

Railroad Contract Signed Today

CITY CONCLUDES DEAL TO BUILD DAIRY RAILROAD

MAYOR CRISLER AND STRAHORN SIGN PAPER AT 9 A. M.

Strahorn Says He Will Spend \$200,000 of \$300,000 in Klamath County—Two Local Mills Figure on Ties Already. Deal for Steel Closed—24 Pieces of Right of Way Go to the City—Celebration June 5th.

The contract for the construction of the railroad from this city to Daley was signed this morning at 9 o'clock by Mayor C. B. Crisler for the city, and Robert E. Strahorn, the contractor. A few minutes later the signatures of A. L. Leavitt, police judge, was also affixed as provided.

The general power of attorney from Carrie A. Strahorn, wife of Robert E. Strahorn, to Robert E. Strahorn, arrived last night. The deed, which covers the twenty-four pieces secured for the right of way was prepared this week by the right of way committee and Mr. Strahorn's engineers and through the power of attorney the right of way deed was conveyed to the city in the presence of Mr. Strahorn, Mayor Crisler, R. C. Greenbeck, city attorney, and Miss Nellie Buckner, who acted as a witness to part of the proceedings.

Following the execution and delivery of the deed, the contracts to be retained by Mr. Strahorn and the city were compared, the plans and specifications being attached, and the contract was executed in the presence of Mayor Crisler, Mr. Strahorn and Mr. Greenbeck. After signing the contract, Mr. Strahorn removed from the peaholder the gold penpoint and remarked: "I shall take this with me, for I believe I can make it perform valiant service for the people of Klamath Falls."

Previous to the signing of the contract, Mayor Crisler had made every attempt to secure a suitable gold pen for the occasion, but was unable to secure one, and another with a gold point was substituted.

Following the signing of the contract Mr. Strahorn and Mayor Crisler went to the city hall where Police Judge Leavitt affixed his signature.

Mr. Strahorn, accompanied by N. H. Hogan, left on his morning train. Mr. Hogan is expected to return here within a few days, and Mr. Strahorn said that he expects to return before June 1st from Spokane, his present headquarters.

Following the signing of the contract Mr. Strahorn sent a wire closing a deal for the steel for the railroad, which he had all ready to close, awaiting only the signing of the contract.

The contract calls for the commencement of work within thirty days, and June 5th is the date set for a celebration marking the beginning of the important work. A special meeting of the board of directors of the Klamath Commercial Club will be held Monday night, to make arrangements for this celebration.

He has already purchased one passenger coach for the route, and has wanted several more, but has not secured them. Mr. Strahorn said that railroad material is being ordered at this time because of the national crisis, and because the contractor cannot save to utilize every piece of material they have.

Mr. Strahorn is endeavoring to secure his ties from the local mills, and two of the lumber companies have already figured out the quantities. It is his intention to secure all the equipment possible from local people.

GERMANY CUTS OFF CONNECTION WITH THE WORLD

MAILS TO SPAIN, SOUTH AMERICA AND MEXICO STOP

British Progress in Bullecourt Region and Take Hundreds of Prisoners. Germany Claims One Destroyer Is Sunk—French Penetrate Line in Alsace—Battle Flaps From Lost to Alsace-Lorraine.

AMSTERDAM, May 12.—Germany has ordered that the mails to Spain, Mexico and South America be discontinued, thus completely severing outside communication with the world from Germany.

LONDON, May 12.—The British have progressed in the Bullecourt region, and now the Arras-Cambrai road are taking hundreds of prisoners. A French statement issued today says the battle is raging from Lens to Arras-Lorraine. The French have penetrated the German lines near St. Julien and also in Amiens, a sector of Alsace.

LONDON, May 12.—A German official statement says that one British destroyer was sunk in Thursday's engagement. The British admiral says there were no losses.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, May 12.—The Germans launched a series of violent attacks at several points today under liquid fire. All their attacks were repulsed by the allied forces. The attacks were the most violent between Gavrelle and the Souches River. The British silenced the German barrage fire on the Scarpe River at Monchy.

AMERICA-JAPAN FEELING VITAL

WORLD'S HAPPINESS DEPENDS UPON HARMONY AND AMERICAN ENTRANCE INTO WAR CEMENTS FRIENDSHIP, SAYS JAPAN

TOKYO, May 12.—Foreign Minister Satow, in addressing American Society of Japan, said the world's future happiness is dependent upon harmony between Japan and America.

CHICAGO BOARD STOPS SPECULATION IN WHEAT

CHICAGO, May 12.—The board of trade having stopped wheat speculation traders, May 11, and flour futures were taken up.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 12.—May wheat closed here today at \$3.30. Flour advanced to \$3.35 per sack here today and to 32 cents per bushel.

"Papa" Joffre, the Idol of the Poilu



The poilu—that the man in the trenches—knows how to love a general. "Papa" Joffre, the gentle, kindly man, who saved a million lives, and the photographer caught him twice in the same mood caused for him the title of "Papa" Joffre.

Yesterday General Joffre stood for a full minute at the door of the house where General Washington and General Lafayette planned the defeat of the British during the American revolution in New York state. There were 5,000 school children behind him, and thousands of others cheered the act.

Joffre expressed much interest in Washington's old headquarters, and later toured New York city.

PLANS ARE Laid FOR BAND HERE

LOCAL BANDMEN HAVE ORGANIZED AND A LEADER HAS BEEN SECURED—BANDMEN BELIEVE GOOD OPPORTUNITY HERE

Klamath Falls shall have a band in the intention of the band men of this city. At a meeting which was recently held, every bandman agreed to heartily support an organization and to donate his services toward the advancement of an organization which is lacking in Klamath Falls.

W. H. McLaughlin, a thoroughly competent musician, has already been chosen as bandmaster of the prospective organization, and through his leadership and sound support, we will be assured of one of the best musical organizations in the state, say bandmen.

There are several good openings here for capable musicians, and the new organization is already in touch with men who are ready to help.

It would be a great credit to the city, a good advertisement for surprising business men, and a source of much amusement to all of the people. The band proposition should be given serious consideration and the act is now, believe local musicians.

LOCAL MEN FILE ON TULE LANDS

LAND NOW IN BID RESERVE AND ON WHICH FIGHT IS BEING MADE TO OPEN FOR CULTIVATION IS FILED ON AT TORRINGTON

Nat Periman, Gus Widrow, Carl Schubert, Phil Mutschbacher, Lawrence Mutschbacher and Clarence Mutschbacher made application for land now in the bid reserve, (this week) several other citizens saw the present plans of the Dorris Homeowners' Association, matures, this land will be opened for entry, giving these things prior rights.

They report the grass and vegetation along the lake is looking fine, while carrots, onions and radishes are growing on land in the marsh large enough for used this year.

This land will be some of the most productive in the state when under cultivation, and those who have had some under cultivation speak very highly of it.

PLAY PRACTICE GAMES BALL, TEAMS WILL

The boys for tomorrow's practice game at noon park will be as follows: Baseball—Shader, pitcher; Clark, catcher; Rowden, third; Miller, shortstop; Cook, Crawford, Lowe, Wall, outfield and other positions.

FOR FRANCE RECRUITED

OREGON GRABS ORGANIZE HERE

JUDGE KUYKENDALL IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LOCAL OREGON ALUMNI AND EX-STUDENT ORGANIZATION.

A number of former Oregon students and graduates met last night in the office of D. V. Kuykendall, circuit judge, in the court house, to observe the state wide university day, which had been proclaimed by Governor Withycombe and the university for May 11th.

The purpose of university day was to organize the alumni of the state university to be able to anti in the support, and to "recruit" students for next fall.

Judge Kuykendall, a graduate of 1898, was elected president of the local organization, and Andrew Collier, vice president. G. Chester Huggins was elected secretary.

PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR A permanent organization and a complete list of the names of all former Oregon students and graduates residing in this city or county is being compiled. The organization of the plans under way which will be announced later.

Wears Belts

VIATOR BREAKS U. S. RECORD FOR ALTITUDE

SAN DIEGO, May 12.—Captain W. Robertson Jr. ascended today with a record of 20,000 feet.

SENATE DEFEATS CENSORSHIP BILL BY CLOSE VOTE

HOUSE FLOPS, AND PROVIDES FOR ROOSEVELT DIVISION

After Two Hours Debate in Senate, Committee Report on Draft Bill, Making Provisions for Roosevelt Division

Administration Will Ask for Less Radical Censorship Measure, Communicating Liquors Bill

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The senate defeated the censorship bill today by a vote of 54 to 46. The bill would have provided for a censorship division in the war department.

REPEAL CENSORSHIP

SENATOR CUMMINS INTRODUCED A SPY BILL AMENDMENT, PROHIBITING THE USE OF ANYTHING EDIBLE IN THE PRODUCTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Senator Cummins introduced a spy bill amendment, prohibiting the use of anything edible in the production of intoxicating liquors.

The action taken by the house on the censorship bill returned the bill to the conference. Originally the house rejected Roosevelt's plan, and the senate passed it, and it is probable that both houses will now adopt it.

BANKS TO OPEN FOR WORKINGMEN

WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 ON SATURDAY MORNINGS

Business banks in Klamath Falls are remaining open on the Saturday night, and the banks in the city will be open from 7:30 to 9:00 on Saturday mornings.

JOHNSTON FURNITURE

Three hundred of white and will be brought to W. H. Strahorn.

SOCIALISTS KAISETZ BEFORE

AMERICAN LEAGUE OTHERS

NEW YORK, May 12.—The socialist administrative committee of the American socialist party today called a meeting in Stockholm, Conn., to discuss the party's position on the war.

They asked the neutral socialists to forward the message to the German socialist and to the American socialist.

Charles Edward Russell, J. P. Stoker, William English Walling and other leaders signed the message, which declares that there is only one way to end the war, and that is the Kaiser must go.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—It is announced that the Department of the American Commission to Russia will be headed on a mission of Russian national internal disturbances.

PETROGRAD, May 12.—Russian peasants, eager to get a share of the confiscated estates of the nobility, are not waiting for government action, but have seized 115,000 acres of land.

German agents are working among the soldiers and have persuaded many of them to desert to the German army, unless they desert.

They are the first to be sent to the army to remain loyal to the provisional government until matters can be settled.

Commonwealths of Massachusetts and Vermont voted today to join the coalition ministry.

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