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## OUTSIDE BIDDERS BARRED

### Oregon Mails will be Carried by Local Men

#### SUB-CONTRACTS DEAD

The Contracts to be Let Next Year  
Will Give Lake County Men  
a Chance to Bid on Mail  
Service at a Profit.

Now will the local men have an opportunity to secure contracts for carrying the United States mails in Oregon without competing with the professional Star Route contractors, who sit in their offices in the East and do nothing but study up schemes to get "suckers" to carry out their contracts by the sub-contract plan. A recent order by the Postoffice Department does away with sub-contracting in this state. The Examiner had charge of this fight, singly and alone, for Lake county and southeastern Oregon two years ago, and the big petition sent to Congress by the publishers of this paper had its effect. The result is that the Star Routes are "routed," and sub-contracting to carry the United States mails in this state is a thing of the past. A dispatch from Washington, under date of April 5th, gives details of the new order, as follows:

About the middle of September the Postoffice Department will advertise for proposals for carrying the mails on the various routes in Oregon and Washington for the four years from July 1, 1902, to June 30, 1906. This year an innovation in this line will be introduced which should work to the material benefit of local bidders. Heretofore the bulk of the Oregon and Washington contracts have been awarded to Eastern bidders or to men who are known to the department as speculative bidders. They have made a practice of going into the several states on these quadrennial biddings, offered to carry the mails at extremely low figures, and naturally secured the contracts. They had no idea of carrying the mails themselves when they entered the bidding, but intended to sub let the contracts to local men.

In order to clear themselves these bidders would force poor farmers' boys and others, who could ill afford it, to carry the mails on these routes at a salary which oftentimes would not pay the living expenses of the sub-contractor or maintenance of his horses. Of course, where stage drivers took these sub-contracts as a side issue, they perhaps made a little something; but stages, as a rule, are not used on these star routes. Furthermore, the department has been overrun with complaints from the sub-contractors because the contractors failed to pay them for the service they performed, and, as a consequence, the office of the Auditor is to-day flooded with this class of claims, which are adjusted as readily as possible. As a rule, however, the contractors are professional sharpers, and manage in one way or another to prevent the sub-contractors from filing claims until they have received full pay for the year or term for which the contract was let, and then turn the sub-contractor out in the cold.

Second Assistant Postmaster Shallenberger has long recognized the evils of this practice, and sees that the best service cannot be secured under such a faulty system. He consequently issued an order some months ago which provides that hereafter all contractors on star routes shall live tributary to the route. His idea is first of all to insure a full and just payment for carrying the mails. He recognizes that satisfactory service cannot be had on underpaid salaries. Nor does he feel that there is any occasion for paying the middle man a nice margin for doing absolutely nothing further than "skinning" the poor local men. Secondly, Mr. Shallenberger believes that on general principles these mail contracts should be let to local men,

and he will see to it that speculative bidding is precluded at the coming letting of contracts.

Consequently, when proposals are received next fall, one of the stipulations to be enforced most stringently is that every bidder live tributary to the route on which he bids. In this way Eastern bidders will be restricted from entering the competition, and Oregon men will carry the mails in Oregon, as far as possible, while Washington men will carry the mails in their state. Of course, the success of this system depends largely upon whether there will be a sufficient number of local bidders to supply all routes.

The department expects that the prices asked by local bidders will be slightly in advance of the prices asked by speculative bidders, but this will be no obstacle and the lowest responsible local bidder will in each case receive the award. One feature which will make prices higher this year than ever before is that all contractors on star routes will be required to deliver mail in boxes which patrons may place along the routes for its reception, under what is known as the star-route box delivery. This is the system which was inaugurated in Oregon and Washington about a year ago. It has been found to give universal satisfaction, and to a large extent precludes the necessity for rural free delivery. The difference between this service and rural free delivery is simply this: The star-route box delivery requires the carrier to leave mail, where so requested, in boxes which residents along the line of his route may erect on the roadside. The farmers are responsible for mail so left. The carrier never leaves his route, and never goes to the houses to deliver mail. The rural free-delivery carrier does leave his route to deliver the mail at the houses, and, moreover, sells stamps, postal cards, money orders, and is, in fact, a postoffice on wheels. As stated before, all new star-route contracts will call for box delivery.

Between now and the middle of September local men who contemplate bidding on the several routes have ample time to look the field over, ascertain about what it will cost them to undertake the different contracts, and when bids are called for they should be ready to submit a reasonable and comprehensive bid, which will receive favorable consideration. With outside competition cut off, they have a great advantage over previous years. And when they have secured their contracts, they may well thank the Second Assistant Postmaster-General, for he is the man who, while caring for the interests of the Government, is yet the friend of the local mail contractor, and is doing all he can to assist him.

#### AND LAKE ALSO.

Senator J. N. Williamson, one of the recognized leaders of the recent Legislature, was in Antelope Tuesday night, on his way to Prineville. Mr. Williamson was one of the prime factors in the establishment of the scalp bounty law upon its present very satisfactory basis, and when we remember the bitter fight which was waged in certain localities of the state against a bounty law, we can appreciate the splendid victory which Mr. Williamson, with the assistance of our other representatives, won for the great sheep industry of Eastern Oregon. Wasco County has just cause for self-congratulation, in that her interests were guarded by that manner of men.—Antelope Herald.

#### W. O. W. Organizer Coming.

George E. Weber, organizer of the Woodmen of the World will lecture at Gunther Hall in Lakeview on the 27th inst., at New Pine Creek on the 28th and Union School House (West Side) on the 29th. The lecture will be free, and the public is cordially invited to attend. Mr. Weber is an entertaining speaker. Besides the lecture there will be an interesting program of entertainment.

#### Circuit Court Decision.

The Post says that the case of Conn vs Conn, suit for water claims, has been decided by the Supreme court in favor of V. Conn, the plaintiff, giving him a title to a certain amount of water taken from the Chewaucan river which he uses for irrigation purposes on his property in Paisley. This case was decided by Circuit Judge Benson, not by the supreme court.

## GENERAL and LOCAL NEWS of the WEEK

A Great Many Things of Interest Written Briefly for Readers of the Examiner

### Circuit Court Cases Decided

The following decrees in Lake county cases were taken from the Circuit Court Journal this week:

Virgil Conn, plaintiff vs. George Conn, defendant. Water case.

DECREED.

This cause being heretofore tried and submitted on written argument of counsel, and the court having taken the same under advisement, it is now ordered and decreed that George Conn, the defendant, his agents and servants, is and are forever enjoined and restrained from in any manner obstructing or interfering with the flow of water through and along the ditch conducting water out of the Chewaucan river at a point about four or five rods below the forks of said river, and across the land of said defendant. [Description of said land \* \* \*].

And it is further adjudged that plaintiff have and recover of the defendant, George Conn, his costs and disbursements of this suit.

HENRY L. BEXSON,  
Judge.

Filed and entered in Circuit Court Journal April 3, 1901.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Lake, George H. Small, plaintiff vs. Elmer D. Lutz, defendant.

DECREED.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the plaintiff is the equitable owner of the east half of the southwest quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter of section 15, township 28, south of range 14 east of the Willamette Mer.; that the naked legal title is in the government of the United States, and that the defendant has no right, title or lien in or to said land nor any part thereof, and the patent issued to said defendant for said land by the Government of the United States, is hereby adjudged to be invalid and void, and the defendant Elmer D. Lutz, and all parties claiming under him, is and are, hereby perpetually enjoined from asserting any title to said premises or any part thereof, under or by virtue of said patent; and it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that plaintiff have and recover of and from the defendant, his costs and disbursements in this suit to be taxed. HENRY L. BEXSON, Judge.

Filed and entered in Circuit Court Journal, April 15, 1901.

#### We Must Secure Them.

In mentioning the racing and baseball tournament in Lakeview during Fourth of July week the Post says: "Silver Lake has a good team and Paisley has one; if no other inducements are offered for these teams in the county they will probably go to Lakeview. At least four teams could be gotten up in the county—one at Lakeview and one at Crane Creek, with the two mentioned would make it interesting for Lakeview if they all attend."

#### Grand Ball and Supper.

A grand ball and supper will be given in Lakeview on the evening of April 26th, under the auspices of the Cemetery Committee. The supper will be donated by the good ladies of Lakeview, and the proceeds of the affair will go into the cemetery improvement fund. The supper will be an elegant one, the music will be first-class and all who attend are assured of a good time. Tickets, ball and supper, \$2.50.

#### Engagement Announced.

The engagement of Mr. Frank T. Gunther of Lakeview and Miss Lulu Simmons of Paisley is officially announced. The marriage will take place at the Paisley Hotel on Wednesday, May 1, 1901, at 9 a. m. The Examiner is now printing the wedding cards, which will be issued next week.

### Oglesby Gets One Year.

Special to The Examiner.

SALEM, Oregon, April 17.—Robt. Oglesby was before the United States Court yesterday in Portland, plead guilty to robbing the Lakeview-Paisley stage last December, and was sentenced to the penitentiary at Salem for one year. The prisoner arrived here today and was at once taken to the "pen."

### Millie Smith is Insane.

"Millie Smith is insane!" Such was the sad news flashed across the wire last Monday to relatives and friends in Ft. Bidwell, and which reached Lakeview Tuesday evening. It was a severe shock to the many friends of the young lady both in Modoc and Lake counties. Miss Smith has been residing in San Francisco for some time. On the day mentioned Mrs. Smith, mother of the young lady, living at Ft. Bidwell, received a telegram from the Secretary of an Eastern Star lodge in San Francisco, inquiring if the father of Millie Smith was a Mason, giving the sad news above mentioned. The sister and brother of the young lady started at once for the city. It is thought that Miss Smith, who has been keeping books for a San Francisco firm, had probably overworked her brain, and that her illness will prove only a temporary aberration of the mind. Her many friends here sincerely hope that such may be the case.

### Important News From Warner.

We are in receipt of an interesting communication from Warner Valley this week, but owing to the lateness of the hour it was received, we can only take excerpts from the same. The remainder of the letter will receive our attention next week. Among other things our correspondent says:

Last week Chas. Sessions sold his band of about 75 head of cattle to Geo. Mapes at \$23.50 per head.

Frank Riggs, the noted vaquero, suffered a broken leg by the fall of his horse, one day last week, in Bidwell. About the same time his wife presented him with a 10-pound boy, which will tend to alleviate his sufferings, and give him a ray of happiness during the hours of his trouble.

Miss Skinner, the popular school-ma'am, was over from Coleman last week and visited with Mrs. Lemberger.

Granville Maize went to Bidwell last Friday to see his brother William, who nearly met his death last week, by being run over by a six-horse team and a road grader. He is not expected to live.

Adel, Or., April 15, 1901. I. J.

#### Happy Day Coming.

It is no longer a secret; the goossips have it straight, and it is not denied by the soon-to-be happy Benedict, that the redoubtable Col. Frank P. Light, manager of Hotel Lakeview, who has for many moons been wooed and lost by the fairest charmers of the country, is soon to take upon himself a fair bride in the person of Miss Minnie Cannon, a charming young woman well known in Lake county, who will soon arrive from Portland. While the happy Colonel is somewhat reticent regarding the date set for the nuptials, old Dame Rumor, who thinks she's always right, says the happy words will be spoken about the time that May queens are crowned—when the flowers are blooming and the birds are merrily chirping their tra la la la. Put 'er there, Colonel.

### Dan de Quille Comes Back

DEAR EXAMINER—I am glad, after a few month's absence to grasp again the hand of true friendship, and am grateful for the welcome I received on my return home. California, with its glorious climate and extended ocean view, and to again get a sniff of the salt breeze of old ocean (I spent my boyhood days in sight of the rock clad shores of the Atlantic) was certainly rejuvenating to me, and I could almost fancy that I was standing again on the rock-bound coast of old Dirigo. But when I turned my footsteps homeward, unconsciously, I would find myself looking along the roadway for a sight of the first sage bush that admonished me of my arrival in Lake county. It was natural, you know.

I came home via Ashland, Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Klamath Falls. Gold Hill is an enterprising mining town. Jacksonville and Medford combined are doing lots of business. Ashland is going right ahead. Klamath Falls—well, I felt inclined toward the town; perhaps it was the sight of the sage brush that made me feel at home. I met some very agreeable people there. Mine host, Kent Ballard, of the Linkville House, is a landlord who understands his business. The firm of Martin & Reames, bankers and grocers, is composed of clever people—men whom it does one's soul good to meet with. I can cheerfully recommend them to the public for their square dealing and general affability.

I tarried a few days in each of the places very agreeably; they are all nice towns, but for bustle, business and beauty, Lakeview "takes the cake."

And Joe Coleman has also returned, I notice, and—well, na' the say ha' I. So au revoir for the present.

DAN DE QUILLE.

Lakeview, April 14, 1901.

#### Up Against It.

The young man of the Che-walk-in Post, in his last issue, in endeavoring to correct a statement made by The Examiner regarding the snowfall on the 2d of April in that orange belt, gets "touchy" on the subject, imputes a malicious design to The Examiner, turns the tables and gives Lakeview credit for a six-inch fall of the "beautiful" against two at Paisley. He intimates that The Examiner editor was snow-blind, and will find a home in the "hereafter" that may prove a warm place in which to dwell. The Examiner probably missed it an inch or two, or there might have been no snow at all in the Chewaucan that day, which reminds me that "I am somewhat of a liar myself." However, we can find testimony to corroborate the statement that it was cold enough at Paisley on the date mentioned to put all the oranges of that tropical belt backward about three weeks. Jack Kelsay and Will Sherlock will substantiate this statement—and they are well known men in good standing in the Ancient Order of Cheerful Liars—a lodge we would advise our young friend of the Post to join forthwith. The lemon trees in Lakeview are now loaded down with their golden fruit, and the second crop of oranges is now on.

#### Three Days' Racing at Paisley.

There will be three days racing at Paisley, beginning June 20th and continuing until the evening of the 22d—Thursday, Friday and Saturday, under the auspices of the Chewaucan Jockey Club. The program will be given out this week, and it is thought that liberal purses will be offered. Lakeview horse-men and racing devotees are expected to attend, and enter their sprinters in the events, as the Paisley races will be a good "workout" for the horses who will compete for the \$1,100 purses on the Lakeview track.