

CITY ACCEPTS STRAHORN BID FOR RAILROAD

STRAHORN AMENDS BID TO INCLUDE RIGHT OF WAY

But One Councilman Votes Against Acceptance of Bid—Ordinance Providing for Signing of Contract Introduced—Signing of Contract is Next Step in Connecting the Great Inland Empire of Central Oregon

The city council accepted Robert E. Strahorn's bid for the construction of the Klamath Falls municipal railway from this city to Dairy last night for the sum of \$300,000 on an amended bid submitted by Mr. Strahorn, further providing that he will provide all right of way not owned by the city.

The amended bid submitted by Mr. Strahorn was as follows: "Referring to my bid of the 5th inst. to construct and equip the Klamath Falls municipal railway from the point designated in Klamath Falls to the point designated at Dairy station for the sum of \$300,000. This was meant to include my furnishing free of expense to the city of all right of way not owned or controlled by the city of Klamath Falls. Please consider this as an amendment to and confirmation of said bid."

This amendment to his bid was accepted by the council with no negative votes. The following resolution was then adopted by the council with no negative votes:

"Whereas, On April 16, 1917, pursuant to advertisement and invitation for bids, a bid was submitted by Robert E. Strahorn, wherein Mr. Strahorn agreed to construct and equip the proposed Klamath Falls municipal railway for the sum of \$300,000, which said bid was duly filed, and was by the council taken under consideration for one week; and,

"Whereas, It now appears that said Robert E. Strahorn has submitted an amendment to his said bid of April 16, 1917, wherein, in addition to constructing and equipping the said railway according to the plans and specifications thereof on file, Mr. Strahorn proposes to furnish free of expense to the city of Klamath Falls all right of way for said railway, not owned or controlled by said city;

Be It Resolved, That Mr. Strahorn's amendment to his bid of April 16, 1917, be, and the same is hereby received; that the said amendment be and the same is hereby declared to be a part of and incorporated in the said original bid of April 16, 1917; that the police judge be and he hereby is directed to file the said amendment to said bid with and attach same to the said original bid as submitted by Mr. Strahorn on April 16, 1917.

Resolution No. 2, accepting Mr. Strahorn's bid was then presented and

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JURY SECURED IN ELI NICKERSON'S TRIAL

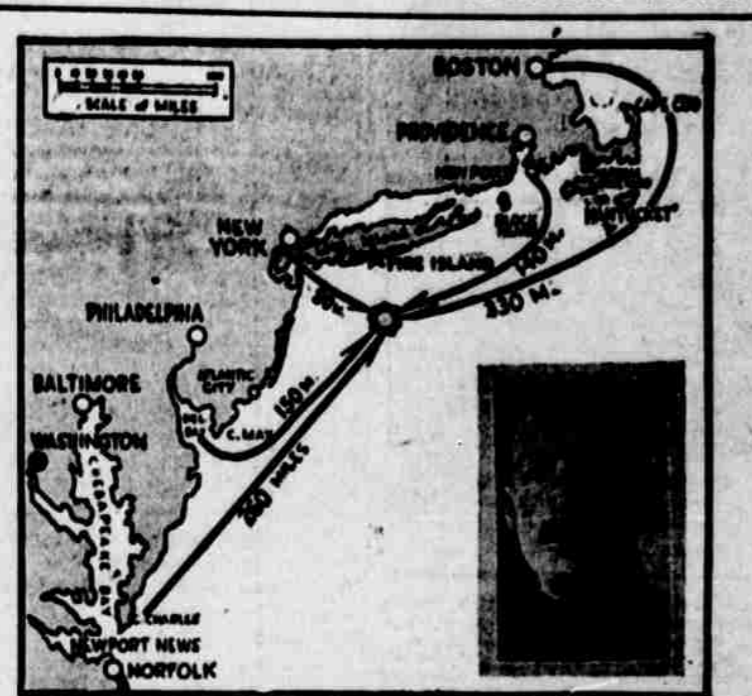
A jury was secured today in the trial of Eli Nickerson in the Justice of the Peace court on a charge of having liquor on his premises. A motion for a change of venue yesterday was not granted. The case is expected to go to the jury late today.

Directors Meet Tonight
The board of directors of the Klamath Commercial Club will meet tonight at the Commercial Club rooms.

Secretary Redfield Wants Wilson Control all Exports

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Secretary Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, asked the house interstate commerce committee today to report favorably on the Adamson bill, empowering the president to regulate all exports.

Where Sub Fired on American Destroyer and the Commander of American Vessel



Ninety miles southeast of New York city a German submarine fired a torpedo at the United States destroyer "Smith," in command of Lieutenant Robert T. Merrill. This was near the lake used by merchant vessels going into and from New York harbor.

"AGGIE" AGENCY IS LABOR BUREAU

EACH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT IN STATE TO AID IN SUPPLYING LABOR FOR FARMS. SCHOOL BOYS SUGGESTED

Every county agricultural agent in the state a labor bureau agent to ascertain the labor demands in his district, and to report the conditions to headquarters at the Portland public bureau, with later steps to provide that labor, is the plan evolved in Oregon, according to a letter received by H. R. Glasier, county agricultural agent, from Paul V. Maris, county agent leader at O. A. C.

Secretary Houston of the federal Department of Agriculture, has asked for power to draft farm labor, and will probably eventually be given this power. Labor for farms is short, and as the production and yields are short, and promises to be so unless radical steps are taken, important plans are being worked out in this line of work.

"The reports which you have submitted on the labor situation in your respective counties indicate that in practically half of the counties there will be an inadequate supply of labor to plant the normal acreage of crops. It is agreed by all that the situation will become more acute as harvest time comes on, especially if army enlistment is to continue between now and then, as is altogether probable.

"The following plan has been adopted for meeting this situation: By arrangement between this office and the office of the director of public employment bureau in Portland, each county agent's office is hereby designated as a branch public employment bureau of the Portland office, and you are asked to give widespread publicity to this fact immediately, and call upon the farmers in your county to report their labor demands to you. You will transmit these orders to N. F. Johnson, director, public employment bureau, Portland, Oregon. Mr. Johnson will have the co-operation of the Chambers of Commerce, the state school officials, the governor of the state, and such other agencies as will be necessary to make the labor supply available.

"There are, for example, 19,000 boys in the schools of the state, over 14 and

STANDARD OIL CAUSES PRICES

BLAME PLACED ON ROCKEFELLER'S INSTITUTION, WHICH MAKES SUGGESTION OF LOWER PRICES

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The federal trade commission reported to the senate today on the gasoline investigation, and places the blame for the present high prices on the Standard Oil company.

The commission found: That the Standard Oil dominates the majority of the marketing territories; that there is no competition between the Standard Oil and its subsidiaries due to community ownership of the stock in the companies; that the combination pipe lines with other branches of the industry is perpetuating a monopoly; and that gasoline has deteriorated in quality.

The commission recommends: That legislation be passed abolishing the common ownership in these corporations and that they be dissolved under the Sherman law; the segregation of the pipe line ownership, and other branches of the petroleum industry; and the establishment of gasoline standards.

under 20, and it is reasonable to assume that there are in the neighborhood of 10,000 over 16 and under 19, the minimum military age. There are also in the neighborhood of 5,000 men in Portland not regularly employed. A plan will probably be worked out for the enlistment of the school boys for farm service as a branch of the National Guard, the service to receive state-wide recognition through action by the government.

"The first step, however, is to have your offices recognized as the centers in which labor requests should be filed. With a knowledge of the number of men needed, in the possession of a central-office, steps will be taken to make the men available.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS CHOSE PASTOR FOR CHURCHES

An impressive baptismal service took place at the bath house at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Pastor C. A. Furdum officiating, of the Seventh Day Adventists. This is the second ceremony of this nature; Sunday, April 15th, several were baptized. The evangelistic series at the Gospel hall have been concluded. Evangelist Furdum has accepted the charge of the new company here and at Merrill. He will leave for Vancouver in the morning, where his family are at the present, expecting to move here soon.

DEBATE PROCEEDS IN CONGRESS ON SERVICE BILL

LA FOLLETTE PROVIDES MORE SAND FOR WHEELS

General Spy Bill Authorized to Be Reported Out of Committee—Food Experts Suggest Means by Which Farmers Can Be Assured of Receiving Prices for Foodstuffs.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The opponents to the bill today Speaker Clark announced that he is opposed to the bill.

LaFollette introduced in the senate an amendment to the bill giving a wide range of exemptions including those "conscientiously opposed to war."

The house judiciary committee authorized its chairman to report out the general spy bill. Food experts before the senate agricultural committee urged the setting of a minimum price for farm produce and a guarantee for the farmers for adequate returns as a means of averting a food shortage. They declared the farmers fear over-production and low prices, and are hesitating about increasing their acreage.

FRENCH MEMBERS WAR COMMISSION ARRIVE SAFELY

HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Members of the Commission Include Ex-Premier Viviani and General Joffre—Place of Landing Not Announced—Here to Confer With British and American War Officials on Definite Plan of Action.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The state department announced this morning that the French commission coming to America for war conferences with British and American officials, has arrived safely.

The place of their landing has not been announced. The members of the commission are not yet in Washington. The membership of the commission includes ex-Premier Viviani and General Joffre, formerly commanding general of the French forces on the east front, and to whom credit is given for stemming the wonderful early drive of the Germans for Paris.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—It was announced here today that the French commission will reach Washington tomorrow.

Marine Corps Demands to be First in European Trenches

WASHINGTON, April 24.—General George Barnett told the house naval committee today that the marine corps insists on its right to be the first American troops to enter the European trenches carrying the American flag.

First War Certificate Fund Oversubscribed Now

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Incomplete returns indicate that the first \$300,000,000 of the treasury war certificates have already been 100 per cent over subscribed. The federal reserve banks have been ordered to discontinue their subscriptions.

President Signs War Bond Bill for \$7,000,000,000

WASHINGTON, April 24.—President Wilson signed the war bond bill today. This bill provides for the raising of \$7,000,000,000 for war purposes.

THREE KLAMATH BOYS TO TEXAS

THREE ENLISTING IN AVIATION CORPS ARE ASSIGNED TO FORT SAM HOUSTON TRAINING SCHOOL—SKELTON TO FLORIDA

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Vancouver, Wash., April 23.—Kenneth Perry, Clarence Lanox and John Corey leave for Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Tuesday (today). The aviation school at San Diego is filled. We are the only Klamath boys so far to be assigned. The rest of the boys will probably be assigned next week. Regards to our many friends.

The above was received today from John Corey, one of the Klamath recruits who enlisted in the aviation department of the army, and are at Vancouver barracks.

A Portland paper prints the report that a number of the aviators enlisting in Oregon have been assigned to the Florida training school, including Joe Skelton of this city.

BRITISH FLAY VOLUNTEER PLAN

LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRIDGES SAYS ENGLAND'S ATTEMPT AT VOLUNTEER PLAN SUPREME BLUNDER IN EARLY WAR DAYS

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Lieutenant General B. T. M. Bridges, member of the British war commission, in an interview today, strongly endorsed the conscription plan as the only means of hastening peace. He declared that England's early attempts to raise a volunteer army was the supreme blunder of the early days of the war.

The British commissioners met at 11 o'clock this morning, and discussed their program. They will begin the meetings with the American officials tomorrow.

Permit to Build House
A permit was granted E. E. McDonald to construct a four-room house on lot 1, block 60, Nichols Addition, at an approximate cost of \$400, by the city council last night.

Favors Meatless Days



J. Ogden Armour

So serious does J. Ogden Armour, the great packer of Chicago, think the food situation in the United States since we have entered the war, that he had this to say on the subject:

"As a measure of conservation, for example, I should favor the institution, by government edict, if necessary, of meatless days, one or two of them a week, such as they now have in Europe. This may seem a strange doctrine for a meat packer to preach, but I believe that either by law or voluntarily, people will be obliged to stop eating so much meat during the summer months, especially if they expect to have a sufficient supply next fall and winter."

ENGLISH REACH QUENTIN CANAL

ENGLISH NOW ON SAUPEAUME-CAMBRIA ROAD—TURKS DEFEATED, LOSING LOCOMOTIVES AND MUNITIONS

LONDON, April 24.—It is announced today that the British have progressed east of Moncy Leproux and Roux, and south on the Saupeaume-Cambria road. The English forces have reached the St. Quentin canal east of Epehy, and have captured the villages of Plouich and Beaucamp.

The Turks have been defeated and Samarra station captured, with sixteen locomotives, 234 railroad wagons and two large laden with munitions. The French have repulsed violent German counter attacks on the east front.

"ALIEN ENEMY" LAW EFFECTIVE

PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY PRESIDENT WITH REGARD TO POSSESSION OF ARMS AND SIGNAL DEVICES, IN EFFECT TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—President Wilson's "alien enemy" proclamation is effective today. The possession of arms, ammunition, signal apparatus and other articles named by aliens of enemy countries of the United States must deposit and register them with the police authorities of the cities, counties and states, or the articles will be subject to confiscation and the owners subject to arrest.

Any display of an enemy flag or decoration of the American flag are also grounds for the arrest of any person doing so. All district attorneys in the country have been officially notified of the president's proclamation.

COURT DECISION TO THROW OPEN O-C LANDS SOON

CASE AFFECTS 2,300,000 ACRES OF TIMBER AND FARM LAND

Chamberlain-Ferris Act Sustained in Decision, and Provides for Classification of Lands Immediately to Be Thrown Open for Entry, Settlement and Sale—Litigation Over Land Has Covered Many Years.

PORTLAND, April 24.—The importance of the Oregon-California land grant decision handed down by the supreme court yesterday is difficult to realize, as affecting the future development of Oregon.

This case affects some 2,300,000 acres of timber lands, 500,000 of which are capable of immediate development. It is estimated that over 2,000,000 acres of agricultural lands are included within the bounds of the land grant.

Under the Chamberlain-Ferris act, which was sustained in the court's decision, provision is made that the tracts will be classified and immediately opened for entry, settlement and sale under the general terms of the original granting act.

This means that the agricultural lands will be thrown open for homesteading. The act also provides that the timber land shall be sold to the highest bidder as rapidly as a market can be found for them.

The Oregon land grant case, spanning ten years of litigation between the government and railroads, grew out of valuable grants of land in Oregon and California to transcontinental railroads. The railroads were to sell the land to actual settlers for not more than \$2.50 an acre. Much of it was sold, admittedly, contrary to the grant, and the government tried to have the land forfeited.

In 1862 congress granted to the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads millions of acres of land, to enable them to build a transcontinental railroad from the Missouri River to San Francisco Bay. An extension northward along the Pacific coast, was planned, and in 1865 congress granted the land involved in this suit—in Northern California and Oregon—to the railroads.

Under the provisions of the grant, the land was to be sold to actual settlers, with Councilman Doty voting "no." Following the adoption of the resolution accepting the bid the ordinance providing for the signing of the contract was read and passed to the

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ATTEMPT MADE BLOW UP DAM

FARMERS RESIDING NEAR ESCONCIDO DAM NEAR SAN DIEGO HEARD BLAST AND FIND SPILLWAY BARAGED—DAM SAFE

SAN DIEGO, April 24.—Farmers residing near the Escocido dam, thirty-five miles north of San Diego, heard a blast last night at midnight.

They rushed to the scene and found that an attempt had been made to dynamite the dam. The spillway was damaged, but the dam was intact. Considerable water was lost. Purses are seeking the dynamiters. This dam supplied water for the Escondido Valley.

Submarine off Nantucket was American Undersea Boat

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce, told the house committee today that the submarine reported off Nantucket several days ago, was owned by a German merchant.