

KEASEL & M'DONALD COMPANY, OF TACOMA, GET CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAY OVER SISKIYOU

CONTRACT PRICE OVER SISKIYOU TOTAL \$107,534

State Highway Engineer and Members of County Court Pleased at Securing Price Under Estimated Cost—Nine Bids Received.

Operations to Begin at Once, Promise Successful Contractors—Equipment to Be Wired For.

Keasel & McDowell Logging company of Tacoma, Wash., were Thursday awarded the contract for grading the active Highway over the Siskiyou mountains by State Highway Engineer Howley and the county court, the price being \$107,534.30. They were the lowest of the nine firms who bid. All bids were rejected on paying the Central Point-Medford road, as being too high. The road will be 13 miles long, 24 feet wide.

Keasel & McDowell bid 29 cents on earth excavation, 35 cents on loose work, 75 cents on solid rock, 50 cents per square rod on clearing right-of-way, \$1.40 per square rod on grubbing, \$1.05 per foot on corrugated iron culvert 12 inch, \$1.60 on 18 inch, \$2 on 24 inch; \$7.20 on 12 inch concrete culvert, \$1.60 on 18 inch, and \$2 on 24 inch; 70 cents per foot on 12 inch vitrified tile, \$1.30 on 18 inch, \$2.53 on 24 inch. On rubble masonry, \$5 per cubic yard; class A concrete, \$11, per cubic yard; Class B, \$10; Class C, \$10; reinforcing steel, \$6 per 100 pounds.

Other bids totaled as follows: Ambrose Birdsall Co., Portland, \$124,133.90; E. F. Johnson, Portland, \$110,963.30; P. Mc D. Fuller, \$134,663.22; Jeffries & Buffton, Portland, \$119,739.94; Hayden Bros., Eugene, \$134,019.66; J. W. Sweeney, Portland, \$14,599.96; Barber Asphalt Paving Co., \$115,478.12; Turner Co., of San Francisco, \$108,716.20.

Mr. F. A. Keasel will move to Medford at once and become a permanent resident of the city. He likes the city and the country and has long wanted an excuse to come here. His partner, Mr. McDowell, will also move here during construction.

Work will start at once on the road, equipment is being ordered and a camp will be established at once.

Both members of the county court and State Highway Engineer Howley are highly pleased with the price secured, as the estimated cost had been figured at \$120,000.

PAY YOUR PORTERS DECENT WAGES IS REPLY TO PULLMAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—"Pay your employes decent wages and the state railroad commission will listen to the proposition of allowing the company to raise its rates for berths," was the promise given the Pullman company today by John Eshleman, president of the state railroad commission. The company had applied to the commission for permission to raise its rates.

"The porters on the Pullman car," said Eshleman, "are paid such scant wages that the public is forced to give them a living by coming across with tips. We are convinced that most of the complaints against the Pullman company are due to the fact that the traveling public has to 'dig up' for the porters to get accommodations which they had reserved before hand."

Wending Shops Burn

WENDLING, Or., Nov. 20.—The machine shops of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company was destroyed by fire early today. Loss estimated at \$15,000.

COWDRAY APPEALS TO UNITED STATES TO PROTECT PROPERTY



Lord Cowdray

HEAD OF PEARSON SYNDICATE ASKS AMERICAN AID

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Lord Cowdray, head of the British Pearson syndicate, which has Mexican interests amounting to millions, asked American protection today for his property and employes. Ambassador Page called his request to Washington. His lordship took the occasion to deny again to the ambassador that the Pearson syndicate has financed President Huerta.

POLITICAL LABOR PARTY FAVORED

SEATTLE, Nov. 20.—The American Federation of Labor is on record today as favoring the future organization of a political labor party, following the passage of the resolutions committee's substitute for Delegate George L. Berry's resolution favoring the organization of such a party now.

This is the first time that the federation has announced its policy in favoring political endeavor as a whole. The Berry resolution, which was defeated, called for a conference with the socialist party to effect an understanding. This was opposed by Delegate Max Hayes of Ohio on behalf of the socialists, who said that such an agreement could not be reached, owing to the socialist rules against affiliation with other parties. During his speech, Hayes invited all the delegates to read up on its doctrines and then join the socialists.

FIGHT ON PINDELL LIKELY IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—President Wilson today sent to the senate the nomination of Henry N. Pindell of Peoria, Ill., to be ambassador to Russia. The nomination was referred to the foreign relations committee, where there seemed likely to be a fight over it.

A letter was recently made public, purporting to be from Senator Lewis of Illinois and addressed to Pindell, in which the Russian embassy was offered for a year, without work and merely for the honor it would bring, if Pindell would agree to resign at the end of the stated period. The proposition seemed to be made as a reward for political services.

As soon as Pindell saw the letter in print, however, he denied that he Lewis shortly afterward denied that he sent or wrote it. It was suspected but not proven that it was written by Lewis' former private secretary, Sidney Moulthrop, now under arrest charged with forgery.

BIDS ON PAVING CENTRAL POINT ROAD REJECTED

Prices Too High to Suit State Engineer—Will Readvertise Later, Including Ashland-Medford Road—Most Bids on Asphaltic Concrete.

Best Bid That of Bidwell, Hayden & Co. of Portland, Though Specifications Not Up to Others.

Bids for paving the Medford-Central Point road were altogether too high in the opinion of the state highway engineer and members of the county court, and this fact caused the rejection of all bids Thursday. Before bids are asked again the survey of the Ashland-Medford road will have been completed and bids be called for on the entire strip from Ashland to Central Point.

The following were the bids received:

Clark-Henry Co.—Asphaltic concrete, \$1.24; two-inch Warrenite, \$1.35; two-inch Warrenite, gravel instead of crushed rock, \$1.30; asphalt, two inches, with inch binder, \$1.30; asphaltic concrete, two inches, with binder, one inch, \$1.37.

Warren Construction Co.—Asphaltic concrete, two inches, \$1.29; Warrenite, two inches, \$1.38; Warrenite, two inches, gravel, \$1.33.

Ambrose Birdsall, Salem—Asphaltic concrete, two inches, \$1.15.

Schell & Schell—Oil macadam, 69 cents.

Barber Asphalt Paving Co.—Asphaltic concrete, two inches, \$1.12%.

Bidwell, Hayden & Co., Portland—Asphaltic concrete, two inches \$1.10. Specifications incomplete.

The comparative figures are not a fair basis to figure the cost, as the specifications of all contractors differed, some calling for much better pavement than others for the same named pavement.

Collusion among contractors on paving bids was hinted at by members of the court.

COMPENSATION ACT EFFECTIVE IN JUNE

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 20.—Declaring that the restrictions of the constitution must govern legislative intent, the supreme court today held that the workmen's compensation law is not operative until June 20, next year. This applies to the insurance features.

Employers can contribute to the industrial accident fund before this date, but no injured employe can receive benefits therefrom prior to that time.

The decision dismissed a writ of mandamus applied for by the Salem hospital to compel the secretary of state to audit a claim contracted with it by the industrial commission.

JAIL AND FINE FOR KEEPING BOOKS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—The United States circuit court of appeals today upheld Judge Dooling's fine of \$2000 against Secretary David C. Norcross of the Western Fuel company, as well as his order that Norcross go to jail until he turns over the company's books to the federal grand jury for inspection. The trial of the company's eight officials on charges of complicity in an alleged conspiracy by which the prosecution says the government was short weighted out of about \$1,000,000 on coal for federal use has been set for December 9.

FIVE BRIDESMAIDS FOR MISS JESSIE WILSON AT WHITE HOUSE.



Miss Mary G. White

Miss Marjorie Brown

Miss Adeline M. Scott

Miss Margaret Wilson

300 FEDERALS MASSACRED BY REBEL FORCES

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Nov. 20.—Most of the 300 or more federals killed when General Gonzales and his rebel forces evicted Victoria, were massacred, according to messages received here today.

After the fight had raged for hours, the accounts said, it was decided that it would be best for the bulk of the federal troops to quit the city and retreat to Tula, leaving about 350 to hold the defenses and thus delay a rebel pursuit.

This plan was carried out and after the departing body had been given a fair start the commander of those who remained rode out under a flag of truce to surrender.

Gonzales' reply was said to have been that he did not wish to take any prisoners, as he had other plans and could not be burdened.

Realizing that they were doomed, the federals barricaded themselves in the convent, where they made their last stand fight and held out as long as possible. A few escaped, but most of them were either killed in resisting the rebel attack or hunted to death in the streets after the attacking force had carried the convent.

Gonzales then pursued the retreating body of the federals, overtook them at Tula and completely routed them, killing many.

He was reported today marching on Tampico and it was expected he would attack it tonight.

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Miss Adeline Mitchell Scott of Princeton will be the fourth bridesmaid. Miss Scott and Miss Jessie Wilson have been intimate since their babyhood.

BURNS CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

A jury in the circuit court this morning returned a verdict of manslaughter against F. C. Burns, charged with the murder of Jeff Colson, a tramp companion in country-wide wanderings, at Talent a month ago during a quarrel.

The jury deliberated for eighteen hours before agreeing on their findings, being divided between manslaughter and second degree murder. For a time it looked as if the jury was hopelessly deadlocked, but a compromise was effected.

WHITE HOUSE BRIDE NAMES FOUR FRIENDS AS HER BRIDESMAIDS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of the president, who will wed Francis B. Sayle November 25 in the White House, has selected bridesmaids from among her friends in many parts of the country, and she has chosen some who are considered very pretty.

Her elder sister, Margaret, will be the maid of honor.

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TRADING LIGHT ON DOWNWARD MARKET

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—A slow downward movement started with the opening of the market. Canadian Pacific, Amalgamated and Great Northern lost large fractions, but the other changes were slight.

Later prices declined further, but the trading was light and the losses were small. Bonds were easy. The market closed firm.

WOLGAST, CHAMPION STOPPING PAYMENT OF CHECKS DRAWN

Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion of the world, still retains his title as champion check stopper. For the second time in six months the Michigan wild cat has reneged on business deals and nipped Shorty Miles and Mose Barkdull.

The first of the week he sent a check from Cadillac, Mich., for \$3500 on his \$17,000 purchase of the Heath ranch at Brownsboro, and then wired local banks stopping payment. His first payment on the ranch of \$1000, was cash in hand, and the pugilist could not recall it. If Wolgast ever shows in Oregon, papers in a civil suit will be served upon him.

Upon the authority of Wolgast Miles and Barkdull made purchases of material for the ranch, totaling nearly \$1000, and by virtue of the ex-king's peculiar methods are out that amount.

A Mr. Brent of San Francisco, a friend of championship days and sparring partner was installed as manager of the ranch. He detected a mouse, a week ago and sold ranch belonging to a loss sufficient to cover two months' salary, and resigned.

Wolgast once before stopped payment on a check given in the purchase of the Cantrall ranch in the Applegate, so the latest is not the first manifestation of the ailment.

Last winter Tom Jones, former manager of Wolgast, bet local fight fans \$1000 that K. O. Brown would beat Bud. He gave his check. When he reached Frisco he was stricken with Wolgastitis and annulled his check.

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JORDAN GULCH MINE SOLD TO NEW COMERS

GRANTS PASS, Nov. 20.—Messrs. George Speake and J. M. Turnbow, former residents of Palouse, Wash., were in the city Wednesday from the Grave creek district, where they have just closed a deal for the purchase of the Jordan Gulch placer mining property from Frank Stevenson. This property comprises 119 acres, including some rich placer ground as well as agricultural acreage, and will be developed by the new owners. There is already upon the property much piping and a hydraulic "giant," and some valuable finds have been made upon it. Mr. Stevenson having found a nugget at one time that weighed one and one-quarter pounds.

WU TING FANG MAY COME TO WASHINGTON

SHANGHAI, Nov. 20.—Ex-Minister to the United States Wu Ting Fang received today from President Yuan Shai Kai an offer of the Washington legation again. Dr. Wu replied that he would take it if raised to an embassy, but not as a legation. Mizzi Hajos is to appear in vaudeville.

HUERTA ORDERS TAXES DOUBLED TO RAISE COIN

Dictator Claims British Fleet Is Sent to Aid Him—Son-in-Law on Way to Washington Bearing Message—Mexican Congress to Meet Tonight

Unconditional Retirement Expected as Soon as Way Is Made Safe—Quarrels With Blanquet.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 20.—President Huerta, who all along has sought to give his adherents the impression that the powers would support him against the United States, intimated to them today that the British West Indies squadron, on its way to Vera Cruz, was coming to oppose the American warships there.

As his last acts under the dictatorship, President Huerta today doubled the stamp tax on checks, receipts, contracts and other public documents, decreed a heavy increase in the tobacco, alcohol and petroleum taxes and authorized the banks to relieve the small change famine by issuing 1 and 2 peso notes. The new congress is scheduled to meet tonight.

Sends Son-in-Law

President Huerta's son-in-law, General Luis Fuentes, who left here last night on a mysterious mission, was reported today to be on his way to Washington with a message from Huerta to President Wilson.

The supposition was that Huerta had a proposition to make which was a little short of unconditional retirement, that he could not make it to Emissary Lind because the latter has refused to receive any message from him other than announcement of his resignation and that he had resolved therefore to communicate with the head of the Washington administration direct.

Harrassed Financially

According to Mexican politicians, the dictator has been so harassed by financial worries that he would have resigned already but for one thing—the risk to which he will expose himself if he surrenders the reins before congress ratifies all his acts as provisional president.

This is the real crux of the situation, these persons add. Huerta has done things while in office for which, unless they can be legalized, his successor might easily have him shot. If a recognizedly legal congress declared that he acted lawfully, however, he would be protected.

Until he can somehow accomplish this, he cannot, for his own safety's sake, give up his post, it was asserted.

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