

### COUNCIL RATIFIES ELECTION RESULTS RAILROAD CONTRACT

The contract voted upon by the people July 10 providing for the issuance of \$300,000 bonds for the construction of a railroad to the Blue Ledge district, was formally passed upon and endorsed by the city council at its regular meeting last night. It now remains for the mayor and city recorder, on one side, and Mr. Bullis, for the railroad, to sign the contract and affix the city seal, when it will go into effect. At the next meeting of the council the next step in the railroad program will probably be brought up in the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the \$300,000 bonds. The rumor concerning a restraining order against the adoption of the contract failed to materialize.

W. F. Isaacs, in behalf of the Commercial club and Jackson County Business Men's association presented a petition to the council asking for the permanent retention of the streamer lights on Main street. The California-Oregon Power Co., he stated, would furnish the current for 500 5-watt lamps to burn four hours every night, for \$12 per month, the city to maintain lights and to furnish a man to turn the current on and off. The wiring and lamps that are now up, the company will give to the city. About 250 lamps are now in place.

City Electrician Himmen, when called upon, estimated that it would cost the city about \$100 to fix up the lights.

He asked that something be done immediately to fasten the streamers more securely, stating that there is danger of fire and of persons being electrocuted as the wires are now fastened. In the event the trolley should come off the street car, a streamer line might fall across the trolley wire and as the feeders are placed in a temporary manner across tops of buildings there is great danger of fire. The matter was referred by the mayor to the street and light committee with power to act.

A request was read from Bandmaster Rowland asking that the children romping around the bandstand on concert nights be kept quiet as they are getting so noisy as to make the leading of the band very difficult. A special policeman will be put on to correct the trouble. Ivy street, it was also decided, will be roped off during the concerts and the street reserved for the use of pedestrians. The matter of seats for the park was brought up and it was decided to take immediate action toward securing them.

### DEATH LIST FROM FLOODS NOW FORTY

ATLANTA, Ga., July 19.—As reports filtered through today from parts of western North Carolina, the death list resulting from floods in southeastern states continued to grow. Six additional fatalities were reported today, bringing the known death list to forty, while at least six persons are missing.

Eleven persons were drowned in the village of Bat Cave and Chimney Rock, N. C., which meagre reports show were hard hit by the storm. Two unidentified bodies were found near Belmont, N. C., today, while another death is reported from near Greenville, S. C., in the falling of a railway scaffold undermined by the floods.

While flood waters were receding in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia today, the Wateree river in South Carolina, was rising.

### FRISCO LONGSHOREMEN MAY RETURN TO WORK

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—Following the rejection of a compromise settlement by the longshoremen's union in the various coast ports, a meeting of the San Francisco riggers and stevedores union has been called for tonight to determine whether the riggers shall return to work or remain on strike with the other coast unions. The prediction has been made by officers of the union that the men will return to work in San Francisco before the end of the week, regardless of the compromise rejection. The sentiment of the union members, however, will not be known until a vote is taken tonight.

Why Smoke Bit Cigars When La Gondas are only 10c

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC ADVERTISES STATE IN MANY BOOKLETS

The Southern Pacific has recently printed an illustrated poster showing the covers of the various books issued during the year ending June 30. These books are grouped in an artistic manner and are headed, "Oregon Literature of the Current Year." At the bottom of the card the following is printed: "Issued by the Southern Pacific Lines. Ask agent for copies."

The books issued are the following, given in date order of issuance: "Round the Loop, Through the Heart of Willamette Valley, Wayside Notes, Shasta Route; Oregon Walnuts, Coos Bay Country, Oregon for the Settler, Oregon Outdoors, Suggestions for Side Trips from Portland, Tillamook County Beaches, Sacred Summits of the Siskiyou, Side Trips Along Shasta Route, Crater Lake and Newport."

"Round the Loop" describes the trip via the Southern Pacific big red steel electric cars through the cities of Beaverton, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Cornelius, Yamhill, Carlton, McMinnville, Dayton, Newberg, Sherwood and Oswego.

"Wayside Notes, Shasta Route," is a booklet with the illustrations in the form of a moving picture film, down the side of each page, and giving a brief outline of the sights to be seen from the car window between Portland and San Francisco.

"Oregon Walnuts" is a book intended for the owners and prospective owners of walnut orchards in this state. It is written by C. I. Lewis, chief division of horticulture, Oregon Agricultural college. It is written in technical style.

"Coos Bay Country" was issued just before the new Southern Pacific line was opened into that section of Oregon and thoroughly describes the scenic attractions and the industrial conditions.

"Oregon for the Settler" is the largest of all the books issued this year. It contains articles on each of the counties in western Oregon, also the different industries of the state. Statistics showing the amount of agricultural products are also given.

"Oregon Outdoors" describes the scenic attractions of Oregon. Chapters are written on the Columbia river highway, Tillamook county beaches, Newport, Coos Bay, Mount Jefferson, Willamette valley, Three Sisters, Crater Lake national park, Marble Hills and Oregon's famous Spa, at Ashland.

"Suggestions for Side Trips From Portland," as the name suggests, is a description of the many beautiful and instructive trips that can be made from Portland. This book does much to hold the tourist in Oregon after he comes to the state.

### ANOTHER TORNADO OFF ATLANTIC COAST

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Another West Indian storm like that which recently struck the gulf coast at Mobile and Pensacola today, is moving northwards over the Atlantic, thirty miles directly east of Charleston, S. C.

It may strike the coast from Virginia to Maine, should it continue in its path with its present intensity.

Weather bureau reports by radio from vessels at sea indicate a wind velocity of 64 miles an hour to the southward of the assumed location of the storm center. From all reports at hand, the weather bureau today said the storm appeared to be of pronounced form.

Storm warnings today were ordered all along the coast from Wilmington, N. C., to Boston.

### IOWA REPUBLICANS CHEER PROHIBITION

DES MOINES, Ia., July 19.—An uncompromising declaration in favor of prohibition was made in the address delivered today to the Iowa state republican convention by Burgess W. Garrett, temporary chairman of the convention and clerk of the Iowa supreme court. Cheers greeted his statement that "no act of the republican party ever will bring the saloon back to Iowa."

The speaker also declared for a stronger foreign policy both as regards Mexico and the rest of the world, for good roads, amendment of the primary law, for woman suffrage and against militarism.

### SCENE FROM "THE BIRTH OF A NATION"



### MEDFORD MILITIA BOYS LEAD BUSY LIFE AT FT. STEVENS

FORT STEVENS, Ore., July 16.—(Special).—The sunset gun has been fired, old glory lowered from the flagstaff, tattoo and taps sounded and the first day has come to a close in the Coast Artillery camp, and with it sending 66 very tired, but happy men of the Seventh Company to bed.

From early morning, 5:30 in fact, when the Cottage Grove company boarded the train, the day has been one of long but swiftly moving events. The people of Cottage Grove are nothing if not noisy. Apparently every sweetheart of every soldier boy in the sixth company was at the train to say goodbye, even at that unseasonable hour, and sleep after that was out of the question. In consequence, everybody was up bright and early and when the provisions were put aboard at Eugene at six, breakfast was served. The cook had a detail up all night in the baggage car cooking oatmeal for breakfast on the gasoline stove, the only one on the train, and the seventh company fared accordingly. Cook Barrett's first breakfast consisted of hot coffee with real cream, oatmeal, soft-boiled eggs, rolls and sandwiches and bananas, which wasn't so bad for a train menu.

The second and third companies were entrained at Eugene at 6 in the morning and the Albany company an hour later. The Roseburg company came aboard at 11:20 the night before, and the eighth company and hand met the military special at the depot in Portland when the eight companies formed in line of march to the North bank depot. That first honors that fell to the lot of company seven was in the selection of the color guard from the Medford company. Sergeants Davidson and Jaqua and Privates Caughthran and Spooner were detailed to carry and guard the regimental flags in the march through town to the North bank depot, as well as upon arrival at the fort, a signal and cherished honor.

But the real honest to goodness seventh company surprise upon arrival at the fort late in the evening in a steady downpour of rain was in being assigned to the barracks of the ninety-third company of regulars, mess hall and all, fire lighted in the big army range and everything ready for a piping hot supper. Spring cots and mattresses were quickly issued, space in the dormitory assigned and everybody soon settled for the first night in camp.

To better appreciate what such accommodations meant under the circumstances, just picture the other seven companies pitching their tents in the midst of long wet grass, water running in streams down the rubber ponchos worn by the men, starting the fires with wet kindling and wood and the new recruits standing around looking longingly toward home and mother. Verily the lucky star has as usual been with the seventh. The rooms are large and airy, each man provided with an iron spring bed and wool mattress, electric lights and shower baths, in fact all the conveniences of home. Yes, the seventh

company are quite well provided for and glad we're here.

Tomorrow begins the real work on the big guns, the program for the day providing for drill all day at Battery Russell on the biggest guns in the fort.

Another circumstance is the messing of the headquarters staff, including Colonel C. C. Hammond and aides, with the seventh company, which makes the men keep on their good behavior and best table manners. The boys will come home with all the table refinements of the army, for he it known that every man takes his place at table according to rank even down to the low private in the rear.

Everything promises to start off and continue under the most auspicious conditions, providing the weather man shuts off the big water valves which just now are wide open and working overtime. Tomorrow will be given some of the details entering into soldier life at a big coast

defense fort. The day starts early, 5:45 o'clock, and every hour thereafter there is something to do in every minute till taps at night.

To many men in the company the trip down the Columbia was one of great wonderment, the broad expanse of water near the mouth stretching far beyond the vision. Thousands of fishing boats were moored to the docks at Astoria, fishermen drying and repairing nets for the work of the day, large ocean schooners lying in the stream, ocean bound with lumber, and at Flavel the great Northern Pacific was in dock getting ready for the next trip south. The experience and the broadening of the vision of the things of the world are certainly enhanced even in the ranks of the coast artillery corps of the army. It is worth the time and effort of any young man to take his place in the ranks and better prepare himself for the defense of his country and at the same time benefit himself as well.

### 'BIRTH OF NATION' OPENS AT PAGE FOR 3 DAYS THURSDAY

Some idea of the intensity of the action contained in the 12,000 odd feet of pictorial grandeur that go to make up D. W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation" may be gathered from the fact that 140,000 feet of living photograph was made of the subject from which to cull 12,000 feet—less than 10 per cent of the total—of the absolute punch and glory of the subject.

Percy Hammond, in the Sunday Tribune, Chicago, June 13, says his fellows of Griffith's enormous production:

"To me the most artistic thing in 'The Birth of a Nation' is that real and photographic event of the assassination of Lincoln. There is a wonder work of action and stage management—with its irresistible alternation of scenes—the audience, the play, the president's box, the assassin, the confusion, everything as it should be. And the eerie Ku Klux Klan incidents, with a thousand shrouded knights, night-riding to vengeance, and the Wagnerian trumpet call of the Valkyries as they congregate to lynch the ravaging negroes. That trumpet call is an opulent device of sound applied to the silent drama. No spoken word, no play can duplicate its thrilling cadences. That moment when the Ku Klux ride against a red horizon, swift, with uplifted emblems of vengeance, is a fine spectacular interval."

"The Birth of a Nation" will play a three-day engagement at the Page, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 27, 28, 29. This attraction with its elaborate settings and orchestra of thirty, is playing Medford, the only city south of Eugene, and this is probably the last time this great spectacle will be seen in this territory staged in such a manner.

### GRAND JURY PROBE OF TACOMA STRIKE RIOTS

TACOMA, Wash., July 19.—Four judges of the superior court united today in calling a grand jury to investigate strike riots in Tacoma. Forty-five names were selected from which the grand jury will be selected, returnable Friday.

### REAL BASEBALL GAME SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Manager Brevard of the Medford club has made public announcement of his policy, which assures the fans of Class A baseball as long as the public support justifies it.

On Sunday, with Higbee and Selberts in the box, and an infield that can show the class the Medford infield has shown, fast ball is assured no matter who swings the willow. Sholtz and Rudy are developing team work around the keystone sack that any club could be proud of, and McIntyre's clean fielding and wonderful throwing arm makes him the real class as a third sacker.

Curly, at first, is a regular "old reliable," and the only problem in the outfield is to find men who can smash the pill, as it is the exception for one of our own men to drop a fly.

### MARSHALL ORDERED IN CUSTODY OF HOUSE

NEW YORK, July 19.—The writ of habeas corpus sworn out by United States District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall to prevent his removal to Washington to answer to alleged contempt of the house of representatives was dismissed today by Federal Judge Hand. Mr. Marshall was remanded to the custody of Robert B. Gordon, sergeant-at-arms of the house.

### ITALIAN GAINS IN UPPER POSINA VALLEY

ROME, July 19.—A new advance for the Italians in the upper Posina valley, where they succeeded in improving positions on Corno del Coston, was announced today by the war office. A strong attack by the Austrians on the Italian lines in the Pasubio sector was repulsed.

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