

DELAY IS MET SAYS STRAHORN

PORTLAND WAITS ON CENTRAL OREGON.

Railroad Builder Cannot Advance Project Until Terminals and Rights of Way are in—Wants Independence Understood.

(Grogonian.)
Delays at Klamath Falls, Bend, Lakeview and other communities in discharging details coincidental with the construction of the Central Oregon Railway project have deferred for several weeks the inauguration of the campaign in Portland for aiding the capitalization of the undertaking.

Robert E. Strahorn, at the head of the project, is now in California, and until his return to Portland the Portland railway committee will not start work. Committee meetings have been held, however, and details of the progress thus far made have been checked up. With every forward step the committee is more sanguine of ultimate success and confident of the benefits that will accrue to Oregon as a whole and Portland in particular from the construction of the railway.

Mr. Strahorn has advised his Portland office and the committee members that it would not be consistent to start the Portland campaign asking for financial aid until the various communities, which had already assumed certain responsibilities, had discharged them. That these responsibilities will be met satisfactorily in a short time is almost certain, because of the popular interest in getting a railroad through Central Oregon, but until that assurance is patent, Mr. Strahorn prefers to hold off the Portland campaign.

Program to Be Carried Out.

"It has been understood all along that the surveys, rights of way, terminals and franchises and practically all other assistance asked for in the Central Oregon field would be arranged before Portland would be asked for its contribution," Mr. Strahorn advised the local office.

Mr. Strahorn and the other members of the committee hope and believe these matters will be arranged in the early future and the latest advice from the respective communities referred to so indicate. There is no lack of appreciation of the work being done by a few public-spirited citizens in every community affected. This is especially true of Klamath Falls, where great sacrifices have been made and efforts devoted to insuring the beginning of construction at that end this spring.

The organization, surveys, estimates and many other details of Mr. Strahorn's work are complete, ready for construction, and a large amount of valuable property acquired. He is still hopeful of the early financing of the project after Oregon interests do their full part, but as he expresses it, his hands are now tied until those who are to be the chief beneficiaries of the work put him in possession of the remainder of the property and other assets and rights upon which to build.

He mentions another serious drawback constantly arising and which it seems impossible to eliminate. This is the repeated reports of his alignment with some one of the five railways whose stub ends his proposed Oregon, California & Eastern Railroad is to connect. First it is the Union Pacific, then the Hill lines, then the Western Pacific, and so on. "A reliance upon this sort of thing is fatal," says Mr. Strahorn. "We will never get anywhere with the project so long as such mistaken notions are entertained by any considerable number who should have their coats off and be straining every

nerve and resource to pull this enterprise through.

"The whole matter is just where it was in the start—absolutely independent—and it could not succeed if it were attempted in any other way. With all the thought and strenuous effort I have centered upon it, for two years, I fail to discover any other way to finance it than I announced in the beginning. That is, for those most interested to furnish the rights of way, station grounds, terminals, franchises, etc., upon the surveys and plans I furnish and to subscribe 25 per cent of the cash necessary to construct and equip the system, all of which, added to my outlays and work, to be used as a basis upon which to finance the other 75 per cent. We now have well organized and a businesslike start made on a splendid railway project, promising the greatest benefits to Oregon and neighboring states of any since the completion of the transcontinental lines. It only awaits the all-together pull which I hope will come quickly because we can never tell what may happen to delay or defeat a development of such magnitude."

CLOSING DAY INTERESTS IN LEGISLATURE

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to a special election June 4, 1917. It will also carry an emergency clause. Senator Olson said the emergency clause was necessary to prevent a referendum on the special election feature.

Wilson Extends Thanks.
The legislature at this session has cost the state \$58,000, an increase of \$8000 over last session. The secretary of state is compiling final figures covering total expenditures.

A letter was received from President Wilson thanking the legislature for its pledge of support during the German-American crisis.

ACTIVITY IS SLIGHT ON WESTERN FRONT

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
BERLIN, via Sayville, Feb. 19.—A dense fog is hampering fighting on the western front, it is announced. Several reconnaissance expeditions led by the enemy failed, a number of prisoners being captured by German scouts. Two hostile aeroplanes were destroyed on the Macedonian front.

WAR FUND TOTAL REACHES BILLIONS

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)
LONDON, Feb. 19.—Bonar Law announced today that subscriptions to Great Britain's "war loan" total \$3,500,000,000. These figures include merely popular donations, not bank subscriptions.

Dr. Turner, the well known eye specialist of Portland, will have private office and consultation room in the new Pilot Butte hotel, during future monthly visits to Bend. 63c

Milk a Pain Killer.
"Everybody should know that milk is an excellent pain killer," says Farm and Fireside. "First, because it gives almost immediate relief and, second, because milk or cream is nearly always available. If a person should get tar in the eyes, put in a few drops of milk or cream. It will also afford great relief if cement or a gnat should get in the eyes."

Hens and Water.
From the hen's viewpoint, water is worth just as much as feed, for she can't make an egg with either one alone. Therefore the man who provides high priced feed, but neglects the water supply, is making a big mistake and will have to be content with a limited egg yield.

That's Different.
"What's the matter with me, doctor?"
"You have a stitch in the back."
"Dear me, that is prosaic. I can't tell my stylish friends. They would laugh at me."
"This is one of the fashionable new stitches."—Pittsburgh Post.

Self reverence, self knowledge, self control, these three lead life to sovereign power.—Tennyson.

BRITISH RAIDS WAR'S FEATURE

VARIETY OF METHOD IN SUD- DEN ATTACKS DEMORALIZING TO GERMAN SOLDIERS IN THE TRENCHES.

By William Philip Stums,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN
THE FIELD, Feb. 19.—When the history of this war comes to be written the raids operated by the British on the positions opposite them are going to occupy a chapter apart. And a curious chapter they will make.

Day and night these raids go on. Sometimes they are mere kidnapping expeditions and sometimes they assume the proportions of an attack. Yesterday there were raids across the snow. Today there were raids in the rain. Tomorrow there may be raids in the brilliant sunlight. No two are alike and thereby depends much of their undisputed success. For under the constant menace of them the Germans on the other side of No Man's Land give evidence of a nervousness highly satisfactory to the English side of the gruesome strip.

Often the German front-line trenches are found deserted, the defenders being concentrated in second-line trenches and dugouts from which they are supposed to swarm, as the English cross the front line and annihilate them. But, owing to the constant change of raiding tactics, the usual result is that the Germans are taken completely by surprise, or are forced to remain in dugouts to keep out of the rain of British shells, and their alternative is death at the bottom of a pit under tons of earth blown in upon them, or surrender as the emerge, one by one.

The Canadians invented the raid as more or less of a winter sport, much as you would start a bowling association as a canoe club. They used to black their faces and wore black clothes to remain invisible in the dark, creep across the deadly strip between them and the Germans, snip the wires at a favorable point and then, without a sound, suddenly leap into the enemy's trench where they scattered terror among the two or three sentries on the job. Their sudden appearance, black clothes, black faces and white rolling eyes gave the whole proceeding a tinge of the supernatural, and for just about two seconds nothing could have persuaded the Germans that the visitors were not spirits from hell. And those two seconds were enough. A revolver at their temples translated English commands into German, and before an alarm could be raised the Canadians were gone. With them, of course, went their prisoners.

This game was quite profitable. In this way regiments, divisions, corps and armies were spotted. The trick made an instantaneous hit with the whole British expeditionary force and it was as quickly improved upon. Now a raid is just as much an institution as a battle. Its original aims have been enlarged, its technique improved and its scope broadened until it is the principal form of winter trench-fighting.

At present the scheme is so per-

fect that the Germans can have no idea when a raid is to be made upon them. They have posted horns operated by compressed air; screechers such as are used on the automobiles of your own town; church bells, cow bells, dinnerbells, all arranged so as to give instant warning of the coming of the raiders. But these devices, for various reasons, practically never work. Like the trick passes in American football, the British scheme is to fool the opposing line and hit it when and where least expected.

Sometimes a heavy barrage is used. Again, there is no barrage at all. Then, instead of a barrage, a raid follows a slow bombardment lasting a week or more, without further ado. But as bombardments are often turned on with no other purpose than destroying the German's defenses, a bombardment, however heavy, is no indication of a coming raid. Barrages of smoke are sometimes used to protect the flanks of a party of raiders, but as the raiders sometimes follow under the smoke, or as smoke is sometimes sent across for other purposes than to cover, or protect a raid, a smoke-cloud can not give a raid away.

The raiders are puzzled as to where to throw their own artillery fire. Sometimes at sunset, sometimes at dawn, sometimes at midnight or mid-day; through mud or over frozen ground; in rain or snow or fair weather, the raids go on. Wide stretches of defenses, three or four lines deep, are raided and destroyed; then, while the Germans are trying to repair the damage, a steady down-pour of shells drops among the working parties with telling effect.

Prisoners say they are hard-driven by their officers in an effort to offset the results of the raids. They declare that they are kept on tenterhooks because they never know what is coming; whether a bombardment is working up to an attack on them and an attempt to break through; whether there is to be a sudden raid; or whether the bombardment is just a plain bombardment with nothing immediately to follow.

A British officer told the correspondent that during the first two weeks of January more German deserters have found their way into the British lines than during the whole of last winter. He said there are unmistakable evidences proving the spirit of the German army is lower than it has ever been since the outbreak of war. He attributes this to a number of causes, but among the principal ones is the raid. For a raid, so far as the individual German is concerned, is quite as deadly as an offensive as big as that on the Somme. He can not be killed but once or taken prisoner but once, and the raiders keep the menace of death or capture ever upon him.

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UNMARRIED WOMEN ON THE INCREASE

By J. W. Pegler
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 19.—"England has a surplus of more than a million unmarried women. The flower of the empire's manhood are crippled or dead.

"What are you single men going to do about it?" Around this blunt question, with its complex moral issues, Rev. A. J. Waldron has built a vaudeville play, acting the leading role himself. Waldron is the only British clergyman who has tackled the great post-war problem of re-population in full view of the people. Standing toe-to-toe with the issues, Waldron deals in plain words and leaves his audience wondering whether the old social order cannot stand a drastic revision for the national good. In his dressing-room Waldron lit a cigarette and poured himself a glass of whiskey.

Forty-three per cent of the British clergymen, young lusty and of high mental standard are unmarried," he said. "What will they do to restore the national vigor?"

"But they couldn't wipe out the surplus of unmarried women. I could suggest a solution for that, but, I dare not."

BEAUTY DOCTOR HAS FINGER INSURANCE

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Dorothy Gray, who uses her fingers in an attempt to make new millionaire's wives out of old ones, has insured her fingers for \$50,000, her press agent declared here today. It is learned from the same source that "Miss Gray has developed velvety little mounds of flesh on the tips of her fingers and that is what makes her price prohibitive to every one but the very wealthy."

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