

Railroad Ordinance Passed by the Council

COUNCIL TAKES FINAL STEP IN RAILROAD DEAL

MAYOR IS NOW TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH STRAHORN

Deed is Being Prepared for Transfer of Right of Way—Mr. Strahorn Will Be Here Until Saturday, When Everything to Be Closed Up—Work on Construction Will Begin in Thirty Days, or Sooner.

The city council passed the ordinance providing for the signing of the contract for the construction of the railroad from this city to Dairy last night by a unanimous vote, the council chambers being more than filled with a large and interested crowd of townspeople, who desired to witness the last step, practically, on the part of the city in doing its share towards starting this railroad construction work.

The council took up this ordinance ahead of the regular business, and following the action by the council, which was loudly applauded by the audience, Mayor Crisler called on Mr. Strahorn, who was in the audience, to speak.

A large portion of the audience was composed of women and these Mr. Strahorn personally addressed, giving them much credit for their share in the work for the railroad.

"We have reached the final milestone in this great enterprise, and I am proud to be here," said Mr. Strahorn.

"I desire to congratulate Klamath Falls, and desire to acknowledge the progress made here ahead of all the other towns, although this city was the last approached, to her, therefore, belongs the great credit due for the final consummation of this work.

"This is an accomplishment, I believe, which is much larger than any of you have yet dared dream or have been able to realize. I believe that this is but the starting point of the beginning of a great project.

"Every human activity is now gripped in the great war, and no one can avoid his responsibility. From a patriotic standpoint, there could be no more patriotic work undertaken by a people in putting their shoulders to the wheel of this great enterprise.

"In war it is necessary to raise men, provide them with equipment and the other things, but the greatest problem is to feed those men and the people of the foreign lands.

"We cannot push the rails of this railroad out into this great region fast enough to develop the thousands of acres, and contribute our share of the food for the country.

"Therefore, this step marks history in this city and, as we often say in camp, a start is as good as a day.

"I feel safe in saying that none of you will ever have cause to regret the step you have taken, and that you will rejoice when it is finished, and that it will be far beyond what you expected."

The council meeting then virtually resolved itself into an informal reception for the crowd in the council chamber, many of its members filing by Mr. Strahorn to renew acquaintances.

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Railroad Man Here To Sign Contract



ROBERT E. STRAHORN

Who said today that dirt ought to be moving by June 1st on city's railroad to Dairy, and who will let contracts locally, so far as is possible.

STRAHORN TO LET CONTRACTS HERE

WANTS LOCAL PEOPLE TO HANDLE WORK TO KEEP MONEY HOME—WORK OUGHT TO BE FLYING BY JUNE 1, HE SAID

"The contracts for the construction work on the railroad from this city to Dairy will be given to local contractors whenever possible," said Robert E. Strahorn today.

"I desire to let these contracts to local men wherever possible, and do not want them to feel backward about putting in bids for the work," he said.

"They will be let in sections, so that they can handle the work, and it is our desire to patronize home industry whenever it is possible, so that we can keep the money at home."

Notices will be given for the calling of bids on the contracts, and every opportunity afforded local contractors and workmen to take care of this work for Mr. Strahorn.

"I expect to be throwing dirt on the work by June 1st, at least," said Mr. Strahorn today.

EIGHT THOUSAND KIDS WILL FARM

COLUMBUS, O., May 9.—Seeking to lead its sister states in averting a food famine by producing bumper crops, Ohio this summer will place 8,000 boys and girls at work on farms and in gardens under the supervision of Ohio State University.

At least 2,000 of these children will be boys of the Ohio Boys Corn Club. They will produce at least 50,000 bushels of corn, it is estimated.

Boys' and Girls' Club leaders of the state university will have direct supervision of the children's work.

Each boy will have at least one acre for corn growing. They should average twenty-five bushels of corn per acre. Other children will grow potatoes, raise pigs and poultry, and do their bit in canning and garden clubs.

COUNTY AGENT ARRANGES MORE SATURDAY MEETS

IS NOW WARRANGED FOR AGRICULTURAL DEFENSE DAY

Yield of 1916 Principal Cereals Was 1,217,404 Bushels Short of 1915—250,000,000 Bushels of Wheat Were Exported Last Year, Compared With Average of 61,738,000—Much of This Wheat Was Sunk by Enemies.

Seven more meetings have been arranged to be held in the rural districts of Klamath county on Agricultural Defense Day, next Saturday, in the movement started by the federal government to increase the food production of the nation to provide the allies with food, and also America, in the war.

This makes a total of eighteen meetings in this county, which will be held Saturday, the day proclaimed by Governor Withycombe as the day for these meetings to be held in every county in the state. Every county has been provided with an agricultural expert, the county agents acting where they are employed, while special agents have been provided for those counties without agents.

Special men have been appointed and are now at work in the towns of all counties in the state urging that home gardens and food stuffs be raised in the cities.

"Without exception all agricultural authorities have warned us that the world is facing a food condition that is without parallel, and there is no exception to their appeal to the farmer of the United States that he can produce as he has never produced before, calling his attention to the fact that there can be no such thing as an over production of the staple food stuffs," says a bulletin issued by the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural College.

The yield of all the principal cereals was far below normal in 1916, says the bulletin. The 1916 crops of wheat, oats, barley, buckwheat, potatoes, corn and beans was 1,217,404,000 bushels short of the 1915 crop, and while the average export from 1913-14 was 61,738,000 bushels of wheat, in 1916 we exported 250,000,000 bushels—more than seven times as much.

Reports since January 1, 1917, given us these facts concerning the wheat crop for this year, says the bulletin:

New Zealand—About 75 per cent under 1915-16.

Australia—1,000,000 acres less sown than in 1915-16.

United States—Winter wheat will be 72,000,000 bushels less than in 1916.

Argentina—300,000,000 bushels short.

Spain—Has embargo against exportation.

The meetings scheduled further for Saturday night at 8 o'clock, with the men to be in charge, are:

Lorella school—M. T. Prince.

Bonanza church—J. O. Hamaker.

Hildebrand school—J. G. Wight.

Dairy school—E. F. Sedge.

Algoma school—John Hagelstein.

Keno school—H. E. Glalayer.

PREPARE PLANS FOR BIG MILL AT WEED

Plans are being drawn here by the Hunter Sawmill, Engineering and Construction company for a complete four band mill for the Weed Lumber company to be erected at Weed.

The contracts for the concrete work for the mill timbers are to be allowed this week.

Mr. Hunter is remaining here in his office, and will have a man at Weed also in connection with the work.

SAWMILL TO BE ERECTED WHEN ROAD IS ASSURED

HUNTER ANNOUNCES PLANS ARE ALL COMPLETE

As Soon as Mr. Strahorn Can Give a Logging Rate Over New Road, Construction Will Start on Mill on Lake Ewauna—Spurs Will Be Secured With Both Railroads for Logs and Lumber Shipments.

"As soon as the railroad construction contract is signed by Mayor Crisler and Robert E. Strahorn, and we can secure a logging rate, construction will start on our sawmill, for which a site has been secured on Lake Ewauna," said I. Hill Hunter of the Hunter Sawmill, Engineering and Construction company of this city, today.

"We have secured the site and will have a lake frontage and spur from both the Southern Pacific and the Strahorn railroads for securing our logs and for shipping our lumber.

"We have made arrangements to secure logs from both the north and from the east over the new road, and will dispose of our output to the Ewauna Box company here largely.

"The parties interested in the mill are myself and some Minneapolis people. We will build a mill with a capacity of 15,000,000 feet of lumber a year. It will be a comparatively small plant at this time, and owing to our inability to get the band equipment we desired, we will put in a circular outfit at this time, so that we can get started this year.

"The only thing that is preventing construction work starting now is a satisfactory logging rate, which we expect to get without trouble from Mr. Strahorn as soon as the railroad is assured beyond a doubt.

"The mill will employ thirty men here and larger forces in the woods. It will be modern in every respect, and will run the mill eleven months out of the year."

The Ewauna Box factory has been placing its shavings and sawdust for some time between its site and the site to be occupied by this mill, to provide a road by which the materials may be taken to the lake front for the mill which is owned by Mr. Hunter.

While logs will not be secured at this time via the river and lake, it is expected that large bodies of timber adjacent and tributary to the Klamath river will be eventually brought to the mills by this route, including the Hopkins, and other large tracts.

PARIS CHEERS AMERICAN UNIT

MUNITION TRANSPORT SERVICE BODY MARCHES THROUGH THE FRENCH CAPITAL AND POLICE HOLD CROWDS

PARIS, May 9.—Sixty Americans, composing the first unit of the American munitions transport service for the French front, marched through Paris today.

Colonel Gerard reviewed the body. Cheering thousands of people crowded the streets, and the police were forced to clear the way for them.

French War Vessel in U. S. Port



Sailors of the Admiral Aube, which arrived in Chesapeake Bay a few days since with members of the French commission to the United States, have swarmed about New York, where the vessel now is, for several days. They have been received with open arms, and the officers have been entertained by scores.

England's Daily Expense Is \$34,500,000 Daily-Law

LONDON, May 9.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law, introducing the new bill in a vote for more credit, told the house of commons today that England's war expenses total \$34,500,000 daily.

The chancellor asked to have a billion pounds for war credit, and declared that the British have captured over 20,000 Germans, 257 guns, 227 trench mortars and 470 machine guns since April 1st. He said that the British casualties have been between 50 and 75 per cent under the Somme offensive losses.

The French have captured 29,000 Germans, making a total of 49,000 Germans taken during the offensive, he said. Hindenburg's operations in the Mazurian swamps in the early war is the only instance of the war equaling the present, he said.

WILL THEY KEEP THE PIGS IN THE PARLOR

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 9.—Any Buckeye boy or girl who wants to raise a pig will receive substantial encouragement from the state of Ohio. Hundreds of children are planning to have pigs for pets, taking them at the age of twelve weeks or younger, and feeding and caring for them until they become unwieldy. County fairs will offer prizes for the pigs with the best manners.

REFUSES TO PERMIT THAW EXTRADITION

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 9.—Governor Braumbaugh today refused a request from New York for the extradition of Harry K. Thaw.

FIRST LINE TRENCH TAKEN ON FRONT

LONDON, May 9.—The British have recovered some lost ground around Fresnoy, and gained northwest of Hargicourt.

The French took three quarters of a mile of first line trench northeast of Chevreux.

PRESIDENT URGES SHIPBUILDING BILL BE SPEEDED UP

INCREASED TAX ON COFFEE AND TEA IS ADDED

House is Considering the Administration's Bill This Afternoon, Providing for a Food Census and Appropriating \$5,000,000 for Seeds—Power to Regulate Traffic is Given to Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—President Wilson called the republican and democratic leaders of the senate appropriation committee to the White House today and urged the incorporation in the urgent deficiency bill a \$1,000,000,000 shipbuilding appropriation. He asked for the immediate passage of the bill.

The house ways and means committee reported favorably on the \$1,000,000,000 revenue bill.

Kitchen immediately introduced a measure in the house to call up the bill in the house tomorrow. The committee has added a tax of one cent on each pound of coffee and two cents on tea imported.

The house this afternoon is considering the administration's food bill authorizing a food census and an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for seeds.

A bill empowering the interstate commerce commission to regulate the car service in times of emergency to prevent car shortages was passed today.

ELKS TO HOLD INITIATORY MEET

FORT KLAMATH, KLAMATH AGENCY AND WOOD RIVER DELEGATION EXPECTED TO GO IN. PLANS FOR FLAG DAY

Tomorrow night will be the regular initiation night at the Elks Lodge. Sixteen candidates have been passed for initiation, and it is expected that most of them will be in attendance at this meeting. Among the number is a bunch from Fort Klamath, and the Agency and a delegation from the Wood River country has planned to come down for the occasion.

Special orchestra and vocal music has been arranged, and light refreshments will be served during the evening. Initiation classes are only being held once a month, so as to permit all members to be able to be present on these interesting occasions. Plans are also to be made tomorrow night for holding the annual flag day ceremonies, which this year on account of the war, will be observed on a more elaborate scale throughout the entire United States, than ever before.

Ancient Hotel Nears Century Mark
NEW YORK, May 9.—Just a few of the old residents of the Eastern hotel, 64 Whitehall street, celebrated its 100th birthday today. They met where Daniel Webster, Robert Fulton, James Lind, P. T. Barnum, and many other famous people have met at various times in the life of the famous hotel.

British Motorship, Afire is Being Towed to Newport

BOSTON, May 9.—A Norwegian the British motorship Sebastian, which was reported afire off Nantucket earlier today.

steamer is reported towing to Newport

Reichstag Committee Will Repatriate Forced Workers

AMSTERDAM, May 9.—The main committee of the reichstag has decided to repatriate speedily the workers in the German occupied sections of Poland and Lithuania, and also the deported Belgians. They will be given equal rights with the Germans, they announce.