

Eberlein Explains Why Bond Issue Did Not Include Fund to Purchase a Terminal Site

MAKES CLEAR STATEMENT FOR THE HERALD

Says Terminal Grounds Should Not Be Owned by City, as All Property Bought With Bond Issue Money Must Be, Because It Then Wouldn't Have Been Subject to Taxation—Says the People Are Keeping Faith.

In response to a request from the Herald for a statement why money is being raised by subscription to buy terminal grounds for the Strahorn railroad, and why money for this purpose was not included in the bond issue voted November 14th, Charles W. Eberlein, a trustee of the terminal fund, has prepared a statement of the reasons. The Herald today is printing the interview with Mr. Eberlein. It requested the interview, not because it questioned the wisdom of the railroad committee in the terminal matter, but because it wanted to give the readers a clear understanding of the exact situation. The Herald's readers will be called upon by some of the various committees for subscriptions; the following statement will give you knowledge of what the committees want:

"It seems strange that anyone at this late date should be raising the question of 'Why the Citizens of Klamath Falls should buy Terminals for the Strahorn Road?' The straightforward reason is that the citizens of Klamath Falls promised to do so. 'They are simply keeping faith. Of course there are a few in every community who are 'feminist' in anything and everything, and the question raised is largely their talk. The vote on the bonds of November 14th clearly and finally determined the numerical value of that element. 'But it seems that a considerable number of the good citizens of the city have been misled, and do not understand all the reasons for the present movement to buy terminals. The reasons are clear, definite, conclusive business reasons.

"On August 17, 1916, a mass meeting was held in Houston's opera house, which was attended by the whole body of our citizens, and was fully representative of the citizenship of this city from capitalist to wage earner.

"At that meeting Mr. Strahorn made a definite proposition in writing to the people of Klamath Falls, so clear in its terms as to admit of no misunderstanding whatever on the part of anyone. The proposition submitted by him at that time met with the entire approval of the whole body of citizens at that meeting, as is evidenced by the resolution introduced and passed unanimously approving the plan submitted by Mr. Strahorn and pledging the support of this community. This resolution was passed after public discussion participated in by such prominent citizens as C. D. Crisler, mayor; E. R. Reames, J. W. Siemens, J. Frank Adams, the Rev. Father Marshall and others, all leaders in the business and intellectual life of the city and county.

"Each one of the gentlemen above mentioned addressed the meeting and publicly said that they approved of Mr. Strahorn's plan, and each pledged his support. Messrs J. W. Siemens, C. D. Crisler and E. R. Reames were thereupon appointed an executive committee to carry out the plans submitted by Mr. Strahorn. They each accepted such appointments and ever since have and are still acting in that capacity.

"Here is the written proposition submitted by Mr. Strahorn at that meeting and unanimously approved by the people, namely:

First—Right of way to be furnished (Robert E. Strahorn) free, from the lower end of Upper Klamath Lake through the city of Klamath Falls, via Olney and Yonah Valley to

Pershing May Have to Return

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—That the United States will soon relax its policy toward the Mexican situation, even to a concession to President Carranza of withdrawal of General Pershing's punitive force, is a growing belief in official circles.

The suggestion has been made in congressional circles that Pershing and his soldiers ought to be withdrawn regardless of the protocol drawn by the joint commission, but yet unsigned by Carranza.

Army men say there is no military reason for keeping Pershing in Mexico.

Sprague River Valley, a distance of about forty (40) miles.

Second—Sufficient ground in and near the city (Klamath Falls) for passenger and freight terminals, shops, round house, stockyards and other necessary railway facilities free.

"Anyone can see that the citizens of this city are merely doing their obvious duty in carrying out the plans approved by them last August.

"It is useless at this late date to inquire as to why the city did not make a large enough bond issue to cover the cost of passenger terminals, etc. It was generally understood at the time of the bond election and before, that the city was doing all it should in the way of a bond issue, and assurances were demanded and given to a large body of our voters that no further bond issues would be made to buy terminals. Further than this, a very large and intelligent part of our population demanded that Mr. Strahorn should not come back on the citizens asking another issue of bonds to buy these terminals. It is not necessary to say that Mr. Strahorn has not and will not ask any such thing. His original proposal stands. We have accepted it, and must fulfill our part of the agreement, and

"As it is, if our people respond promptly and loyally in carrying out their promise to buy the passenger terminals and if the mayor and council act promptly on January 15th, this city will spring in an incredibly short time to be the second city in Oregon in population, in business and in influence.

"Far from being a mistake not to include the cost of terminals in the city bond issue, it would have been an inexcusable blunder to have done so, as it would have withdrawn a very large body of taxable property from taxation—it would have increased our interest burden instead of providing new revenues to take care of all interest on the new bond issue, and lastly, Mr. Strahorn could not have spent a sum which in the end must equal or exceed our total issue of railroad bonds, to build costly terminals on ground that did not belong to him, and over which he could have no control.

"Certainly, the city could not possibly stand the burden of buying this terminal site and in addition go to the expense of from two to three hundred thousand dollars additional to make the necessary improvements to make it a railroad terminal. Such a proposal would never have met with favor by our people because it would have been a blunder to sink all that money in a railroad and a railroad terminal, and at the same time increase our tax burden by exempting all that property from taxation."

Denounce Administration.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Senators Weeks, Foindecker and Sutherland today denounced the recent handling of international affairs by the United States as a reversion to secret diplomacy.

Villa Isolates Towns.
EL PASO, Dec. 29.—General Villa has severed the two railroads north and east from San Luis Potosi, isolating Tampico, Saltillo and Monterrey from the south.

Member of the President's Cabinet



NEWTON B. BAKER, SECRETARY OF WAR

Scientists Return From South America Studies



DR. WM. E. WRIGHTSON, DR. C. C. LYSTER, DR. E. R. WHITMORE, DR. H. R. CARTER, MAJ. GEN. W. C. GORGAS, DR. J. GUITERAN

The notable commission of scientists headed by Major General Gorgas which was sent to South and Central America by the Rockefeller Foundation some months ago, to study tropical diseases, has just returned. The results will not be given for publication except in the form of a report to the foundation. Besides Dr. Gorgas there were Dr. Wm. E. Wrightson, Dr. C. C. Lyster, Dr. E. R. Whitmore, Dr. H. R. Carter and Dr. J. Guiteran.

Deep Snow Makes Good Jack Rabbit Hunting

The fall of the deep snow has brought another delight to the hunter, the sport of jackrabbit killing. The deep snow makes it impossible for the jackrabbit to travel at his usual rate of speed, and his food supply being greatly eliminated, he has to depend upon the farmers of his vicinity, to a greater extent, for food and warm shelter.

Many hunters have left for the jackrabbit districts, and many are preparing to leave Sunday to indulge in this sport. Along the Keno road, through the Plevna and Orindale districts, the rabbits are to be found in large numbers. They can be easily seen in the snow and their hiding in the common sage brush is to no avail. Also, the many haystacks of the farmers offer a warm shelter and a nice meal to these pests and they are found often in large clusters not far from the farmers' doors. In Poe Valley, in different sections of the Merrill Valley and along the Midland road the rabbits are being hunted.

The killing of these animals has several advantages. It offers ideal excitement for the sportsman, it helps to eradicate this pest from the many fields of the farmers where they do unlimited harm, and the skins are in a way valuable as furs.

DOG DIES FROM COYOTE'S BITE

The dog bitten by a rabid coyote on the H. L. Holbrook ranch in Poe Valley, died yesterday evening. Death came about twenty-two days after the dog was bitten and about three days after rabies developed in the more advanced stages.

The head of the dog has been cut off and will be mailed tomorrow to Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer, for examination.

Odessa is Goal of Mackensen

Club Head Thankful For Help

"As president of the Women's Library Club, I want to thank the people who have contributed clothing and other things for our philanthropic department. We appreciate very much the generous contributions of money from Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stewart, Dr. Fred Westfeld, Rev. C. T. Hurd and the Knights Templar.

"Through these contributions we have been able to purchase a great many pairs of shoes and stockings for children that would otherwise be suffering during the snowy weather of our holiday time.

"Through the kindness of C. A. Plath of the Star Drug company we were able to distribute a large number of toys the day before Christmas. Our thanks also are due to the Sunday schools of the different churches for their assistance in numerous ways to provide Christmas cheer to many worthy families that might otherwise have gone without.

"MRS. E. E. WATKINSBURG"

CHelsea LUMBER COMPANY IS FORMED

With Horace Dunlap, H. C. Merryman and C. B. Browne as incorporators, the Chelsea Lumber company of Klamath Falls has been formed with a capitalization of \$50,000. Articles of incorporation have been filed in Salem.

It is the intention of the company, according to Mr. Dunlap, to build a mill next spring, possible on Upper Klamath Lake, although plans as yet are indefinite.

Lassen Smokes
REDDING, Dec. 29.—Two columns of smoke are arising from Mount Lassen in a freak eruption today.

Chinaman Fires Town
RENO, Dec. 29.—Eight buildings were burned at a loss of about \$70,000 at Winnemucca yesterday, as the result of a Chinaman trying to start a fire in his restaurant with kerosene.

Member of the President's Cabinet



NEWTON B. BAKER, SECRETARY OF WAR

IS MOST IMPORTANT RUSSIAN PORT ON BLACK SEA

Advards Expected to Be a Winter Campaign While Falkenhayn Stays on Romania and When Russia Can Get the Mentions From England—Germans Are Now Within Range of Berlin, in Eastern Rumania.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Odessa, the most important Russian port on the Black Sea, is now reported to be the next objective of General von Mackensen. The



GEN. VON MACKENSEN

armies in Rumania under General Falkenhayn are expected to be left to hold that territory, leaving von Mackensen free to launch a winter attack on Odessa.

Bralls Within Range

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Bralls, in Eastern Rumania, near Galatz, is now within range of the German armies, which are steadily advancing east through Rumania. Bralls is directly in the line of march of Mackensen toward Odessa.

The Russo-Rumanian line of defense from Rimnicu to Sarat has been completely broken, and 2,000 prisoners taken. This makes more than 10,000 prisoners captured in this region by the sixth German army.

This morning Rachel and Dobrudja, the latter the seat of fierce fighting for many weeks, fell before the Teutonic forces.

Rumanian Retire
PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—The Rumanians have been forced to retire on both banks of the Kaslova River.

Germans March In
BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Today the Germans penetrated twelve miles west of the Rimnicu-Sarat line to Dumitresti, and captured 1,400 Russians and Rumanians and eighteen machine guns.

French Repulse Enemy
PARIS, Dec. 29.—A sudden German offensive between Hill No. 304 and Dead Man's Hill failed this morning because of incessant barrage fire. Only a few Germans reached Dead Man's Hill.

Teuton Version Offers
BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The French first, second and third trenches on Dead Man's Hill were penetrated this morning by the Germans, taking 200 prisoners.

The Germans held the new positions against fierce French counter attacks.

Russians Turned Back
BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The Russians fighting in the Ludova sector of the Carpathian mountains front have been driven back.

French Are Relieved
LONDON, Dec. 29.—The British today took over a big slice of territory on the west front, relieving the French forces from its defense.

Divisions Destroyed
PARIS, Dec. 29.—French divisions last night hurled themselves at the Germans.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The state department today received the answer of Austria to President Wilson's peace message.