, several others close to that amount. Bonds at 5 per cent, 25 years. Lowest premium offered \$50, only one under \$1000.

Not True Bills Reported. Baker, Or., Jan. 7.—John Meade, charged with assaulting and attempting to kill C. O. Keaster of La Grande while the two were stealing a ride on a freight train, has been released by the grand jury. Mike Anderson,

facing similar charge for attempting to shoot City Marshal Foreman at Half Way, was not indicted either. No report on other cases has been made.

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Everything will be in readiness for inaugurating Saturday Evening during the Dinner hour, 6 to 8, and 10 to 12 o'clock.

Dancing at The Hofbrau

Judging from the artists who have been specially engaged for the occasion, something extraordinary may be expected in the way of

Exhibition Dancing

Due announcement will be made when the Breakfast-room is ready to open.

FACTS

Road improvement is no longer of merely local significance. This great question is of nationwide importance for it touches human welfare at every angle and is a material factor in the development of civilization. In the home life and in religion, the three great fundamentals of civilization, this form of development is now the center of interest in every section of the Union and nowhere is interest more keen than in the state of Oregon, where every section is recognizing the superlative qualities of that peer of pavements

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All with two pairs of knickers, full-lined.
Boys' \$15.00 Norfolk Suits for \$11.85
Boys' \$12.50 Norfolk Suits for \$9.85
Boys' \$10.00 Norfolk Suits for \$7.85
Boys' \$6.00 Norfolk Suits for \$4.95
Boys' \$5.00 Norfolk Suits for \$3.95

Boys' Overcoats

All sizes for children and boys, 2 1/2 to 18 years.
Boys' \$15.00 Overcoats at only \$11.85
Boys' \$12.50 Overcoats at only \$9.85
Boys' \$10.00 Overcoats at only \$7.85
Boys' \$8.50 Overcoats at only \$6.85
Boys' \$6.50 Overcoats at only \$4.95
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In Gray, Born and White.
50c Union Suits now.....39c
75c Union Suits now.....59c
\$1.00 Union Suits now.....85c
\$1.25 Union Suits now.....98c
\$1.50 Union Suits now.....\$1.35
\$2.00 Union Suits now.....\$1.65
\$2.50 Union Suits now.....\$2.15

Boys' Caps Reduced

50c Caps reduced to.....39c
\$1.00 Caps reduced to.....85c
\$1.50 Caps reduced to.....\$1.25

Pajamas, Nightgowns

75c Garments now only.....59c
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Boys' Sweaters

January Surf-Wear Styles
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