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BIDS ASKED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF G ST., 8TH TO 10TH

Council Mak Condition that Bidder Make Offer for Bancroft Bonds—Matter of Improving Fire Department Discussed.

The town council at its regular meeting Monday evening passed an ordinance providing for the grading and macadamizing of G street from Eighth street to the west line of the Brattain estate, a distance of two blocks. Bids are to be opened Monday, June 28. The council in asking for bids for the work, makes provision that the successful bidder shall be prepared to bid at least par and accrued interest on any Bancroft bonds which the city may wish to sell by reason of the improvement. This is a provision similar to one used on the hard-surface paving contracts, and is intended to protect the city against having to carry the bonds. The small amount likely to be issued in an improvement of this size would not interest large eastern bond houses, but would be in small enough denomination to be attractive for local investors.

Another matter of importance was brought before the council by H. E. Rice, chief of the fire department, who stated that since the council had reduced the fee to be allowed firemen for service at fires, interest had been lacking in the department, and the attendance has dropped off. He asked that the council restore the fee to the former figure—\$2.50—or work out some other plan that would increase interest in the fire company.

The matter was discussed for a time, and then the fire and water committee was directed to study the matter and report at the council meeting of June 28.

Councilman Fenwick made an interesting report of his investigations of pavements in the eastern cities while on his trip a month or more ago. He took particular pains to look up the matter of wood block pavement and found that in all the large cities the wood blocks are used wherever there is heavy traffic.

Routine reports of the treasurer and recorder were read and placed on file.

Chairman Fischer of the fire and water committee reported that he had refused to issue a permit to Swarts & Washburne to construct a wooden smoke house in the rear of their market.

City Attorney Bower reported that the town had won its suit in the Klodahl assessment matter. He reported also that the county surveyor had established the southeast corner of the J. E. Ebbert Jr. D. L. C., in East Main street, and the city engineer was instructed to procure a certified copy of the location notices from the county surveyor and make a plat of the same in the record books of the city.

C. E. Lyon was given a permit, so far as the city has jurisdiction, to erect a platform scales on the east side of Second street just south of Main.

Councilman Coffin brought up the matter of the alley between A and B streets from Ninth to the Brattain estate. A sewer has been constructed there, but

it appears that an alley has not been dedicated in this place. The city attorney was directed to investigate this, and also the matter of an alley in the block next to the north.

Councilman Fischer brought up the matter of a drinking fountain, which, under its contract, the Oregon Power company is supposed to furnish the city. The subject was referred to the fire and water committee with power to act.

TO SPEND SUMMER AT U. OF C. SUMMER SCHOOL

Mrs. Lucina Richardson will leave today for Berkeley, California, where she will take work in the University of California summer school. Mrs. Richardson, who is a graduate of San Jose high school and the state normal at that place, will investigate school gardens at that place and at other points along the coast. She will take in the exposition and will be absent six weeks or two months.

LUMBERMEN JOIN FOR EXPORT TRADE

Seattle, June 14.—Lumber manufacturers of the Pacific Northwest, it was announced today, are organizing a co-operative corporation to control the export lumber business of the Pacific coast. The corporation, known as the Douglas Fir Exploration and Export company, has been incorporated in this state with a capital of \$200,000. Ownership of stock will be confined to lumber manufacturers and any manufacturer can enter the corporation by agreeing to turn over exclusively to the corporation his entire export trade.

The corporation, according to the by-laws, will engage only in foreign trade, doing no business in the United States or its possessions. Organizers of the movement have already submitted their plan to the Federal Trade commission and are also understood to have explained their plan to President Wilson.

Thirty of the largest lumber manufacturers in the northwest have already joined the corporation and 12 more are expected to sign the articles of agreement at a meeting to be held in Portland June 25.

General sales offices will be maintained in San Francisco and Portland. The headquarters of the company will be in Seattle.

WILL PUT SPRINGFIELD POTATOES ON DISPLAY

E. E. Morrison received word this week from H. W. Whitacre that he had been commissioned by the Panama-Pacific International exposition commissioner to secure an exhibit of potatoes from the crops around Springfield at as early a date as possible. The display will be under the head of the Wesco Seed Co., of which Mr. Morrison is a member, and the name of the grower and his location will be given with each man's exhibit. These potatoes will be from the seed sold the farmers this spring.

Acquires Timber Tract.

A deal was made late last week whereby A. J. Perkins acquires an 80-acre timber tract from H. V. Hammitt. Mr. Perkins traded his fine auto in on the deal, which was made by Browning & Morrison.

HOPE TO HAVE 200 AT DINNER

Talk by State Drainage Engineer Added to Program at the Banquet in Honor of Farmers of Springfield Neighborhood.

Between 150 and 200 tickets have been sold for the banquet and farm lecture which is to be given Saturday evening, June 19 by Springfield business men for the farmers of the territory tributary to Springfield, and the committeemen believe the attendance will be close to the larger number.

In addition to the talk on hog raising by Judge Dimick of Oregon City, there will be a talk by some assistant from the state engineer's office on the subject of drainage of the valley lands.

The committee has been meeting with much encouragement, and the affair promises to be one of the most successful in the history of Springfield.

MAKE FINE CHEESE ON CAMP CREEK FARM

First samples of cheese from Dr. Joseph Schafer's farm on Camp Creek were brought to Sikes' store last week. The sample shows a particularly mild cheese of fine texture. The cheese is made by Simon Zwald, a Swiss cheese maker of long experience. The factory has been running for several weeks, but its output has not been seasoned enough yet to be put on the market.

THURSTON PLANS TO OBSERVE THIRD

Citizens of Thurston held an enthusiastic meeting last evening and determined to hold a big Fourth of July celebration on Saturday, July 3. W. T. Culver was chosen as marshal of the day and C. W. Hansen as aide. The program committee was instructed to secure the services of Victor Morris to deliver the oration. Tuesday, June 29, was designated as clean-up day, for the preparation of Baugh grove, where the celebration is to be held. Following are the committees:

Program—C. R. Hastings, F. E. Taylor, Mrs. Olive Taylor, Lizzie Ruth, Lizzie Harbit, Mrs. Walter Edmiston.

Finance and concessions—C. W. Yarnell, Ira Gray, and Ross Mathews.

Sports—C. W. Yarnell, J. M. Burnett, Ray Baugh and O. F. Thatcher.

The Cottage Grove Sentinel will appear on Tuesdays hereafter and the Leader on Friday. Both will have their type set on the Sentinel's machine.

ELECTRIFY 40 MILES MORE OF P., E. & E.

Red Cars to Run into Corvallis—Only Short Section Remains to Be Wired—Extend Lines Across Eastern Oregon.

Portland, June 15.—Two separate railroads today announced new development projects to be started at once, that will mean an expenditure of several millions of dollars.

The Oregon-Washington Railway and Navigation company will build a 30-mile extension to its line recently completed from Vale to Riverside, Ore. The extension from Riverside will be westward to Crane Creek gap.

The Southern Pacific has announced that it would electrify its line between Whiteson and Corvallis, a distance of 43 miles, as an extension of the existing electric unit between Portland and Whiteson, which until July first is known as the Portland, Eugene and Eastern railway.

The work of the Oregon-Washington Railway and Navigation company will cost \$1,500,000 or more. Both projects although under separate direction, the roads having been divorced, will begin at once.

NEW TRAIN GOES ON RUN

The "Exposition Special," the new Southern Pacific train, went on the run Tuesday, and the first of the trains, No. 53, southbound, went through Springfield Junction at 5:11, meeting No. 14 northbound at that place. No. 94, from Wendling, is scheduled to reach Eugene just before No. 53 pulls out, thus giving connections from the Mohawk valley with both north and southbound trains on the main line.

Private car A 24 of some officials of the Great Northern railroad was attached to No. 53 on its first trip.

RAILROAD MAN SEES INDICATIONS OF QUICK RETURN TO PROSPERITY

Portland, June 16.—"There is reason to hope that business conditions will improve soon," said W. R. Scott, vice-president and general manager of the Southern Pacific system, who is in Portland on one of his periodical trips looking over the company's lines in Oregon. "Crop prospects are fine and with the gathering of the great harvest, times ought to become prosperous again. When the railroads are prospering, all lines of business and industry thrive. The products of the farm, mine, forest and mills are in greater demand when the railroads are active. When there is an assurance of returns on the investment it will be easy to obtain funds for further extensions and improvements of the railroads."

Under existing circumstances it is impossible to raise money to carry out developments planned by transportation lines."

Eugene, June 16.—W. R. Scott, general manager of the Southern Pacific system, passed through here this afternoon but had nothing to give out in regard to further electrification of the P. E. & E., between Corvallis and Eugene, nor in regard to the extension of the line from Vale westward across central Oregon to a junction with the Natron-Klamath Falls cut-off.

GIVE LARGEST FLAG TO CITY OF ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, June 14.—What is described as the largest United States flag was presented to the City of St. Louis today during the Flag Day celebration here. The emblem is 150 feet by 78 feet and weight 400 pounds. It was given to the city by the Million Population club. In a recent parade 150 men and 60 boy scouts were required to carry it.

SCHOOL TERRITORY IS RE-APPORTIONED

A. I. O'Reilly, supervisor of the schools of the eastern part of Lane county for the past several years will take on the greater part of southern Lane beginning with the new school year. This was determined at a conference of County Superintendent E. J. Moore, Mr. O'Reilly, and Miss Jennie Bossen, who will this year constitute the superintendent's force. Re-apportionment of the territory was made yesterday following the change which drops two of the supervisors and leaves two to do the work of four. Miss Bossen will have all the western end of the county, as before, together with Mr. Aylesworth's district in the northern part of the county, and the portion of Mr. Stahlman's in the Lorane neighborhood. Superintendent Moore takes his old territory in the center of the county, a portion of Mr. Aylesworth's in the Long Tom country and that along the Benton and Linn county lines.

Cutting down of the number of supervisors saves the county about \$3000 a year.

CAMP CREEK PERSONALS

Super. J. K. Platts is doing some work on the roads. Mrs. Mabel Chase and Charlie Belshaw spent the week end with friends and relatives here. Lee Fountain and Chas. Deadmond of Walterville are working for Mr. Fisher.

J. K. Platt received word this week that his mother, who lives in California, is very ill and not expected to live.

Misses Inza and Ruby Crabtree and Fred Crabtree and Bert Libbey attended the ball game at Goshen Sunday.

Myron Craig made a business trip to Eugene Saturday.

S. E. Libbey has returned from Elmira where he has been moving a house.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Stephens went to Donna Monday to visit relatives.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY WINS MANY AWARDS AT FAIR

Salem, Ore., June 14.—In addition to winning a grand prize for forage crops, and a medal of honor for products of the soil, the Willamette valley exhibit at the San Francisco fair has been awarded 18 gold medals, 52 silver medals and received 18 honorable mentions according to Fred S. Bynon, secretary of the Willamette Valley Exposition association.

GRAVEL HAULING FOR COAST ROAD BEGINS MONDAY

Willamette-Pacific Rails Laid as Far as Acme Bridge—Operations of Several Months Cease Only for Placing of Bridge.

A huge steam shovel was taken to the Springfield gravel pits Monday afternoon and yesterday the first string of 24 gravel cars was brought from the W.-P. yards and placed on the gravel siding east of town in readiness for the resumption of gravel hauling next Monday.

Gravel from the Springfield pits is to be used in ballasting the new Willamette-Pacific line from Mapleton to Acme and then after the bridge has been erected across the Siuslaw river, more gravel will be hauled from here for the line down the coast as far as Gardiner.

In addition to the cars which were brought to Springfield yesterday, others are being put in repair, as it is desired to have two or three trains of 25 cars each in operation constantly. Still other cars now in use here are to be sent to Marion for use in hauling the crushed rock ballast being placed on the main line.

When hauling from the pits here begin nearly a hundred men will be employed. There will be three train crews and four engine crews to handle the gravel, one at the pit, one train crew and two engine crews to do the hauling and one train crew on the dumping train.

The pit crew will take the loaded cars from the pits to the Springfield yards where a double-header swing train will be made up. This train will run to Nekoma, a point a few miles above Mapleton, and the unloading crew will have charge of the material from that point. It is expected with this arrangement two trips a day can be made by the ballast train.

W. R. Fountain, assistant engineer, states that it is expected it will require a month's time to complete the work of ballasting the track between Mapleton and the bridge. Trains will be operated to the latter point after the ballasting is completed.

The laying of the rails between Mapleton and Acme was completed yesterday, after ten days of rapid work. Excavations for the pivot pier of the bridge have been completed, the sheet piling has been put in and the masonry work will start very soon. Gravel from the pits here will be used in the concrete for the foundations.

Crews are being organized for the laying of steel from Coos bay northward, and this work will be started within the next ten days.

School Board Adjourns.

There was no meeting of the school board last evening as had been scheduled, and adjournment was made until Friday evening of this week. At that time the report of the auditor of the clerk's books will be received by the board, and one or two vacancies on the teaching staff will be filled.

Marconi Becomes Lieutenant Florence, Italy, June 17.—William aMarconi has asked that he be enrolled as a lieutenant of engineers and assigned to duty with the telegraph brigade here.



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