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BREAK GROUND FOR KLAMATH FALLS RAILROAD JUNE 25

PORTLAND, June 16.—Ground will be broken by June 25, at the latest for the 26-mile Klamath Falls municipal railroad from Klamath Falls to Dairy, Ore., according to the Portland office of the Oregon, California and Eastern railroad, whose president, R. E. Strahorn, Spokane, has the contract for constructing and operating the Klamath line.

Mr. Strahorn intends the Klamath line to be the first unit of the Oregon, California and Eastern road, which he plans shall web central Oregon and connect five larger railroads which now skirt the edges of the great central plateau of the state.

Two carloads of steel rails for yard purposes have arrived in Klamath Falls and two more carloads of rails for the main road are expected, according to the Portland office. Sub-contracts for grading were opened at Strahorn's Klamath Falls office June 15.

Mr. Strahorn is credited with saying he does not expect the shortage of labor resulting from the war to hinder work on the Klamath unit. Plans are being made to begin work simultaneously at several points along the unit.

Klamath Falls is planning a two-days' celebration July 3 and 4, to observe the national holiday and celebrate beginning of work on the road. July 3 has been designated "railroad day" and among the speakers expected are Arthur Arlett, San Francisco, A. B. Cheney, San Francisco, Bishop Hughes, Portland, and a representative of Governor Withycombe.

NO LIBERTY BONDS FOR CHICAGO MAYOR

CHICAGO, June 16.—Mayor Thompson apparently did not purchase a liberty bond. The mayor's backwardness in inviting Marshal Joffre to Chicago on the grounds that "Chicago is the sixth city of the world in German population," lent peculiar interest to his position on the loan. It required four days to get a permit for canvassers to sell bonds in the city hall and daily thereafter reporters heckled him as to whether he had bought a bond. Daily the reply was silence or "no." Yesterday, 25 minutes before the books closed, the mayor was asked the usual question. He again replied "no."

VICTORY PROMISED BY VON HINDENBURG

COPENHAGEN, June 16.—Admiral Von Tirpitz and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg have replied approvingly to telegrams of greeting from the pan-German committee for a German peace meeting at Essen. Von Tirpitz replied: "The submarines will reach their goal if we at home retain our nerve." Von Hindenburg responded with assurances that a complete victory and "a peace worthy of Germany's sacrifices and assuring the prosperity and growth of the country are within reach if the struggle is continued manfully."

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A STRANGE DELAY.

FOR reasons unknown, unless they be sinister ones, congress has not yet passed the food bills requested by President Wilson, declared essential by the representatives of the allied nations and strongly advocated by Herbert C. Hoover, director of Belgian relief work, who will be in charge of food distribution if the bills are enacted.

The need of these bills is shown by the fact that the crop prospects in America make it probable that not more than 55 percent of normal food exports can be delivered to the allied nations—far below the quantity needed to keep them militarily effective. The need of elimination of waste and of increasing the volume of food to be shipped abroad are apparent.

Agents for Scandinavian and other neutral countries are here buying wheat futures against the new crop. Our allies have delayed buying to await passage of the food control bill, but unless this measure is passed within the next two weeks, before the harvest, putting control of the distribution in the governments hands, they will be forced to begin buying, forcing the prices sky high. Unrestrained competition and unlimited speculation means \$20 flour and other food in proportion.

The government must be given the authority to restrict competition in the buying of staples, or prices will soar so high that it will be impossible for the working people to buy food stuffs.

Does congress consider the interests of the food speculators paramount to the interests of the nation, that it fails to take the next necessary step of all toward making the great war a success?

It is significant that the opposition to the food bills comes from those senators with pro-German leanings and sympathies.

CONSOLIDATING RURAL SCHOOLS.

THE principle of consolidation of rural schools has been generally accepted thruout the country. Just why anyone should oppose is difficult to understand, for consolidation spells increased facilities, increased curricula, increased attendance and decreased expense.

School consolidation means elimination of waste and makes for efficiency. It means better education for the farmers children, for it gives the country equal educational advantages with the city. Experience has shown that it increases the percentage of attendance, prevents tardiness, insures proper conduct of children coming and going and insures good health.

Under the consolidation system, instead of isolated pupils wandering along lonely roads to school, a carry-all calls regularly at the home, takes the pupil to school and returns him, the expense being borne by the district, out of the savings created thru the merger of several scattered schools into a central one.

The school districts adjacent to Gold Hill will vote Monday upon consolidation. The districts affected are 57, 61, 17 and 25. Combined they have property of \$924,629 assessed valuation. The amount of school taxes at present raised is \$5,466. The school census shows 239 pupils, with 180 in school. The present cost of operating in the four districts is \$9033.05. The various tax levies now run, for district 57, twelve mills; district 61, seven mills; district 17, no levy this year; district 25, a levy of 1.3 mills. Consolidated, the levy would be 5.5 mills, yielding \$5,085, and the cost of operating be reduced to \$8704.

The levy of 5.5 mills upon the entire valuation would raise almost as much money, the number attending school would increase because of better educational advantages, the cost of operation for all districts would be decreased. Gold Hill has a bonded indebtedness of \$13,500 which would be assumed by the districts consolidated. This indebtedness is only a fractional part of the original cost of the building and excellent equipment which would become common property of the entire consolidated area. The outlying districts will thus be receiving the benefit from what the Gold Hill district has put into buildings and equipment without additional cost.

If the progressive people of Jackson county desire to better educational facilities for the young they will vote for consolidation, not only in the Gold Hill section, but in other regions where practical.

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THIS TELEGRAM Tells the Story of The Maxwell's Latest Activities WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM RECEIVED AT Medford, Oregon, June 5, 1917. Detroit, Mich., June 5, 1917. A. W. WALKER AUTO CO., Care Maxwell Auto Co., Medford, Ore.: Two thousand Maxwell cars averaged about thirty miles per gallon in national economy test. We believe twenty thousand can do as well. To prove it the Maxwell Company have purchased \$50,000 worth of Liberty Bonds, to be given away in Maxwell owners' contest June 16 to 25. These will be awarded \$25,000 to owners and \$25,000 to dealers. All owners eligible, both men and women. Thousands of dollars for dealers. Five hundred Liberty Bonds for owners. Line up your entries now. Full instructions by mail. Don't overlook this. Everyone has an equal chance. Get busy. WALTER E. FLANDERS, President and General Manager, Maxwell Motor Company. This is a splendid chance for Maxwell owners to secure Liberty Bonds Ask for Particulars. Contest Started Saturday A. W. Walker Auto Co. The Largest Auto Station in Southern Oregon