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ESTABLISH CAMP NO. 2 ON NEW R.R.

CONTRACTORS COMMENCE CLEARING RIGHT-OF-WAY.

TO THE APPLIGATE RIVER

Bid of 96½ Made by Ohio Firm, is Best Offer Yet Received for Bond Issue.

Camp No. 2 on the Grants Pass-Crescent City railway will be in operation Wednesday, camp now being established at station 380 on the right-of-way. This camp will be the headquarters for the outfit that will clear the right-of-way from station 279 to the Appligate river, the contract for which work was awarded to C. C. Hammersley.

The first camp, No. 1, will remain where it is on Allen creek till the grading is under way, when a grading camp will be installed there.

Mr. Hammersley will undertake the clearing of the three miles for which he has contracted with teams, the donkey engine having discontinued work for the present.

There are no new developments in the bond selling situation, the best bid yet received being that of the Ohio house that offered 96 1-2 cents on the dollar. Based on a five per cent bond, this bid is considered good by many, though it is expected that a much better one will be made before the end of the week. The acceptance of this bid would be the equivalent of paying a little less than 5 1-4 per cent interest on the issue for the twenty-year period, and in the closeness of the financial market this is considered a reasonable rate of interest.

Dr. Reddy arrived in Chicago Sunday, and will reach Philadelphia during the course of the present week. In the latter city he will meet Mr. Hotchkiss, and developments in the financing of the road to the sea are anticipated in a short time.

SAYS THAT BOOZE IS INFLUENCE AT CAPITOL.

SALEM, Feb. 19.—Members of the senate are today smarting under the sting of a verbal castigation administered by Senator Joseph who had been criticized for his alleged efforts to clog the business of the senate. Joseph declared on the floor of the senate that liquor, and not himself, is what is responsible for the slow progress being made.

"Why, it is known in the hall of the capitol, all over the city, and all over Portland what a farce this legislature is. Now, there is a report that liquor is in evidence throughout the capitol and that it is in the committee rooms where the members have access to it. I have also heard that some of the senators have used it and have been more or less influenced in their work. This is why the legislature is held up."

HOME TALENT IN A GRAND HOTCH POTCH.

There is to be something novel and original for our pleasure lovers at the opera house Friday, February 23. Under the auspices of the Rebekah lodge and direction of Prof. Merrill of San Francisco. Prof. Merrill comes well recommended from many different cities and towns in this state. He is an instructor of great merit, having made a name for himself in several states in the union. There will be 60 home people in the cast, and judging from the rehearsals the show will equal the work of any show that has struck Grants Pass in many a month.

Watch for further announcements.

Charles Rummage went to Portland Thursday with his two little daughters, who will remain and attend school in the city.

FELIX DIAZ IS NOW THE HERO IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 20.—General Felix Diaz is certain to be the next president of Mexico. He is extremely popular with the people who welcome a return of the methods which Porfirio Diaz exercised so successfully over the republic for more than a score of years.

The campaign to make General Diaz president will start soon and he probably will be elected without opposition. The Diaz following is demanding the execution of Francisco I. Madero and his fate is uncertain.

The capital was quiet today with business rapidly resuming its normal condition.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Feb. 20.—Predicting that another revolution will sweep the Mexican states of Sonora and Chihuahua within thirty days, Madero adherents at Agua Prieta, Sonora, declared today that telegrams have been sent to Governor Maytorena of Sonora from Nacoziari, Cananea, and other border places offering to raise as large a volunteer force as the governor can equip to take the field for Madero. Three thousand men, they assert, are available.

News of the execution of Gustavo Madero stirred Agua Prieta today. It is asserted that any summary action in the case of Francisco Madero will result in immediate action there.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 19.—The Mexican senate this afternoon formally accepted the resignation of Francisco I. Madero as president of Mexico. It then considered the selection of a provisional president. It was not known whether General Felix Diaz, who inaugurated the successful revolt against Madero, or General Victoriano Huerta, the federal commander, would be nominated by the senate. There was some discussion among the members regarding the advisability of inviting Huerta to address the senate.

It is generally understood that whether Huerta or Diaz is finally selected as the head of the government, Francisco De LaBarra, a former provisional president, will be the next foreign minister.

Colonel Augustine Bretine was named chief of police of Mexico City today and he immediately started the work of cleaning the city of looters.

It developed this afternoon that Rodolfo Reyes, who was reported to have committed suicide when his father, General Bernardo Reyes, was shot and killed on the first day of the battle in Mexico City, is still alive. He was wounded during a battle and since has been a patient in one of the Red Cross hospitals.

Reyes is likely to be minister of justice in the new cabinet.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 19.—Private dispatches received here today say that Gustavo Madero, brother of the deposed president, has been executed in Mexico City by order of General Diaz. The report is unconfirmed.

Gustavo Madero was declared to be the most hated man in Mexico and was accused of having induced his brother to repudiate pledges to distribute large tracts of land in Mexico. It is charged that he depleted the national treasury, while the wealth of the Madero family greatly increased.

Later dispatches say that Gustavo Madero was executed near the arsenal and under the "fugitive law." This gives a prisoner freedom to walk about within certain prescribed limits. While he is taking advantage of the privilege to exercise the prisoner is shot by a guard, the latter usually reporting that the victim tried to escape.

It was also reported here that Francisco Madero was imprisoned in the arsenal of Mexico City today.

A message confirming the execution in Mexico City of Gustavo Madero, brother of the deposed president, was received here today by Speerborn Hopkins, legal adviser to Francisco Madero during his revolution against Porfirio Diaz.

J. M. Kemp left Thursday for Los Angeles to spend several months.

SAWMILL WILL FOLLOW RAILROAD

TO BE RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH BOX FACTORY.

TO EMPLOY 40 TO 50 MEN

Have Applied to Public Utilities Commission for Site on G. P.-C. C. ROAD.

Some of the best known sawmill men of the Rogue valley are planning the establishment of a mill in this city as soon as the Grants Pass-Crescent City railroad is well under process of construction, the mill to be erected and run in conjunction with the Grants Pass box factory property alongside of the right-of-way of the new road.

At the last meeting of the Public Utilities commission a request was made for a twenty-year lease on a tract three hundred feet square fronting on the P.-I. track or switch, connecting with the box factory. The parties behind the move include Messrs. Edgerton & Adams, who have a mill down the Rogue below Merlin; Wm. Spaulding of the Swede Basin mill; W. R. Nipper, and others, all mill men of experience.

The mill which they propose putting in here is to be of from thirty to fifty thousand feet daily capacity, and will employ from forty to fifty men. In addition it is expected that the box factory will be taken over and operated, this giving employment to many more people.

The commission was asked to make a rate for the hauling of logs to the mill, the rate to be based on the mileage of haul. Switches at points where 500,000 or more feet of logs are available for loading are also asked. The application stated that the company was now in process of formation, and that the names of the stockholders would soon be ready for the public.

The commission has filed the application, and will take action upon it at a later date.

POLICE INSPECTOR MAY TURN STATE'S EVIDENCE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Offers to turn state's evidence against Tammany politicians have been made by Police Inspector Dennis Sweeney, according to reports here today. Sweeney is under indictment on a charge of levying tribute on vice resorts.

District Attorney Whitman thinks that large sums of graft money were distributed among Tammanyites.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—When bids for the construction of the new dreadnaught Pennsylvania were opened at the navy department here today it was found that the Newport News Ship Building company's bid of \$7,235,000 was the lowest of all other proposals.

"BARBAROUS MEXICO" AUTHOR WAS TAKEN FOR A SPY.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 20.—John Kenneth Turner, author of "Barbarous Mexico," imprisoned for two days at the Citadel here under orders of General Felix Diaz, today persuaded his guards to liberate him. He immediately fled to the American embassy where he begged for protection.

Terror-stricken, Turner said he early planned to leave the country. He declared he had been threatened with death several times as a spy.

CHICAGO-ROGUE RIVER CO. MAKES AN OFFER

Local creditors of the Chicago-Rogue River company, representing about \$10,000, met Wednesday night at the office of Attorney Norton to consider a proposition made by Geo. Sanders for a settlement of the accounts, in order that the litigation may be ended and matters cleared for the operation of the new company which proposes to take over the holdings of the Chicago-Rogue River company, the Golden Drift company, the Gold Hill company, and other interests.

The proposition of Sanders was that the local creditors of the company sign an agreement to accept 20 per cent of their account in cash, and 6 per cent bonds of the new company for the balance of the account, the cash to be paid by April 1 or as soon as all accounts are in escrow. The sentiment expressed was to the effect that there was no desire to put anything in the way of the company's operations, and after considerable discussion the matter was left in the hands of Attorney Norton, representing the Grants Pass creditors, to deal with the company. Mr. Norton advised those present that a number of the larger outside creditors had agreed to settle on the basis offered.

LOSES SEVENTY PLUNKS OVER THE JAG ROUTE.

Short seventy big round cartwheels and plus the recollection of a full grown jag, with a night in the city bastille, was what a personal inventory disclosed to Charles Howard when he "came out of it" Wednesday morning.

Howard had come to this city from the Galice district where he had been engaged in mining, and in a round of the saloons the \$70 he brought with him melted away like dew before the morning sun. He told the court he knew where part of it went, but he believed that he had been "rolled" and "frisked" for the bulk of the coin. Police Judge Creager pronounced judgment in the sum of \$5, and Howard will liquidate when he can raise the dust. Meantime the police department is on the trail of parties suspected of having done the "rolling" act.

ERSKINE NEW BRITISH CONSUL AT PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—Thomas E. Erskine, British consul at St. Louis, has today been appointed head of the British consulate at Portland to fill the vacancy created by the death of James Laidlaw, January 5. Erskine is 53 years old.

SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS CONVICTION OF SEE.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 20.—Affirmation of the conviction of Evelyn Arthur See of Chicago, on the charge of abducting Mildred Bridges, a young Chicago girl, was made here today by the supreme court. See headed a freakish organization known as the "Absolute Life" cult.

CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM SALEM.

SALEM, Feb. 20.—Prison guards are today searching for Junion Thompson, and Jack Clark, two long term convicts who escaped from the state penitentiary by prying open the lock on one of the outside doors while out of sight of the guards. Thompson was committed from Clatsop county and Clark from Union county.

MARINES SAIL FOR CUBA.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—Carrying 1,400 marines, a thousand rounds of ammunition for each man and three months' provisions, the federal transport Meade left League Island for Guantanamo, Cuba, today.

ROMEO COLLAPSED.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 20.—After collapsing upon facing the firing squad Frank Romeo, murderer, was strapped to a chair and shot to death in the state prison here today.

POULTRYMEN FIND GOOD MARKETS

GET PREMIUM FOR GUARANTEED STOCK.

MARK ALL EGGS SHIPPED

Association Will Replace All Shipments That Do Not Come Up to Quality.

The Grants Pass Poultry association is making progress in its effort to find and maintain permanent markets for the poultry products of this district. J. D. Hair recently visited the cities to the north, and his report on his return is that there is outlet in that direction for all the eggs and poultry that will be produced here for years to come, and that the consumers are willing to pay a fair margin over the going price for guaranteed eggs such as the association proposes to supply.

At a meeting of the committees from the association Thursday night action was taken to hold the market that Mr. Hair had looked up in Portland. A large number of uniform crates for shipment to the northern market has been ordered, and these will be labeled with a distinctive label, the design to be selected by a committee composed of Messrs. Upson, Harris and Parsons.

Each crate will also bear the legend, "Grants Pass Poultry Association. Strictly fresh, selected eggs." Each egg will have the name of the town and a number placed upon it with a rubber stamp, the number to correspond with the number of the member of the association from whose yard the egg came. If there is any complaint regarding an egg it can be traced, through this number, to the producer, and it will be made good under the association guarantee.

Messrs. Hair, Stinebaugh, Williams and Harris are continued as a committee to keep in touch with the markets and see that there is always a place to put all the eggs of the district. E. S. Veatch is to frame rules and regulations for the gathering and packing of eggs, and all eggs are to be candled by an agent of the association before they leave the city. Under these restrictions a margin of several cents a dozen over the market price is being obtained in the Portland market.

An attempt will also be made to get a reduction of the express rate on eggs sent to the Portland market. At present it costs 83 cents per case of thirty dozen to ship to Portland, with a ten cent return charge on the empty case.

FRIEDMANN IS COMING TO THE UNITED STATES.

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., Feb. 19.—Dr. Frederick Franz Friedmann, discoverer of the turtle serum which is declared to be a specific for tuberculosis, arrived here today on board the Kron Princessin Cecelle, on his way to the United States.

"I expect to treat several hundred children in New York for tuberculosis of the bone," said Friedmann. "I shall also investigate the offer of Mr. Finlay to pay \$1,000,000 for a cure for tuberculosis which will aid 95 per cent of its victims."

"While I am in America I hope to find a proper method of inducing my treatment and arrange for the proper instruction of physicians in order to guarantee the safe handling of my serum."

WHITE HOUSE EMPLOYEES REMAIN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Announcement has been made here today that President-elect and Mrs. Wilson will retain the majority of the present employees of the white house proper and the executive offices.

BID OF 96½ IS MADE FOR RAILROAD BONDS

The rejection of the propositions for the bond sale last Saturday and the throwing of the issue of \$200,000 upon the open market is already bearing results, and today a bid of a half cent better than that submitted by Mr. Bell Saturday night has been received by the city from one of the leading firms of the east.

With the rejection of the Bell proposition Saturday night, the various houses were notified that the city would make sale of the bonds at private sale, and they were invited to either enter negotiations by wire or to send their representatives here personally. The first reply came from the eastern house, and read as follows:

"For straight twenty-year bonds, principal and interest payable in New York, delayed deliveries as money needed, earlier our option, willing to pay ninety-six and half for city railroad bonds."

This telegram was signed by one of the leading firms of bond buyers in Ohio, being the same house that has purchased nearly all the street improvement bonds issued by this city, and shows that even in the face of the closeness of the money market the issue will be bid upon during the next ten days, the period of time the council has given for negotiations.

The proposal of the Portland people for the acceptance of bonds at par for rails and equipment for the railroad is before the commission for consideration, and the equipment offered will be thoroughly investigated before action is taken.

A bid of accrued interest and 96 per cent of the face value was made for the \$200,000 bond issue by Seymour Bell, of Portland, Saturday night when bids were called for by the city council, the bid being supported by a certified check of \$2,500 as evidence of good faith. Mr. Bell offered to take \$100,000 or all of the bonds at that figure, delivery to be made at the rate of \$50,000 every thirty days.

Propositions were also made by A. J. McCabe of Portland, who offered rails and equipment, payment to be made with the bonds at par.

Telegrams were read from three different bond buying houses stating that they were not prepared at this time to bid par for the bonds, but expressing a desire to consult with the council concerning the sale, and to submit propositions. One firm stated that it would be in a position to offer a better bid following the passage through the legislature of the public utilities bill introduced by Mr. Blanchard, and which measure has already passed the house.

In order to give all the buyers an opportunity to come in if bids of par or below are to be considered, the council voted to reject the Bell bid and to refer the equipment proposals to the commission, and to enter into direct negotiations with the bond buyers to the end that the best possible figure be obtained, ten days time being given for that purpose.

The council approved the action of the commission in accepting the bid of C. C. Hammersley for clearing three miles of the railroad right-of-way at the rate of \$41 per acre, and authorized the closing of the contract.

NAVAL MILITIA UNCHANGED.

SALEM, Feb. 18.—The senate has today defeated a house bill introduced by Representative Dimmick abolishing the Oregon Naval militia. The militia will remain the same as formerly.

PLAN NON-PARTISAN COUNTY ELECTIONS.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 20.—Friends of the plan to make county elections non-partisan feel optimistic today, as the result of the skirmish in the senate yesterday, when an attempt to postpone the bill indefinitely failed.

Opponents of non-partisanship, however, succeeded in killing off the plan to make state offices, as well as county offices, subject to non-partisan elections.