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THE CONTRACT SIGNED

Astoria to Be Given Railroad Connection.

CONNECT WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC

The Offer of Stanton, Bonner & Hammond Accepted by the City's Railroad Subsidy Committee.

ASTORIA, Dec. 1.—The Astoria railroad contract was signed this evening, and Astorians generally are jubilant tonight. This morning's boat from Portland brought A. B. Hammond of Missoula, accompanied by J. C. Stanton of New York, H. I. Kimball of Atlanta, and Walter C. Smith of Portland. Mr. Smith has made over a dozen trips across the continent in connection with the Astoria railroad scheme. When their presence became known it was whispered around that Mr. Hammond would, in the course of the day, submit a contract to the railroad subsidy committee. The news was confirmed at a meeting of the committee in the morning, at which Mr. Hammond's contract was read and accepted. All the necessary papers were in readiness soon after 5 o'clock, and at 5:30 a tremendous burst of cheering from the rooms of the chamber of commerce announced that Mr. Hammond had affixed his signature to a contract, the provisions of which mean so much to Astorians. The contract provides:

"For the construction of a standard gauge single-track road from a point at or near the east end of the bridge line of the railroad owned by the Seashore Railroad Company in Astoria, Clatsop county, Or., through the city along the north water front thereof, thence easterly along or near the south bank of the Columbia river to a point of connection with the Northern Pacific railroad, or some other railroad constructed and running cars into the city of Portland at or near Goble, in Columbia county, state of Oregon, on or before the 30th day of October, A. D. 1895."

It is also agreed by Hammond and Bonner that they shall expend at least \$50,000 each month in the carrying on of the work, or in furnishing materials to be used in construction until the road is completed.

During the afternoon Mr. Hammond had a meeting with the Seashore road directors, and made them a proposition to purchase the line. In this connection Mr. Hammond made the following statement:

"I made a proposition to the only two directors of the Seashore road who are in the city, and they are satisfied with the terms. The directors who are absent from the city, I have been given to understand, will agree to any arrangement these gentlemen might make, so you see the matter is virtually settled. The affair will not be closed up until my return from New York. It is the intention to place the road-bed in first-class condition and equip it with as good rolling stock as can be found on any railroad in the West.

"Does the purchase of the South coast mean that line is to be extended into the Nehalem country?"

"That scheme will be thoroughly gone over in due time. I am favorably disposed toward the Nehalem country, and have great faith in its future. Further than this I cannot say anything definite regarding that branch of the road. Yes, the road is a certain fact, and I hope it will be considerably less than the time allowed by the contract before we can commence active operations. I go from here direct to New York city, where the final arrangements will be made."

Regarding the Oregon Pacific, which is to be sold this month, and over which he has recently made a thorough inspection trip, Mr. Hammond said:

"I do not wish to say anything regarding my intentions in that matter. I consider it a good speculation, and whoever purchases will secure a first-class property that has cost several millions. The last time it was sold, it went for \$200,000, but it is hard to say just what price it will bring at this sale." Mr. Stanton was besieged by people, who wished to shake hands with him,

and he was promised a royal reception if he would remain over night. But his presence being required in New York at an early date, prevented him from partaking of their hospitality. Mr. Stanton, like Walter C. Smith, has worked long and persistently in endeavoring to interest men of capital in the Astoria railroad project, and while his name does not appear in the contract, it is understood that he figures with Mr. Hammond and Mr. Bonner in the deal. All of the visiting railroad men left for Portland on the Telephone this evening.

The land subsidy given by the people of Astoria is valued at over \$2,000,000.

The Nicaraguan Canal Will Be Taken Up During the Short Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—There is a strong undercurrent of belief among members of congress that the Nicaragua canal will receive very earnest consideration during the session of congress which begins Monday. The feeling is especially pronounced in the house, and prevails particularly among the Southern members. Even those who, like Bailey of Texas, oppose the bill on constitutional and economic grounds, concede the question will receive early attention, and most of them are of the opinion that the prospects of its success are good. Mr. Cooper of Florida, says nothing could restore the popularity of the democratic party as authorizing the construction of the canal. He said: "The democratic party is the party which added the Mississippi valley and Pacific coast to the national map, and it is the party which should provide for this great enterprise. If it will do this during the short session and provide for a more elastic currency I infer it will not be long out of power."

Representative Livingstone, of Georgia says: "If the democrats do not act on the bill, the republicans will surely take it up when they come in and get all the credit. It is evident foreigners want to control the canal." He says there was a tacit understanding during the last session of the house that the bills should come up before the short session.

The Demurrers of the Indicted Sugar Trust Officials.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The demurrers in the indictments of President Havemeyer and Secretary Searles, of the American Refining Company, and Broker Allen Seymour, for refusal to testify before the senate sugar trust investigating committee, were filed with the supreme court today. They are based mainly on constitutional grounds, holding that the request for the information or the data sought within the jurisdiction or authority of the senate. It is claimed the indictment of Secretary Searles is bad, because it fails to show that the questions which are quoted as unanswerable were as by the committee, or with its authority, and that the indictments failed to show that the questions asked came within the authority of the senate or the senate committee; that the power to punish for refusal to answer cannot be delegated to a court, nor that determination of the facts be committed to a jury; that the indictments do not charge the defendants with having the knowledge or the information necessary to answer the questions or the right or authority to obtain information from the books of the sugar trust. President Havemeyer asserts that his indictment does not show that the request was made by the committee, or with its authority. In Broker Seymour's demurrer it is claimed that congress has no power to make the refusal of such witnesses to testify a crime, nor the right to delegate to the courts the power to punish for contempt.

Trouble Caused by Cowboys and Renegade Utes.

DURANGO, Colo., Dec. 1.—Agent Dave Day, of the Southern Utes, and Brigham Young, jr., the oldest son of the late Brigham Young, of the Mormon church, were passengers on the incoming train tonight. Previous to leaving the agency Day mailed reports to the Indian commissioner and a short report to General McCook. Mr. Young was in Monticello, Utah, the center of the reported troubles this week, and says all of the trouble there is caused by hot and impetuous cowboys on one side and the Pah Utes, or renegade Indians, on the other. He says the Southern Utes, with the exception of Chief Mariani, who is surly and impudent at times, are well behaved, and do not desire trouble of any kind. Mr. Young stated, however, that the

conservative element, settlers who have a right in San Juan county, Utah, are doing all in their power to suppress the element so bent upon a collision, and he believes they can hold them down until reports signed by reputable citizens of the county in question as to the conditions existing can be forwarded to Washington. Mr. Young leaves for Bluff City, Utah, tomorrow, and the reports will be forwarded to Agent Day, who will refer them to the department. Aside from the Utes and Pah Utes, the latter being fugitives from the tribe and justice, quite a number of Navajoes are across the San Juan river, pasturing their herds as far north as Dry valley and west of Bluff City, at the Cero Tunk lakes. Mr. Day says there are between 300 and 400 Utes in Utah, mostly members of the Winnemucca tribe, although Chief Ignacio is with them.

New York's Living Pictures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Superintendent Byrnes admitted today that he had received the reports of the policeman who had viewed the living pictures at the theatres. He said he had not the slightest intention of giving the result of the investigation to the public. He intimated, however, that the officers had found nothing immoral in the pictures. It is understood the superintendent has conferred with a committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and they expressed themselves as satisfied with the action taken by the police.

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