BIDS OPENED FOR SPRUCE DIVISION VAST EQUIPMENT

Total of Over 1500 Letters Containing Average of Five Offers Each Are Read in Public.

PROFFERS TOTAL MILLIONS

Most of Proposals Made Are for Automobiles, Donkey Engines and Accessories at Vancouver.

With an interested audience of from 500 to 600 persons present all of Saturday from 11 o'clock in the morning on, bids for the gigantic $10,000,000 equipment of the spruce production corporation were opened and read aloud at the spruce production offices in the Yeon building.

A total of over 1500 letters containing on an average of five bids to the letter were received during the month that the sale was open and as they were opened the proposals were read aloud and tabulated, each of the bids passing through the hands of about a dozen men who checked, filed and made reference to the various sections included in the offers.

Proffers Aggregate Millions

Millions of dollars were estimated to have come in with the bids as each contained a certified check covering 20 per cent of the amount of the offer. Most of the proposals were for automobiles, donkey engines and smaller parts of the accessories located at Vancouver, which a stream of visitors has been inspecting for the past month. A single bid for the entire equipment listed amounting to $2,225,000 was announced but Captain I. D. Wolf, sales manager, does not believe that the government will consider the lump disposal as separate bids will easily amount to more when the tabulation is finished.

An extensive campaign of advertising has brought more replies than were anticipated and Captain Wolf did not believe Saturday evening that a public announcement of the disposal would be possible before the latter part of the week. The government believes that it will be able to recover almost as much capital as was placed into the equipment because most of it has never been used and owing to the fact that prices have advanced considerably since this stock was purchased.

Interest Is Widespread

The scope of the publicity that this sale has included was indicated by the interested audience present. Some of those in attendance were investors and representatives from Canada, the Orient, South America and European countries. American dealers interested in reconstruction work and lumbermen also composed a large section of the gathering.

This sale is not intended to be an auction and the government does not bind itself to accept any bids. If necessary all bids may be turned down but this is hardly likely as the spruce corporation believes it will be able to dispose of the entire stock judging from the indications the bids opened.

The sales board which opened the bids was composed of Major Watson Eastman, president; Captain I. D. Wolf, sales manager and Lieutenants Lloyd Bates and Louis P. Pink.

BUTTE STRIKE NOW IS BELIEVED NEAD END

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metal trades leaders, steam and operating engineers met and unanimously adopted resolutions demanding that metal trades take steps to end the strike at once.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—Work on government ship contracts totaling $75,000,000 was stopped today when 6000 boilermakers struck.

The men demand retroactive pay and Saturday half holidays.

When the 6000 struck, they automatically threw 20,000 other workers out of employment.

The employers refused to mediate the difficulty, declaring the employes are bound by an agreement which has not expired.

M. J. McGuire, representing the boilermakers' international, is urging the men to return to work Monday, and will conduct a secret ballot on that proposition tomorrow. McGuire was hissed at a meeting of boilermakers Friday night, when in open ballot they voted to strike.

McGuire threatened to outlaw the present union here and form a new one.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15.—(I. N. S.)—Enormous sums of union funds have disappeared, declares F. A. Robertson, attorney for the organization of a new boilermakers' union here which will seek a charter from the International boilermakers' organization because of the alleged refusal of the officers of the present local to call off the strike of shipyard workers and obey the national officers' orders.

Tacoma, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—Taxed with being an I. W. W., S. S. Crosby, examiner in the federal employment office here, resigned rather than face charges.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke, America's foremost man of letters, will speak tonight at Westminster church, East Seventeenth and Schuyler, at 7:30 o'clock. Was former minister to Netherlands, noted author of "The Other Wise Man" and "Little River." Come and hear him.—Adv.

Saloon-Forged Titles Aided Thieves to Loot Oregon School Lands

Federal Court Records Give Testimony of Self-Confessed Forgers as to Bold Methods Employed in Robbing Oregon of Heritage That Was Intended for her School Children.

That he signed away thousands of acres of Oregon school land by forging names of his friends was the startling admission of Robert Schulze, Portland saloonkeeper, on the witness stand in United States court at the trial in 1906 of F. P. Mays, W. N. Jones, George Sorenson et al. for conspiracy in fraudulently obtaining school lands in this state. It is by such methods, the Marion county grand jury says, that George Baldwin, Wisconsin timberman, garnered more than 27,000 acres, Giles S. Coon and Charles Chafee, Easterners, secured 12,970, Hiram Goddard of Wisconsin obtained 25,573, and other Eastern men almost equal amounts of land set aside for the school children of Oregon.

Schulze's testimony taken from transcript of the court record, follows:

Q. What business were you running in the spring of 1902?

A. I kept a rooming house and saloon.

Q.—Where was it?

A.—Corner of Fourth and Stark.

Q.—Did you sign any papers for Sorenson along about that time relating to school lands?

Forges Friend's Name

A.—I guess so. I signed some papers, but I didn't know what kind.

Q.—Just tell the jury how it was you came to sign those papers.

A.—He came to me once or twice, you know, to sign a paper. And I had a little five foot office in one corner of the saloon, and sometimes he would call to me and he says "sign this." I signed several papers. About three or four inside of a year or eight months.

Q.—Each time, how many papers would you sign?

A.—I think two papers.

Q.—What would you sign to them; your own name?

A.—I signed my own name once and then he told me to sign any friend's name.

Q.—Who signed the name Ernest Schwab on the paper now handed you?

A.—I guess I did—that was one of my friends here.

Q.—Where did he live?

A.—Well, he came in the saloon, you know; that is all I know.

Q.—Was he present when you signed his name?

A.—I can't tell. Sometimes there was some persons, a good many, you know, sign it yourself."

Q.—Who told you?

A.—Well, some of them; I guess, maybe, that Schwab, or what is his name?

Q.—Who asked you to sign this?

A.—George Sorenson.

Q.—And at the same time that you signed this paper, did you sign another one?

A.—I guess so.

Q.—With the same name?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That is not your name is it, Ernest Schwab?

A.—No.

Q.—Your name is Schulze?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Was there any Schwab present when you signed that?

A.—Maybe he was; if he was present then I would ask him, you know. I doubt it, though.

Q.—You doubt that he was present?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Who signed the name of Johann Mayer upon the paper now handed you?

A.—I guess I signed it; he told me to sign it.

Q.—Who told you to sign it?

Any Old Name Goes

A.—George Sorenson.

Q.—Tell us what he said to you—how it occurred.

A.—Well, George Sorenson told me to sign one of my friend's names—"any name will do," he says. So I did.

Q.—You signed them to a blank?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you ever tell him (Johann Mayer) you had signed it?

A.—I might.

O.—How long after?

A.—Oh, about the next time I seen him.

The fraudulent acquisition of the school lands by the timber grabbers was in preparation for the creation of the Blue Mountain forest reserve, a reserve that was strenuously opposed by responsible citizens of the territory. The machinations of the timber agents, however, resulted in the creation of the reserve almost over night, making it possible for holders of titles, based on saloon forged signatures, to scrip the school land for timber tracts now worth $60 an acre in instances.

Ole Hanson, Seattle Mayor, to Speak in Portland Thursday

Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle is coming to Portland this week. He will address the Progressive Business Men's club at its regular Thursday noon luncheon, according to a telegram received Friday by I. N. Riggs and K. C. Eldridge, president and secretary of the club.

Plans were immediately made to secure the large dining room of the Chamber of Commerce, which will accommodate 600 business men. Reservations to be made in advance will provide for representation from various local civic and business clubs. Steps were taken looking toward engaging The Auditorium for a Thursday night address by Seattle's fighting mayor. Hanson's courageous and picturesque handling of the recent general strike at Seattle has won for him national approval and distinction.

Alderman Receives Passports and Will Start East Friday

L. R. Alderman, superintendent of war activities of the Portland schools, received his passports Saturday and will leave next Friday morning for his trip overseas where he will be in charge of the Y. M. C. A. educational campaign.

The services of Mr. Alderman were loaned to the Y. M. C. A. a few weeks ago, by the school board, it being decided that school war work had diminished to such an extent since the signing of the armistice, that Mr. Alderman could be spared for the more important work to be done abroad.

Mr. Alderman has accepted an invitation to attend the National Education association at Chicago February 24 to March 1, on his way, and deliver addresses to the patrons and to the superintendents' divisions of the association.

Kent to Be Tried On Forgery Charge

Elmer Kent is to be tried Monday in the municipal court on a charge of forgery, preferred by Graham Dukehart. He is also jointly charged with Hugo Newman with knowingly tendering a false check at the United States National bank for $125. Police say the boys had bargained with a motorcycle man to purchase a machine with the money they hoped to obtain. Operatives of Pinkerton's Detective agency assisted the police in the arrest.

Youthful Speeder Draws $42 Fine and 36 Hours in Jail

One of the severest traffic sentences given recently in the municipal court was meted out to Leslie Watson Saturday by Municipal Judge Rossman. He was fined $42 and sentenced to spend 36 hours in the city jail on a charge of speeding. Watson was arrested by Motorcycle Officer Rippen, who testified the 18-year-old driver went from 35 to 42 miles per hour on Union avenue from Broadway to Portland boulevard on Friday night. He overtook six machines in his flight. Watson pleaded guilty.

The judge said: "In passing six machines at such a high rate of speed you not only violated the law yourself, but laid out a temptation before the other six drivers to violate the law."

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Ford-Newberry Case Comes Up Next Term

Washington, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—Members of the senate committee on privileges and elections today adopted a resolution providing that all ballots and documentary evidence in the Ford-Newberry election contest be preserved until congress can act. Republican members of the committee said the next congress should decide the validity of Newberry's election.

30 Millions Drawn For Free Education

Washington, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—The Philippines legislature just closed, has passed an appropriation of 30,000,000 pesos to extend universal free education in the islands.

Cooperation With Forest Service by Stockmen Urged

E. L. Kavanagh, in charge of grazing at the forest service, has returned from Walla Walla, where he addressed the Wenaha Woolgrowers' association. Mr. Kavanagh spoke on the general cooperation between the stock associations and the forest service for the mutual benefit of both.

"The stockmen have obligations in connection with the range," said Mr. Kavanagh, "which they must observe. Protection from fire, assistance in suppressing fires, in preventing grazing trespass, the clearing up of doubtful ownership of stock and the marking of stock with established locally recorded brands, preventing range complications and loss of stock by stealing, must occupy the attention of the association."

Mr. Kavanagh advised the association as to the procedure it should follow to secure recognition by the forest service and make its cooperation a real benefit.

Supervisor Kuhns of the Wenaha forest called in his rangers for a one day conference with Mr. Kavanagh on grazing and other matters.

Seasoned slabwood and inside wood, green stamps, for cash. Holman Fuel Co. Main 353, A-3353.—Adv.

Rich Clubman Taken For Liquor Charges

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 15.—(I. N. S.)—The arrest of H. Kelso Hailey, a prominent clubman of this city, generally regarded as wealthy, yesterday on the charge of illicit distilling, has proved the greatest sensation sprung here in many years. Hailey is connected by marriage with the very 400 of the city. In the basement of the Altmoore apartments, which Hailey owned, was discovered a veritable labyrinth of passages, ending in the big chamber where his modern distilling plant was located.

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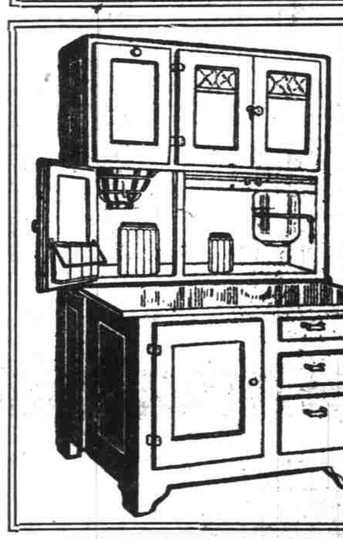

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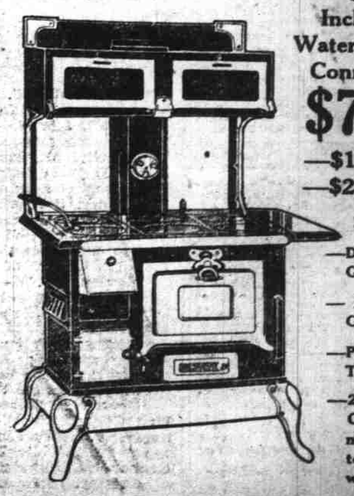

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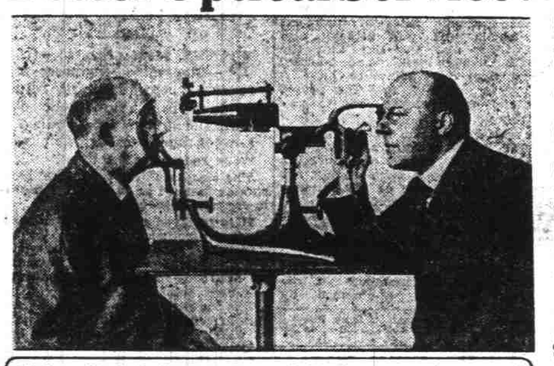

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