

# ST. JOHNS RIVER ROAD CONTRACT IS STILL MOOT ISSUE

Commissioner Holman Is Firm in Opposing Letting Job to Private Account; Claim Is Answered.

The pending contract between Multnomah county and the Star Sand company for the macadamizing of the St. Johns river road for a figure of \$46,293.10, continues to be a source of bitter controversy between the county commissioners.

Commissioner A. A. Muck espouses the contract, declaring that according to his figures the job will be done by the Star Sand company at a saving of \$29,000 to the taxpayers.

Commissioner Rufus C. Holman declares that if the county signs the contract the work will cost the taxpayers between \$7500 and \$8000 more than it should.

Commissioner Ralph W. Hoyt agrees with Muck.

**HOLMAN OPPOSES PROPOSAL**

Despite the fact that the majority of the county commissioners, Hoyt and Muck, have awarded the contract for macadamizing the road to the Star Sand company, and have given the company their assurance that they will sign the contract as soon as the board is ready, Commissioner Holman continues his protest against the bid of the concern.

It is possible that Holman will reopen the matter at the meeting of the board Monday, in an attempt to have the contract set aside and readvertise for bids.

Muck avows that the county has already awarded the contract, and that it will be signed immediately and the Star Sand company authorized to begin the work.

The controversy has been gathering strength for over a week. The crisis came last Wednesday when Commissioner Holman declared in council meeting that Muck was working in the interests of the contractors, whereas Muck charged Holman with uttering a falsehood.

"I think that a grave mistake has been made," Holman declared Saturday. "Several concerns took out specifications on this road, and but one submitted a bid."

**CAUTION IS URGED**

Now if I was going to spend \$50,000 in my own business, I should want to go over the matter very carefully. I would want to build that road as cheaply as I could, and since I am a servant of the public, I want to construct the St. Johns river road as cheaply for the taxpayers as possible.

"To go into details—the retail price for crushed rock is between \$1.75 and \$2 a cubic yard. Let us consider it at its highest retail price, to be perfectly fair, so we shall take \$2 a yard.

"Now the various rock concerns have the city divided into zones, for the purpose of estimating on the price of hauling rock. The St. Johns river road is in the zone in which the Star Sand company is located, and the retail price for hauling rock in that zone is 60 cents a yard. Let us take the highest figure submitted by Roadmaster Eatchel for laying the rock, and we have 70 cents a cubic yard.

"The total estimation on these three items is \$430 a cubic yard. Compare that with the \$410 demanded by the Star Sand company.

"It is a saving of 20 cents a yard on the contract price, or a total saving of between \$7500 and \$8000.

**WOULD PATRONIZE HOME QUARRY**

It seems to me that everything possible is being done to hinder the opening of Kelly Butte quarry. One-third of the road budget for the entire year is to be expended on the St. Johns river road. Why not save money where we can?

"Who asked Roadmaster Eatchel for that second set of figures which he submitted? Who was behind all those men who espoused the Star company's cause at the council meeting? The only thing for me to do is to protest against the action of the other two commissioners. They say that they are going to sign the contracts, so I suppose they will.

Muck does not at all agree that the work could be done cheaper than the present bid indicates. He stated Saturday:

"Before the work was advertised, I, with Roadmaster Eatchel and Purchasing Agent Fleming, visited a number of the companies about Portland. Four concerns took out specifications and only one bid was submitted. That bid was referred to the roadmaster and purchas-

## WELL KNOWN CHURCH SINGER PASSES AWAY



Una Vida Dixon

Miss Una Vida Dixon, head woman of the drapery sewing room at Olds, Wortman & King's, died Friday at her home in Portland at the age of 37 years. Miss Dixon was born at Philomath, Or. After completing a high school and business education at Philomath, she removed to Portland with her parents in 1902, becoming an employee of the store shortly after.

Miss Dixon was a member of the United Brethren church, which she joined when but a girl. For several years she sang in the First United Brethren church, and up to the time of her death was singing in the Rose City Park Methodist church, of which her brother-in-law, D. Lester Fields, is pastor. She had a rare contralto voice and often participated in musical concerts in Portland.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. E. L. Dixon, two sisters, Mrs. Lester Fields of Portland and Mrs. Alda Gray of Corvallis, and a brother, Nathaniel Dixon of Portland.

**Post Ball Is Success**

Woodland, Wash., March 20—Frank Gaddis post, Loyd Legton, of Woodland, gave its first entertainment, a large ball, last night. Many came from Kelso, LaCenter and points up Lewis river.

ing agent for recommendations, and they reported favorably on it.

**CONTRACT IS AWARDED**

When the report came back, the three commissioners were in a board meeting. At that time Holman asked the roadmaster what the department's estimates were, and Eatchel replied that they were for \$430 a yard. Holman remarked "fine" and the company was awarded the contract.

"Since this controversy arose I have visited the city hall in an endeavor to ascertain what price the city pays for like work. I found that the last bid for macadamizing which they let, was awarded to Cochran Brothers for some work on the east side. Their bid was for \$7 a cubic yard for laying water-bound macadam, whereas the bid of the Star Sand company is only \$4.10 a yard.

"The county is not in a position to do this work at the present time. If we take over the St. Johns river road it will be necessary for the county to hire a number of extra trucks. We are already hiring four trucks and paying \$28 a day for each of them. As I have said before, it is impossible for us to do the work at the present time.

**PRICES ARE SOARING**

"If we postpone action on this work, the cost will mount much higher. Labor will be higher within 60 days than it is now. Prices of material are going up. The Peninsula district is going to be the big industrial center of Portland, and that road is needed badly. The contract states that the road must be finished within 100 days, and we are going to sign contracts as soon as possible and start on that work.

"I want my position on Kelly Butte understood. I am heartily in favor of opening up the rock pile there with prison labor, at once."

Muck also exhibited a letter from Otto Kettenbech of the Portland Flouring Mills, commending him for his stand in the controversy, and stating that the company had lost over \$15,000 through inability to operate trucks over the road.

Chairman Hoyt is rather noncommittal about the matter, but he does state that he thinks the bid of the company at \$4.10 a yard, for a total of \$46,293.10, is a good proposition. He has said he would sign the contract.

# AGED YAKIMA IS MAKING LAST FIGHT FOR FISHING RIGHT

Sam Williams Asks the Supreme Court to Reconsider Decision Ruling His Trap Off River.

Sam Williams, aged Yakima Indian, is making last fight to hold fishing rights in the Columbia river near The Dalles. He has asked the state supreme court for a rehearing in the Sam Williams vs. Seufert Brothers company case, wherein the supreme court March 2 held that he had abandoned his rights by alleged failure to apply for a fishing license in 1915 and 1916.

"I am getting old," Sam told Assistant United States Attorney Hall S. Lusk, to whom he applied for help in retaining his fish trap. "All I want is a living."

"My grandson, Joe—he is helping me operate now, and I want to have the court let me keep my trap. Then Joe can run it for me by and by when I go back to Yakima to live on my land."

Sam is in a peculiar fix. He seeks assistance of the government in prosecuting his suits for recovery of his fishing rights, but Federal Judge Wolverton by a decision rendered several years ago ruled that Sam is not a tribal Indian any more, having taken up a homestead and left the reservation.

"But I haven't left the reservation," the Indian said on his last visit to Portland. "I still own 40 acres on the Yakima reservation which I lease. But it takes all my money from the lease barely to live, and that's why I want my fish trap."

**CLAIMS HE MADE APPLICATION**

In his petition for rehearing, now before the state supreme court, Williams alleges that on several different occasions he made application for fishing licenses in 1915 and 1916, but that his applications were either refused or returned to him by the state fish and game commission.

His attorney charges in the petition that the fish and game commission was not properly conducted or else Sam would have got his license.

"The record in this case discloses that R. E. Clanton prior to his employment by the fish and game commission was an employee of the Seufert Brothers company and he seems to have been diligent after his employment by the state fish and game commission in his former employer's effort to run Sam Williams off the river," the petition reads.

**ATTITUDE IS CRITICIZED**

"The attitude of the fish and game commission, as shown by this correspondence (referring to Williams' applications for licenses and Clanton's replies) certainly gives credence to the charges which have been made by the sportsmen of this state for some time against the commission, to wit: that it is run in the interest of a few commercial fishermen, and it is such administration of the affairs of the commission which has antagonized the entire body of

sportsmen of this state and which gave rise to the shakeup in the fish and game commission last fall.

"Sam Williams' rights, however, could not be protected by the United States government," and he was compelled to fight his own battles against this strong corporation whose president went on the witness stand and testified that he would fight the Indians "until hell froze over." It was not that Seufert Brothers company wanted these fishing grounds for themselves, for they testified that the fishing was very poor "until hell froze over." It was that since 1913 that corporation has pursued a constant policy of running all of these Indians off the river."

Sam was born in Coville, Ind. His mother was a Cowitz Indian, but his father a Yakima. Sam has been up near The Dalles for more than 20 years.

## 30 in Portland to Give \$10 Each for Unknown's Relief

Thirty persons, members of the Portland branch of the Ukrainian national committee of the United States, this week will contribute \$10 each to aid in relieving suffering among the 40,000 Ukrainians in East Galicia. The national committee seeks to raise \$1,000,000.

M. Koczak is chairman of the Portland branch. S. Bohaczek is secretary and H. Peltch, committeeman. Their headquarters are at 987 Maryland avenue. Last December the local members sent \$125 to Ukraina for relief purposes.

## Women Who Fled Cedars Are Caught

Marjorie Radcliff and Hilda Tomberg, who escaped from the Cedars, Friday evening, had a short time at liberty. They were found and arrested Saturday night at West Park and Yamhill streets by Mrs. Moorad and Mrs. Turner of the women's protective bureau. Lee Hing, a Chinese prisoner, who was taken to the Cedars Friday to help construct a fence, also escaped. He had not been found late Saturday. Joe Fong, the fourth prisoner to escape, was found Friday night in Chinatown.

## Troop A Perfects Social Organization

Assuring perpetuation of Troop A, Oregon cavalry, 40 members of the organization met Saturday evening in the Tyroler room of the Benson hotel and formed a permanent social organization of which Colonel G. A. White was elected president and Albert Stone, secretary. The 40 men present had seen service both in the world war and on the Mexican border and 16 had won commissions. The committee which arranged the meeting Saturday night was composed of Wilbur Henderson, Charles Gjested, Albert Stone and James Kavanaugh.

## Wine Found in Basement

Patrolmen Burdick and Taylor of the purity squad found 20 gallons of grape wine in Sam Peretti's basement at 406 E. Market street, Saturday night, and brought Peretti and a gallon of his liquor to police headquarters. Peretti was released on \$100 bail and will appear before Municipal Judge Rossman on Monday, to answer a charge of violating the prohibition law.

# DARTMOUTH HEAD DISCUSSES SOCIAL UNREST OF TODAY

Dr. Hopkins Declares the Deadly Monotony That Makes Machines of Men Needs Great Change.

Discussion of the economic conditions responsible for the social unrest prevalent in this country, from the standpoint of the workman, as seen by a college president, Dr. Ernest Martin Hopkins, president of Dartmouth college, was the offering made to the Oregon Civic league at its weekly luncheon held Saturday in the crystal room of the Hotel Benson.

The audience was one of the largest of the season, including a number of college presidents, principals of high schools, school superintendents and teachers. Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner presented the speakers.

## BUSINESS MAN COLLEGE HEAD

Dr. Hopkins is the eleventh president of Dartmouth and he has the distinction of being the first business man ever holding the position. Although scheduled to speak on "Education and Democracy," Dr. Hopkins dwelt chiefly on the causes of the present labor disturbances. He declared that history shows that the reaction following all wars is based in the same thing that caused the war, and substantiated his claim by a brief review of the world's greatest conflict coming down to the recent world struggle, existing in part: "The war was waged on economic principles and the trouble that confronts us today is the challenge of absolutism of economic power. Our population is permeated with foreigners who have been ruled by tyranny so long that they have come to hate that rule, and they transfer the same hatred to our government and our institutions. What we need is education—education in our schools, in our churches, in all our institutions.

"An opportunity for self expression is the crying need of the man and woman in industry today. The introduction of machinery is making machines of the men and women, everything is done mechanically and at the highest possible rate of speed with no knowledge of how or why, the result is a lack of interest in the work and the consequent demand for more money and shorter hours. The desire for self expression is natural and if it is not obtainable through the daily work, then hours of leisure will be demanded in some other way. In a majority of cases this self expression is of a lawless sort. We will not solve our problem until we devise some way of getting away from the deadly monotony that makes machines of men; this will be the beginning of the power from the few to the many, which in the final analysis is the thing that will solve our problem."

**COOPERATION STRESSED**

Lewis Parkhurst, a Dartmouth alumnus, who accompanies Dr. Hopkins, spoke briefly on the value of cooperation and understanding between employer and employer. A. C. Newell, president of the

# Runaway Boys "See" Police Station, But Journey Ends There

With \$5 each, which they are said to have stolen from their parents, Elmer Stearns and John McClusky, each 14 years of age, left their homes in Eugene Friday to explore the wonders of a great city. After spending most of their money and giving a part of Portland "the once over," the lads made their way back to the Union answer, so he escorted them to the station and took them before Captain John T. Moore. Captain Moore sent the boys to the juvenile ward at the county jail.

## Sunday Schools to Hold Conventions; Dates Announced

Dates for county Sunday school conventions in nine counties of the state were announced Saturday by Harold F. Humbert, general secretary of the State Sunday School association.

The Linn county convention will be held at Lebanon, March 24; Clackamas county convention at Gladstone on March 31; Marion county convention at Salem on April 9 and 10; Gilliam and Wheeler county conventions at Condon on April 10 and 11; Benton county convention at Corvallis on April 10 and 11; Malheur county convention at Ontario on April 13 and 14; Baker county convention at Richland on April 15 and 16; and Jefferson county convention at Madras on April 17.

## Funeral Services For Roger Sinnott Largely Attended

Funeral services for Roger Sinnott were held at St. Mary's cathedral at 10:30 a. m. Saturday, the Rev. E. V. O'Hara officiating. Members of the Knights of Columbus, the Chamber of Commerce and the Bar association attended in a body. Pallbearers were Dr. Ben L. Norden, Frank J. Lonergan, P. J. Hanley, Edward Duffy, Coe McKenna and Dan Coman.

Humbert expects to be present during most of the sessions of each convention. His assistant, Miss Georgia Parker, will also visit a few and give lectures to superintendents of children's departments.

## Director Quilley's Condition Is Better

Reports from Good Samaritan hospital Saturday night indicated that A. M. Quilley, athletic director of the Y. M. C. A., has shown some improvement during the last three days, and that he had a good day. Quilley is suffering from an acute internal disorder which has assumed grave characteristics.

Three of the big Yakima valley irrigation canals will be provided with the Burkey fish stop.

# Chemical Engine Repaired

After being out of service for four weeks undergoing repairs, Chemical No. 1 of the fire department was put back in service Saturday night at the station house at Second and Oak streets.

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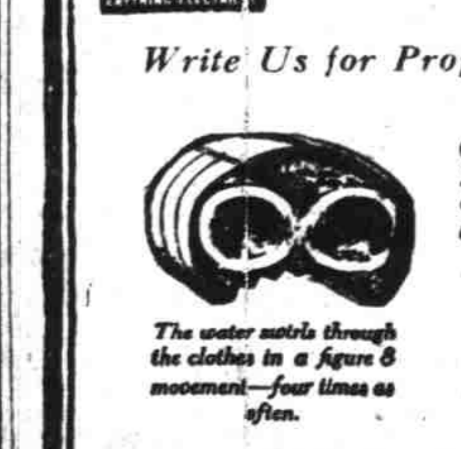
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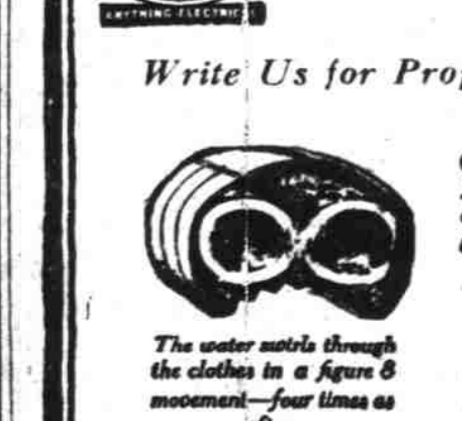
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