

CARSON FIRM IN INTENTION TO KEEP JOB IF POSSIBLE

(Salem Capital Journal.) "Resign? Not by a darn sight! I have never laid down under fire in my life, and I never will. The honor of horticulture has the power to remove me, and it may do so if it sees fit, but with the attack that is being made upon me and the underlying objects and principles that are back of it, I would feel like a coward to quit now, when the destiny of the fruit industry of southern Oregon is at stake. If I am forced out of the position at this time—and I will never resign—whatever odium that results or injury that is visited upon the fruit orchards of southern Oregon, the responsibility will rest upon other shoulders than mine."

This was in effect the ultimatum delivered to the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, sitting as ex-officio officers of the state board of horticulture, by A. H. Carson of Grants Pass, horticultural commissioner for the third district, who was granted a hearing in his defense against a petition that has been filed with the board asking for his removal for alleged inactivity and inattention to his official duties and bearing the signatures of 220 fruit-growers of Jackson and Josephine counties, representing an aggregate of over 31,000 acres of fruit land in the Rogue River valley.

The petition sets forth that Mr. Carson is lax in his duties of enforcement of the laws for the protection of the fruit industry, and that the fruit growers of his district are dissatisfied with his services and ask for his removal and the appointment of a successor who is more active, aggressive and progressive. No one is named in the petition or recommended for the position.

Mr. Carson has occupied the position of horticultural commissioner for the third district, which comprises Coos, Curry, Douglas, Klamath, Lake, Jackson and Josephine counties and embraces an aggregate of approximately 200,000 acres of fruit lands, for more than eighteen years. He is a veteran of the civil war, having fought in Robert G. Ingersoll's regiment, was a practicing attorney for twenty-five years and has been actively engaged in farming for more than twenty years, and he has the reputation of being a fighter from the word "go." In his emphatic and vehement declaration that he would not resign the office under any circumstances, when his reputation as a fighter for principle and the future of the fruit industry of southern Oregon, he believes, is at stake, he gives some foundation of fact for his title to the reputation.

Mr. Carson, in defense of his attitude in the enforcement of the duties of his office and activities in the fight for the eradication of the blight upon the fruit orchards of his district, bitterly assailed the motives of his petitioners and charged them with the desire to sacrifice the best interests of the industry for the sake of getting some "incompetent pet" into the position. When Governor West and Secretary of State Olcott suggested to him that, inasmuch as there was nothing personal in the matter, and that his character as an individual had not been attacked, and for the sake of harmony he tender his resignation, Mr. Carson literally went "up in the air" and declared that it would be the last thing he would think of doing, in language that was plain and decidedly convincing.

The office of horticultural commissioner carries with it an annual allowance of \$600 for salary and expenses, but Mr. Carson made it plain that he did not care a cent for the office and that it was principle and justice he was fighting for and that he had frequently paid out much more than his salary amounted to in performing the duties of his office, in the interest of fostering the industry. The state board took the matter under advisement. Mr. Carson's term of office, he having been appointed for four years, does not expire until April 1, 1917.

RAILROADS TO SELL THEIR TIME TABLES

Free distribution of railroad time tables will be discontinued on the western lines on January 1 next, as a result of a resolution adopted by the presidents of these lines at a recent meeting in Chicago. The move is one of the many devices accepted by the roads in an effort to eliminate waste. When it becomes effective, time cards will be sold at railroad ticket offices and hotels for 1 cent each, which is about half the cost of production and distribution.

KING HOLDS FORT AGAINST ESTERLY AS COMMITTEEMAN

H. M. Esterly who defeated W. H. Canon at the primaries in May for democratic national committeeman, through the assistance of C. E. S. Wood who afterwards bolted the party by bringing out Wm. Hanley for the senate against Chamberlain, has had his labor for his pains. Will R. King, who was elected national committeeman two years ago under rules governing the party, refuses to give up his position and is sustained by the national committee.

The Portland Journal, Sunday, says: Who is democratic national committeeman for Oregon? This question promises to become acute within the near future. Oregon democrats may have thought they elected H. M. Esterly their national committeeman on May 15, the date of the last primary election, when he was given a greater than two to one vote for the place. But Will R. King, now general counsel for the reclamation service by appointment of the secretary of the interior, says this is not so. He declares that he is still democratic national committeeman for Oregon and will continue in that capacity until the democratic national committee meets again and formally elects its own members.

It is the contention of Judge King that the democrats of Oregon cannot elect their national committeeman, but all they can do is to nominate him and then await the pleasure of the national committee in electing him. He contends that Mr. Esterly is now only nominated and not elected.

Mr. Esterly says he is elected right now and has fully qualified as democratic national committeeman for Oregon. In fact, he says he is national committeeman.

The matter has been put up to W. F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic national committee, who so far has not indicated his views.

Judge King contends that the national committee is absolute dictator of its own membership and he throws down the gauntlet to any who say that the democrats of Oregon have a right to elect their national committeeman.

SULTAN APPEALS TO MOHAMMENDANS

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, Nov. 16, 12:25 p. m.—The sultan of Turkey has issued a proclamation to the army and navy, in which he accuses Great Britain, France and Russia of having instigated the war on Turkey. He adds in this connection that the outcome will put an end to the attempts directed against the glory of the Turkish empire.

Exhorting his soldiers and sailors to bravery, the sultan says: "Not only the fate of our own country, but the future existence of 300,000,000 Moslems depends on your victory."

COLUMBIA HIGHWAY TO OPEN IN JULY

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 10.—That the Columbia highway will be opened from Pendleton to Astoria July 1, 1915, is asserted by State Engineer Bowly, who is preparing his annual report. Figures show that a vast amount of work was done under the supervision of the state highway commission during the past year. This work was done in the counties of Jackson, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Hood River, Wasco, Sherman and Washington.

A total of \$930,000 was spent this year on the Columbia highway between Wasco and Seaside, and there will be available to be spent before July 1, of next year, \$670,000. There will be provided by July 1, 97 miles of newly located and constructed graded road of a maximum grade of 5 per cent, width of roadbed 24 feet, and curves with a minimum radius of 200 feet. The work in Clatsop county is 80 per cent completed, and that in Columbia county is 75 per cent completed.

ANNUAL APPLE SHOW OPENS IN SPOKANE

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 16.—The seventh annual national apple show began here today and will continue through the week. In addition to a display of apples of all grades and products from apples, meetings of interest to apple growers will be held.

JACKSON COUNTY'S IMMENSE MAJORITY ABOLISHES GALLOWES

The large vote given by Jackson county in favor of abolishing capital punishment, a majority of 1957, has saved the measure from defeat and complete returns from all counties except Malheur, which also favors the bill, give a majority for it of 298, for 98,974, against 98,676.

Incomplete returns from Malheur county indicate that that county will give a favorable majority to the measure, increasing the majority by which the measure was carried in the state.

Fourteen counties voted in favor of doing away with the death penalty and 29 against it. The comparative large majorities in favor of the measure in Multnomah and Jackson counties overcame the narrower margins against it in the other counties.

In Multnomah county the bill received a majority of 2412. The largest majority against the bill was cast in Washington county. The unfavorable majority was 1115.

The counties that voted to abolish the death penalty were Baker, Coos, Crook, Curry, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Lane, Lincoln, Multnomah, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wallowa and apparently Malheur.

Those voting to retain the death penalty were Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Linn, Marion, Morrow, Polk, Sherman, Union, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler and Yamhill.

WILL STEEL NAMED ON GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

SALEM, Nov. 16.—Clocher with no legal authority or status, whatever, except the undisputed and unlimited authority "to spend your own money in the promotion of this splendid work," Governor West has appointed George H. Hines and Lewis A. McArthur of Portland; J. Q. A. Bowly and E. J. Kaiser of Astoria; J. B. Horner of Corvallis; Lee Morehouse of Pendleton and Will G. Steel of Crater Lake, to constitute the Oregon geographic board, and their duties begin at once.

As explained by the governor, in the letter accompanying the commission, this board was created in 1908 by Governor Chamberlain, and its duties will consist mainly of "naming the geographic features of the state, thus preventing confusion and disputes through duplication of names; also to perpetuate, as far as practicable, unique pioneer traditions and Indian legends." There is no appropriation provided for carrying on the work of the board, and it is left absolutely free to spend all the money it wants to in the performance of its duties.

LIVESTOCK RECEIPTS FOR WEEK LIGHT

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—Receipts for the week have been: Cattle 1100, calves 17, hogs 6920, sheep 2292.

Receipts of cattle continue light, barely enough coming forward to make a showing. Some good steers were sold first of week at \$7.25. During the week from \$7 to \$7.15 was the general price for tops. Market is steady to strong for all classes. Hogs again made a much better showing, the market opening at \$7.15 and closing at \$7.20 for tops. Monday's run of 4000 did not cause a flutter in the market, all going at steady to strong prices. Good average receipts and quality all week.

Sheep receipts continue light and demand excellent. Top lambs sold at \$6.35, all other lines strong to higher. For killing sheep trade has been good, feeders in good demand.

THREE-QUARTER MILLION IN CANAL RECEIPTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Tolls amounting to \$733,182 were collected from vessels using the Panama canal between August 15 and November 1. Before the canal was opened to merchant ships \$31,610 had been collected on bare traffic, making the gross income to November 1 total \$748,792.

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GOETHALS TELLS FINISHING CHAPTERS OF CANAL STORY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Concluding chapters in the story of American pluck and perseverance that made possible the construction of the Panama canal are written by Colonel George W. Goethals, governor of the zone, in his annual report submitted today to Secretary Garrison. The report tells of the canal builders' battle against tricky earth slides, of the establishment of the permanent form of government in the zone, with Colonel Goethals as governor, of the beginning of the work on fortifications to guard the great waterway against invasion, while imposing rows of figures tell of the cost of details in the canal's construction and maintenance.

Cost \$454,559,049 The report shows that the canal's cost, including the current appropriation, now stands at \$553,559,049.69. More than \$374,000,000 was appropriated. Of that amount more than \$12,000,000 was for fortification.

"Work was continued during the year on the gun and mortar batteries," says the report "and by the close of the year the concrete work was practically completed, as well as the greater portion of the back fill. On July 1, 1913, the construction of redoubts in accordance with plans prepared by a board appointed for the purpose and approved by the secretary of War, was undertaken, and they were completed, as well as the clearing necessary in connection with them."

The continued earth slides that checked the progress of the canal builders was described at length.

Quantity of Earth Removed "The total amount of material removed in the dry from Culebra Cut," the report states, "from the beginning of American operations to June 15, 1914, aggregated 110,261,883 cubic yards, at a division cost of \$6.7966 per cubic yard; of this amount 25,206,100 cubic yards were removed because of slides, or 22.865 per cent."

Describing the demolition of Gamboa Dike as one of the final steps in the canal's completion, the report relates that "with the exception of a small pocket slide in the vicinity of Cascades, the admission of water to the Cut has thus far had no bad effects; nor has there been any perceptible tendency for the presence of water to produce slides."

Resists Quake Shocks The canal's giant locks and dams staunchly withstood the earthquake shocks which were more violent and numerous during the last year than in any since American occupation. Eighty-seven distinct shocks were recorded at Ancon.

"Practically all the shocks," the report stated, "seemed to originate in the vicinity of the lower coast of Los Santos Province, approximately 115 miles southwest of Ancon. The most violent shocks occurred October 2, 1913, and May 28, 1914."

The shock of May 28 resulted in slight damage to the new administration building then in course of erection at Balboa Heights, but with this exception the canal works suffered no damage from these shocks."

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ARMIES OF ALLIES DEADLOCKED WITH GERMANS AT YSER

LONDON, Nov. 16, 11:29 a. m.—The armies of the allies and of Germany remained deadlocked in West Flanders today along the battle line where the snow is ankle deep with the prospect of further intermittent artillery duels and infantry clashes, which for more than a month have been swinging back and forth without definite result.

The snow and the generally adverse conditions will make necessary more frequent shifts of men in the trenches and there will be more sickness, especially lung and throat affections. In short trench warfare, already laborious and exhausting, daily will become a greater ordeal.

The Germans have not abandoned their attempt to reach the French coast towns and yet they have not advanced. Today, according to the claims of the allies, the Germans are to be back on the right bank of the Yser, having been forced to release their grip on points on the left bank held so stubbornly by them the last week. This retirement of the breadth of the river is described in official communications given out in aris last night as the "most noteworthy incident of the day," and it shows how little change there has been elsewhere either in Belgium or in France.

Merchants Association November banquet of Merchants association at Episcopal Guild Hall, Monday evening, Nov. 16th, 6:30 sharp. E. C. GADDIS, Pres. JOHN H. CARKIN, Sec.

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