

STATE HIGHWAY BOARD AUTHORIZES SISKIYOU WORK

PORTLAND, March 16.—At a special meeting of the state highway commission in Portland Thursday, the commission defined its policy in relation to the paving question by the passage of a formal resolution setting out that all standard types of construction would receive impartial consideration and that in the event satisfactory bids could not be obtained the commission would operate its own paving plant.

Without prejudice for or against any one, the selection of an engineer is left open until the time has arrived when the commission is able to make its choice. "We expect it to be unanimous," say the members of the commission.

Elliott Is Retained.

The commission authorized Chairman Benson to retain the services of J. A. Elliott, who is the present roadmaster for Wasco county to prosecute the work in Hood River and Wasco counties. The demand for this work is pressing, and in order to avoid closing the Columbia river highway during the summer season on account of the considerable blasting that is to be done on that work, it is considered important that the matter be attended to at an early date.

Practically the same arrangement was made for the retention of the services of R. B. Murdock, roadmaster in Coos county, on the work being done under the direction of the state highway department.

M. O. Bennett was retained to continue his work in Umatilla and Morrow counties, to report direct to the commission until such times as the highway engineer may be appointed.

J. H. Scott was retained to look after the work of the commission, which is being paid for by the counties, on the John Day river route in Wheeler, Baker, Malheur and Grant counties.

The commission also authorized that work in the Siskiyou mountains be prosecuted at as early a date as weather conditions will allow this spring. There is practically \$59,000 available for this work.

Bond Issue Discussed.

A communication was received from the Grant county court asking for advice as to the form of bonds that should be issued and the details concerning a \$170,000 county bond issue which it is proposed to submit to the Grant county voters for the purpose of improving the John Day river highway and other roads in the county.

The matter was referred to Attorney General Brown.

Tillamook county is discussing a \$412,000 bond issue, but owing to local differences of opinion, is unable to agree on the route of a road between Wheeler and Nehalem. They have, it is understood, agreed to leave the location to the arbitration of the state highway commission. They so notified the commission and as a result Chairman Benson will go to Tillamook county and try to reconcile matters.

Federal Cooperation.

At its afternoon session the commission discussed with representatives of the United States office of public roads the question of state and federal cooperation. The federal authorities require that a comprehensive plan covering five years' work be submitted.

This is somewhat difficult owing to the uncertainty regarding the six million dollar bond plan. Should the question be defeated at the June election it would then be necessary to readjust the road plan.

It may be possible that two alternative plans can be put up to the secretary of agriculture, one contingent on the bond issue carrying, the other on its rejection.

S. Benson, member of the commission from the third congressional district, said that an erroneous impression of a conversation he had had with Will Steel, superintendent of Crater Lake national park, had been conveyed in an interview with Mr. Steel, printed in Medford papers.

"Mr. Steel was quoted as having attributed to me the statement that I would not stand for any appropriation for the Crater Lake road, or for the Pacific highway in Jackson county," said Mr. Benson.

Road to Crater Lake Favored.

"Just the contrary is the case. What I really said was that Jackson county of all the counties in southern Oregon, is entitled to first consideration because of the heavy bond issue the county has voted and the great work it has done for good roads. They have done more down there for the Pacific Highway than any other county in the state except Multnomah."

"Crater Lake being one of the greatest scenic points in the state, or in the whole country for that matter, is certainly entitled to a road at the earliest possible time. I would

"GIMME A LIGHT, TOMMY"



Hardships of winter campaigns on the western front are relieved by such incidents as shown here. Tobacco always is a welcome gift for the soldiers.

not be doing my duty as a highway commissioner if I stood in the way of such a road, and nothing could be further, or has been further, from my intent.

"I am sorry that an erroneous impression of my views has gained currency through misunderstanding, and desire it to be emphatically understood that I favor both road projects mentioned."

GRAND DUKE LEADS ARMY

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gent, while a soldier of repute, is not of commanding military experience.

Nation Turns to Grand Duke.

Thus the nation, the Petrograd dispatches indicate, is turning to its most tried and trusted military leader. Grand Duke Nicholas is reported to have arrived at the capital and the probability is pointed to that he will take command of the troops.

Of the complete success of the revolutionary movement, in which the lead was taken by the duma, there seems no doubt. While there have been few advisers received as to the attitude of the army at the front, such news as has been received indicates that the military, with the exception of reactionaries among the officers, together with all the popular forces of the empire, is backing the new government.

The civil forces of the nation are cooperating with the government most heartily in restoring normality in the life of the empire.

The duma, which is the chief factor in shaping the course of the new regime, and the Zemstvo council are reported cooperating successfully in straightening out the various tangles which have resulted from the momentous change in government control.

Food Problem Solved.

The food problem is being attacked and the people themselves seem to be exercising their own authority to repress any elements of the population that might be inclined to indulge in excesses.

A measure of general political amnesty is reported in course of preparation by the new Russian ministry. Grand Duke Nicholas is said to have endorsed this move as one necessary to save the empire and bring the war to a successful conclusion.

The question of replacing the officers who were disbanded by their own troops is one which must be decided most promptly. In the meanwhile the provisional government is doing its utmost to straighten out the numerous tangles. The duma and the Zemstvo council are working hand in hand although issuing separate proclamations.

Informing the Public.

Despite the non-allocation of newspapers the public is better informed of what is going on than ever before. For this purpose a special squadron of motor cars have been commandeered by the executive committee and these cars go about the city distributing printed bulletins free to everybody. Thus the most authentic news gains speedy circulation.

Through this bulletin service President Rodzinko has appealed earnestly to the people not to injure government buildings, telegraphs, the water supply equipment, factories, etc., and also to continue the public services and avoid bloodshed. In the meantime, he is energetically tackling the food problem and the public is confident that the combined efforts of the duma and the Zemstvo will soon assure an adequate supply. Large stores of flour have been uncovered in various parts of the city. The factories have formed a police service for patrolling the factory districts, enrolling one out of every ten of their workmen.

PRESIDENT APPOINTS STRIKE MEDIATORS

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dent Wilson will ask the brotherhoods and the railroads to postpone the strike if they cannot avert one, on the ground of national emergency.

President Wilson cancelled a regular cabinet meeting when he got reports from the conferences in New York and then he suddenly summoned the members for this afternoon.

National Calamity.

Further than that the president's personal purposes have not been openly disclosed. It is known that one element in the cabinet regarded as favoring the labor side of the controversy is pressing to let the situation come to a strike if the railroads do not yield, on the assumption that the strike will be successful.

Another element, regarding a strike at this time as a national calamity, almost an unpatriotic act, is pressing more vigorously to prevent it.

Some of the president's advisers hold the view that he has full constitutional authority to take the railroads and draft officials and men to operate them on the ground of a national emergency.

Some of the president's advisers pointed out today that while he favored the contentions of the men in the controversy last fall, that was purely a matter between the roads and the men. The situation now, they say, concerns the government vitally and that in such a situation the president regards the government's interests as overshadowing all others.

Consideration was given by administration officials to possible drastic steps which might be taken to force the operation of the railroads in case the strike actually comes. One means suggested was for the government to ask for receivership if necessary for the roads, and undertake their operation. The discussion was entirely tentative, however.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Turner of Floyd, Iowa, are among the out of town visitors in the city.

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STATE LAND BOARD ADOPTS PLAN FOR RURAL CREDITSLAW

SALEM, Ore., March 16.—The state land board adopted 10, 20, 30 and 35 year amortization tables for the administration of the rural credits law, and the way is cleared now for immediate putting the law into operation.

Blank applications for loans will be placed in the hands of the state land board attorneys in the various counties next week, and it is considered probable that the first signed applications will be returned to the board within the next ten days.

By that time it is expected the first block of rural credit bonds, in the sum of \$50,000, will be issued. They will be purchased by the state at par, with the funds in the state industrial accident trust fund.

For a time the manner of paying off notes by borrowers puzzled members of the state land board, because of the complications arising as the re-

sult of provisions in the rural credits law which permit additional payments to be made at any interest-paying date, and require the state to charge the borrower interest amounting to 1 per cent more than the interest the state will be required to pay on rural credit bonds.

This means interest on rural credits loans will fluctuate with the bond market at the time bonds are sold. Tables approved by the board today are based on the straight amortization plan which for a time it was thought would have to be abandoned.

BORDER ARMY TO BE REORGANIZED

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 16.—Orders were issued today by Major General John J. Pershing placing troops of the regular army in the southern department on a field army basis. The plan of organization provides for three provisional infantry divisions and one provisional cavalry division. The new method of operating will become effective March 20.

With Medford trade is Medford made

GREAT NORTHERN TIED-UP SUNDAY

SEATTLE, Wn., March 16.—Action in anticipation of a general railway strike was taken in Seattle this morning when the Northern Pacific railway announced that it would accept all freight subject to delay, except that due at destination before 5 o'clock Sunday evening and last night, when the Great Northern railroad placed an embargo on all perishable freight and livestock due at destination after the same hour Sunday. All freight is also being accepted by the Great Northern subject to delay.

Great Northern officials in Seattle have been informed that a strike has been called effective over the entire line at 5 o'clock Sunday.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST—Full blooded Airedale bitch, answers to name of Trisile. Liberal reward. Call phone 557-X, or 26 Newtown street.

FOR SALE—Early Sunrise seed potatoes. 452-W, C. M. Parker, 309

URIC ACID IN MEAT CLOGS THE KIDNEYS

Take a glass of Sals if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers you—Drink more water.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

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The Newest Coats

10 Beautiful New Spring Coats in the much-wanted shades of gold, green, and rose; all sample coats up to \$22.50 values on sale Saturday **\$16.50** at

New "La Vogue" coats, cut in the latest styles on sale Saturday **\$18 up to \$45**

Fiber Silk Sweaters

12 new Sweaters in gold, green and rose, all sizes; a good \$12.50 quality on sale Saturday **\$9.98** for

Wirthmor Waists

It is literally true that you will never know how good a waist one dollar will buy until you have worn a Wirthmor. New models on sale Saturday at only **\$1.00**



Welworth Waists

In every respect it is a much finer Blouse than the moderate price at which it is sold would indicate. Some new models in Tub Silk and Serges on sale Saturday at **\$2.00** each

A New Spring Corset

HERE ARE THE FINEST MODELS FROM THE BEST MAKERS

Dr. Warner's Rust Proof Corsets—New spring models, very special, **\$1.25**

Redfern Front Lace Corsets. New model, special this sale a pair **\$3.50**

Special	Special
100 pair new corsets, good quality, cheap at \$1.50, very special Saturday, pr. 98c	Some beautiful new Braisseries, worth \$1.00 on sale Saturday 69c at

Opening Sale of Silks

500 yards of fine imported Pongee Silk, 32 inches wide, worth today, \$1.00 a yard, on sale Saturday, 69c a yd.	500 yards of 36-inch Fine Chiffon Taffeta in black and colors, a good \$2.00 cloth, on sale Saturday a \$1.48 yard
1000 yards of 40-inch Silk and Wool Poplin in the new leading shades, a good \$1.75 cloth, special a \$1.39 yard	200 yards of 36-inch Fancy Figured Pongee Silks in beautiful patterns, worth today \$2.00 a yard, special, a yd. \$1.39

NewDoveUndermuslins

Women's new corset covers and drawers, very special Saturday 29c	Women's fine grade of Night Gowns in all sizes special, each 79c
Women's Evelope Chemise, nicely trimmed, well made, 79c special, 79c	Women's new white skirts trimmed with embroidery, very special 98c
Women's Ribbed Vests, good quality, all sizes, very special Saturday 10c	Women's Ribbed Union Suits, all styles and sizes, very special on Saturday, 69c each

Saturday Sale of Toilet Articles

Hilbert's pound can of Talcum Powder, very special Saturday at **25c**

Bay Rum, large size, best quality, special Saturday at **39c**

Colgates Tooth Powder and Shaving Stick, special, a can **20c**

Extra large can of Cold Cream, special Saturday at **48c**

New Spring Hosiery

Women's Silk Boot Hose, all colors, very special Saturday, 69c pair	Women's Fine Hose in black and white special, pair 25c
Women's All-Silk Hose; every pair guaranteed. Comes in black, white and colors, special a pair \$1.25	Boy's and Girl's Heavy Ribbed Hose, fast black, all sizes, special, pr. 15c
Women's Fancy Striped Silk Hose in all colors, special, a pair \$1.75	Infant's Half Hose, new styles, special a pair 25c