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SELECTION OF LINE IN ALASKA STAYED

The Construction Work is Likely to Be Deferred Until After Congress Reassembles

Washington, March 13.—Selection of a route for the government railroad in Alaska and beginning of active construction work probably will be deferred until congress reassembles, according to best information now obtainable.

While President Wilson has been conferring with Secretary Lane and with members of the Alaska Railroad Commission and has been going over the report of that commission, there is doubt in the minds of administration officials whether they can accomplish much this season other than to continue surveys and possibly undertake construction of a subsidiary railroad, which may be built from Ship creek to the Matanuska coal field.

It is generally believed the report of the Alaska railroad commission justifies purchase by the government of both the Copper River and Alaska Northern railroads. Secretary Lane personally inclines to the belief that the government should buy both roads and monopolize rail transportation in Alaska. But there is doubt in the minds of administration officials whether there is authority at this time to contract for and make partial payment on either or both these roads, when congress has appropriated only \$2,000,000 for use this year, there being a general law which prohibits executive officials from contracting for properties costing more than congress has appropriated.

Obituary

Mrs. James Mason Smith died on March 11, 1915. She was born on November 26, 1837, in South Barnbridge, Chenango county, N. Y. Came to Oregon May, 1891 and settled in Shelburn. Seven children were born, four of whom are living. Lewis, of Albany, Luther, of Detroit, and Mrs. Albert Norris, of Shelburn. One sister, Mrs. E. D. Hogadone of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Twenty-seven grand children and seven great grand children, some of whom were present at the funeral. She was married July 12, 1855 at Walker, Kent county, Michigan.

Citizens Community Meeting

On Saturday, March 20, a citizens community meeting will be held at Tallman, at which time a program by the school and speeches by Supervisors Benner and Baker, County Judge McKnight, Prof. G. V. S. Kelton, O. A. C. and Superintendent W. L. Jackson.

Prizes will be awarded pupils, a basket dinner and a general educational good time will be had.

A similar meeting will be held in Scio on April 10.

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Mrs. T. K. Sanderson and Mrs. E. H. Hobson Entertains

Mrs. T. K. Sanderson and Mrs. E. H. Hobson entertained a number of their friends Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sanderson. "500" was played at five tables. Mrs. A. G. Prill secured the first prize and Mrs. Emma Cyrus received the consolation. Refreshments were served by the hostesses. A most enjoyable time is reported.

Those present were: Mesdames E. H. Hobson, Emma Cyrus, J. S. Sticha, John Wesely, Joe Wesely, A. G. Prill, Fred Jones, Ed Myers, Chas. Warner, R. Shelton, Fred Bilyeu, Frank Gill, P. H. McDonald, Henry Stepanek, E. C. Peery, E. G. Arnold, A. Hagey, M. Barnes, Maud Holland, A. E. Edwards, T. K. Sanderson, Miss Grace Gill and Miss Wilma Gum.

DEMAND ON ZAPATA REPEATED TO VILLA

Indemnity Put Up Also to the Northern Chief—Doubt is Raised by the Agent

Washington, March 15.—Demands by the United States government upon General Salazar, the Zapata commander in Mexico City, for the punishment of soldiers who murdered John B. McManus, an American citizen, and the payment of adequate compensation to McManus' family were repeated today by General Villa.

"As Villa and Zapata" said Secretary Bryan, "have been co-operating, I thought it was a good idea to make representations to Villa as well, so that the offenders would be punished."

The secretary telegraphed to Geo. C. Carothers, American consular agent accompanying Villa, the substance of the message which had previously been sent to Mexico City, with instructions to lay the matter before General Villa and urge his prompt attention. As finances of the Villa-Zapata government practically have been in control of General Villa himself, the question of an indemnity to the family of McManus it is believed, will be settled by the northern chief. General Salazar already has promised to punish those guilty of killing McManus.

Mexico City was reported quiet late today with no change in the situation.

Attended Convention

Tuesday forenoon a delegation of Scio Pythian Sisters went over to Albany to attend the district convention of that order. They drove over to Jefferson in time to catch the noon train.

Mrs. E. H. Hobson was down on the program of the convention for a vocal solo.

The following members of the order constituted the party: Mrs. A. G. Prill, Mrs. Frank Gill, Mrs. Chas. Warner, Mrs. E. G. Arnold, Mrs. Henry Stepanek, Mrs. E. H. Hobson, Mrs. Moline Barnes, Mrs. Walter Bilyeu and Mrs. J. S. Sticha.

PRICE OF FOOD IN VIENNA IS DOUBLED

The Secret Speculation Arouses the Indignation in Capitals of Austria-Hungary

Venice, March 15.—Intelligence reaching here from Vienna shows that many articles of daily food have more than doubled in price in the Austrian capital since the war began and that secret speculation in food-stuffs has aroused the indignation of the people in both Vienna and Budapest.

Authoritative quotations of the Vienna markets are flour, 8 cents a pound; dried peas, 11 cents, (compared to 4 cents last July); split peas 15 cents; lard 40 cents; eggs 3 and 4 cents apiece. Beef is selling at from 26 to 30 cents a pound, while pork brings from 24 to 40 cts. The consumption of horse flesh is steadily increasing. It costs from 10 to 16 cents a pound, compared to 8 cents last summer.

An Exciting Runaway

When Ed Flemming's four-horse team had been unloaded at the condenser last Sunday, the horses became frightened and proceeded to make things lively. In circling around the driver was dumped off the seat, the tongue and coupling of the wagon were broken, one of the wheel horses was thrown in such a manner that his hind feet were thrust a front wheel of the wagon and was dragged several yards.

This weight so impeded the speed of the team that the runaways were checked by a number of persons who were near. The horse which had served the purpose of a brake, when released, did not appear to be seriously injured, nor was the driver Mr. Flemming's son. Several spokes were broken in one of the rear wheels, the coupling pole and tongue both broken, was the extent of the damage.

Injured by a Bull

Last Thursday when G. E. Kalk, who lives on the Wesely farm, was handling his Jersey bull, the nose ring broke and the bull proceeded to make matters lively for his owner. The animal had been dehorned and all that he could do was to crush Mr. Kalk to the ground and butt him with his hornless head. When the scrimmage was over, Mr. Kalk found himself badly injured. When examined later by Dr. Prill, two ribs were found to be broken and several other cuts and bruises, none of which will prove serious.

Surprise Party

A surprise birthday party was given Mrs. Walter Bilyeu on Friday evening of last week. An elegant present was made Mrs. Bilyeu by her friends, E. C. Peery making a most appropriate presentation speech. The surprisers were entertained by social conversation and a progressive "500" contest. Chas. Warner is said to have exhibited a surprising acrobatic feat.

Cleanup Week Fixed By Governor's Edict

Salem, March 12.—Declaring that the needs of cleaning and renovating is especially apparent in the spring in all branches of life, Governor Withycombe has issued a proclamation designating the week of May 4 to 11 as "cleanup week," urging all Oregonians to devote this period of improving the physical appearance of their property and communities. This was done at the request of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. In making it the civic committee of the federation advised the governor that, in cooperation with the state board of health, it plans to follow the example set by a number of states by having the people of the state "clean up."

LINCOLN BEACHEY FALLS TO HIS DEATH

Monoplane Crumples in a 3000 Foot Descent—Perpendicular Drop is Fatal

San Francisco, March 14.—The spectacular career of Lincoln Beachey, one of the most daring of American aviators, was ended today when he fell to his death at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in plain sight of thousands of spectators.

Beachey was completing his second flight of the day at 3:45 p. m. when the fatal accident occurred.

The accident was attributed to the fact that Beachey entrusted his life today for the first time to a new monoplane and an exceptionally large crowd was attracted to see whether he would attempt the same breath-taking stunts in the new machine that had made his trim little bi-plane famous.

The machine was at an altitude of about 3000 feet when Beachey shut off his power. For several hundred feet the machine dropped head on for the earth and then the aviator grasped his control levers to adjust the planes for the graceful descent which characterized his previous flights.

At this instant the wings crumpled like a collapsed umbrella and the aeroplane, turning over and over in its fall, plunged into San Francisco bay, narrowly missing a vessel lying at the government transport docks.

Miss Shannon's Father Dead

Miss Shannon, of the Scio public schools, received a telegram from the family home at Davenport, Neb. Tuesday, conveying the intelligence of the death of her father. He had been an invalid for several months. His age was 77 years. Mr. White supplied Miss Shannon's place in the school room for the time Miss Shannon was unnerved by the intelligence. Owing to the long distance Miss Shannon would not undertake to be present at the funeral.

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SMALL DISTRICT RAISES OVER \$3500

The People in District No. 30 Subscribe Cash and Labor For Good Roads

Road Supervisor Raleigh Harold, of Kingston, has succeeded in interesting the citizens and property owners of his district, number 30, in the building of solid crushed rock road. Seven subscription agreements were filed with County Clerk Russell today, aggregating in cash and labor \$3527. Road district No. 30, which lies in the northern part of Linn county, and runs up to the bridge crossing the Santiam river at Stayton, believes in good roads. Not only have the people named in these lists subscribed cash and labor, but they have already voted a special 5 mill tax, which adds \$1,899.65 to their fund, besides the regular road tax, amounting to \$940.82. The total amount at the disposal of Supervisor Harold is \$6,376.47, an exceptionally good showing for a district the size of this one, and reflects credit upon the progressive spirit of the people of that community.

Included in the subscription lists filed today is one from the business men of Stayton, amounting to \$400 in cash, there being 38 signers of sums from \$5 to \$25. This district joins the city of Stayton and the people of that place will get their money back many times in increased trade that the road will bring to them.

Most of the lists specify the places where the subscribed funds are to be applied, but it is all in district 30 and all calls for solid crushed rock. The Jordan, Kingston, Scio and Stayton-Scio road are among those specified.—Albany Democrat.

Birthday Dinner

Mrs. Vivian Bilyeu gave a birthday dinner last Sunday to a number of her friends and relatives. After dinner all assembled on the law and had their pictures made in a group.

Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Prill, Mrs. V. A. McKnight, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gill, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Coffey, Rev. Hays, Miss Johnson and Miss Ethel Ingram.

A Shelburn Death

On Thursday, March 11, Mrs. Mary Smith of Shelburn, died of diseases incident to old age. Her age at the time of death was 77 years, 3 months and 26 days. She was a native of New York. The burial occurred at the Shelburn cemetery Saturday. She had resided at Shelburn and vicinity for a number of years.

Fifty-One Births, Eighteen Deaths

Fifty-one births occurred in Linn county during the month of February, according to the report of County Health Officer Dr. Davis. During the same period 18 deaths were recorded. The birth rate establishes a new record for this county; the deaths are about normal.