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BIDS FOR HIGHWAY WORK ARE OPENED

Salem, July 21.—Bids for paving and grading work to the amount of approximately half a million dollars were opened today by the state highway commission. The awards will probably be made late this afternoon, after the bids have been extended and tabulated. A noticeable feature of the bids for paving was a lower price for bitulith than for asphaltic concrete.

Bids were called for on the following projects: Ten miles in Clackamas and Marion counties; paving and grading Rex-Tigard road from Multnomah county line to Newberg, 14 miles; paving and grading 10 miles in Clatsop county between Astoria and Svensen; paving Siskiyou mountain grade in Jackson county.

The following contractors submitted bids: Oregon Engineering & Construction company, Warren Construction company, Montague-O'Reilly company, Oskar Huber and Oregon Haganam Paving company and Arenas Construction company.

Clackamas county, through its county court, offered to pave the Clackamas county portion of the Marion-Clackamas job for cost plus 5 per cent.

Only one bid was received for the paving of the Siskiyou grade, that of H. J. Hildebrand of Roseburg.

On the paving jobs 10 year maintenance guarantees are offered.

GIRLS SPURN KNITTING FOR REAL FARM LABOR

Bend, July 21.—Only the weaker ones of the weaker sex in some farming districts in central Oregon today are knitting socks for soldiers. The buxom young Oregon girls here consider it just the right thing to join their father or brother or husband in the fields and fight the Germans by storing up food. And, moreover, they make good farmers.

SOLDIERS ADMITTED FREE TO PORTLAND BALL GAME

Portland, July 21.—A soldiers' uniform is a ticket to the Pacific Coast league baseball park here today. Manager McCredie announced that all men wearing uniform would be admitted free, and this afternoon the bleachers are packed with soldiers.

ENGINEER KILLED ON JACKSONVILLE RY.

Denver Marsh, an engineer on the Medford-Jacksonville electric line, was killed Friday afternoon by the logging train which his engine was drawing getting beyond control as it came down a steep grade near the end of the line and, jumping the track, plowed into a tank, crushing Marsh beneath the engine. Fireman Chan Schumpf escaped with a broken leg, by jumping from the engine cab. The exact cause of the accident could not be learned last night, as Schumpf could not tell a connected story, but it is believed that when the train started down the grade, which is very steep at the place the accident occurred, the air brakes were put on too suddenly, failed to work, and the train, steadily gaining momentum, plunged down the rough track, leaving the rails when it struck the bridge.

Denver Marsh was well known in Medford and Jacksonville and was one of the most trusted employees of the Bullis railroad. He had a host of friends in Jacksonville where he had worked since a boy, and helped to support his aged parents. Mrs. Marsh, senior, is a cripple. Mrs. Marsh is advanced in years and the tragic death will come as a great blow to them. Mrs. Jake Schaeffer of Jacksonville is a sister of Denver Marsh.

Shallow. "Society is so shallow," mused the woman who wanted to get into it. "It's a good thing," said the man who didn't, "for some of those that are wading around in it would get drowned."—London Telegraph.

Washington Monument Bent by Heat. Washington monument, massive as it is, cannot resist the heat of the sun poured on its southern side on a midsummer's day without a slight bending of the gigantic shaft, which is rendered perceptible by means of a copper wire 174 feet long hanging in the center of the structure and carrying a plummet suspended in a vessel of water. As soon in summer the apex of the monument, 550 feet above the ground, is shifted by expansion of the stone a few hundredths of an inch toward the north. High winds cause perceptible motions of the plummet, and in still weather delicate vibrations of the cross of the earth otherwise unperceived are registered by it.

Envelopes at the Courier.

ARMY REPAIRS NEED IMPORTANT BRANCH

By William Philby Stimm (United Press Staff Correspondent) With the British Armies in the Field, July 2.—(By mail)—Did you ever stop to think what becomes of all the worn-out equipment of an army composed of millions of men? At the outset of the present war much of this was pure loss. Now in the British army there is an "old clothes man" and the profits he reports back to his boss, John Bull, might make Morgan, Rockefeller or Carnegie envious.

"The old clothes man" saves the scraps. He makes new things out of old. He cleans up the battlefields and camps and very little is wasted nowadays. His job is to collect everything from a horse's shoe nail to a discarded stage gun and put it back into commission.

Brass objects which have lost their usefulness are melted into ingots; cast iron junk becomes pig iron again; bronze, tin, steel, nickel and everything of the kind which has irretrievably lost its shape is put into melting pots to be born again in another guise keeping up an eternal transmigration but saving all the while.

I recently visited one of these scrap-saving and repair shops. About 15,000 people are employed, mostly French women and girls. Here great howitzers are repaired and government chronometers have their hair springs readjusted; tents are patched and mended and covers are made for steel helmets; artillery wheels are repaired and micrometers put true again. There is a wood-working shop, a foundry for running brass, bronze, zinc, tin and iron; a boot repair department, a great machine shop; a gas mask repair department and many others.

"This is one day's arrivals," the commanding officer explained. "By tonight the room must be cleared to make room for tomorrow's arrivals."

Many of the rifles were muddy and rusty as though picked out of the mud on the battlefield. Women were cleaning these. In one corner a soldier was rhythmically swinging the rifle up, one by one, to a rest and squinting through the barrels at a light to see if they were bent or if the rifling was damaged. The officer explained this was obviously the first bit of inspection because it would be a waste of time to repair other parts of the rifle if the barrel was damaged.

These rifles pass on down the line. When they reach the end they are as good as new and after being oiled are packed in boxes and shipped back to the front.

FIGURES PREDICT END OF WAR NEXT SPRING

A Minneapolis man has been figuring out the duration of the war, according to an ingenious system of his own, based on biblical prophecy.

The present war, as all the modern followers of prophecy agree, is the "Armageddon" foreseen in Apocalypses. The Minneapolis man, having a talent for numerical puzzles took the word "kalser," and gave each letter of the word a number according to its place in the alphabet thus—11, 1, 9, 19, 5, 8. After each of these numbers he placed the figure 3. Then he added the numbers together. The sum, he found, is 866. This happens to be the precise number of months there were in Kaiser Wilhelm's age when the war started.

And wonderful to relate, it is the same as the number of the "Beast" as given in the twelfth chapter of Revelations. And thus we have a key to the duration of the war. Any reader may pick up his Bible and read the passage for himself:

"And they worshipped the Dragon which gave power unto the Beast; and they worshipped the Beast, saying 'Who is like unto the Beast? Who is able to make war with him?'"

"And there was given unto him a month speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."

"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the Beast; for it is the number of a man and his number is six hundred three score and six."

So there we have it! The war will last 42 months. That will bring the end about February 1, 1918.

It's a fine bit of prophetic interpretation, if you have any faith in that sort of thing. Anyway, whether the interpreter has the date right or not, we're glad he's got the Kaiser's number.

COOLHEADED FLYER TURNS GREAT FEAT

Paris, July 2.—(By mail)—One of the most remarkable feats in the history of aviation was performed by a French flyer working with the American aerodrome.

This aviator ran into a German shell at a high altitude. His control wires were completely cut away; his levers were useless. He was flying a wreck at thousands of feet above the ground. Keeping his head, he cleverly manipulated the speed shifts of his engine to allow his machine to fall slowly in a circling motion. He landed in safety.

"Spads" now being used by the French aviators are forced to land at a minimum speed of 110 to 120 miles per hour. It is for this reason especially that the aviator's stunt is regarded as one of the miracles of aviation.

Oddly Expressed.

In one of his letters William Brookfield tells how as school inspector he had to give an examination on physical science. "What was I to do? I knew nothing about hydrogen or oxygen or any other 'gas.' So I set them a paper which I called 'applied science.' One of my questions was, 'What would you do to cure a cold in the head?' A young lady answered, 'I should put my feet into hot water till you were in a profuse perspiration.'"

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