

STORM BREWING OVER LEASING OF MARSH LANDS

Secretary of Geary Investment Co. Issues Statement

WAS ONE OF BIDDERS

But Added Amendments to Its Offer That Would Clip the Claws of the Reclamation Officials and Protect Its Rights—So Cannot Hope to Have Bid Accepted.

There seems to be a tempest brewing over the opening of the bids for the reclamation of the marsh lands on the Upper lake, and judging from the first gun that was fired by Arthur M. Geary, a Portland attorney and secretary of the Geary Investment company, the game is bigger than the average citizen realizes. The Geary Investment company was one of the bidders for a lease on the marsh lands that are to be reclaimed, but it added some conditions to its bid that were certain to act as a bar to their consideration, for the reason that they would offer a reasonable protection to their rights in case any were acquired, and everyone who knows anything about the Reclamation Service knows that no rights are recognized except the will of the officials of that organization. Mr. Geary evidently seems to see the hole in the doughnut and, judging from his subjoined statement, has no hope of his bid being considered.

His company already owns 1200 acres of marsh lands, which it is reclaiming by cultivation, together with various other investments in the county, and a part interest in the dredger, the Klamath Queen.

An effort was made to see Mr. Rosborough, but that gentleman left this morning for San Francisco, and simply had time enough before the train pulled out to state that the dissatisfaction on the part of Mr. Geary was due to his failure to land the lease he was after. The statement by Mr. Geary follows:

"Although the Geary Investment Company in its bid agreed to dyke and reclaim the seven thousand acres of the Crystal Creek Marsh for a thirty year lease, which is the same period of time required by the associates of the California-Oregon Power Company in their bid, we do not consider that the department will award us the lease as it was necessary for us to offer several amendments to the contract suggested by the Government.

"In the first place we considered it necessary that the Department of Interior agree not to release additional water to the California-Oregon Power Company, unless that Company stipulated that it would not contest our right to the use of all the water needed for irrigating the leased lands after they were dyked.

"Before placing our bid, we took up the question with Mr. Alexander Rosborough, vice president of the California, Oregon Power company.

Mr. Rosborough refused point blank to agree that the California, Oregon Power Company should permit any such terms in the lease and said what was in effect that every rivulet of water over the Copoco dam that would put another bright light on Market Street in San Francisco would be demanded by the California Oregon Power company, if that company had or could procure a title to it, and this irrespective of whether or not that the rivulet in question would irrigate a row of spuds on the leased marsh land of the Upper Klamath Lake.

Mr. Rosborough stated that there were more orders for electricity than his company could supply and that they were constructing additions to their plant and that they were already selling their product in San Francisco.

"The contract suggested by the

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DEATH CLAIMS MRS. ALMA PETERSTEINER

Mrs. Alma Petersteiner died last evening at her home at 615 Oak street. In the death of Mrs. Petersteiner, Klamath Falls loses one of the most charitable persons it has had the good fortune to claim as a resident. For nearly a quarter of a century, Mrs. Petersteiner has resided in this city, and for many of those years conducted boarding houses or restaurants, and for the remainder joined into the larger groups of the country. It was in her activities along these lines that Mrs. Petersteiner reached out a helping hand to many a chap who was down and out. Throughout the Coast are scores of men who will always remember this good soul with affectionate regard, many of whom she nursed back to health thru serious illness, and all without ever giving thought to monetary consideration.

The news of her death came as a surprise, for few knew that she was ill. Last Monday she was stricken with apoplexy and did not regain consciousness before death entered and closed the life of a loving mother, a kind and generous friend. Mrs. Petersteiner is survived by three children, Otto, Alfred and Eleanor, all of whom resided with her at the Oak Street home. The deceased was 44 years of age.

Funeral services will be held in the Church of the Sacred Heart at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon. Rev. Hugh J. Marshall officiating. Interment will be in the local cemetery.

91ST PRISONER WAS GOOD FOR A FURLOUGH

SPOKANE, June 7.—Any prisoner taken from the famous 91st Division of the American expeditious forces in Europe, composed of northwestern men, was good for a 14-day leave of absence in addition to the regular period of relief from the inferno of the fighting front for any German lucky enough to make the capture. This was revealed to the United States military officers by a report taken from a German intelligence officer captured in Flanders by the American company commanded by Captain Thomas C. Busha, of Big Timber, Montana, who has just received his discharge at Camp Lewis and is spending a few days with Captain F. J. McKevitt of Spokane.

Revelation in this manner of the "trade" value that had been accorded them only made the northwestern Yanks fight the harder, perhaps, and guard with greater precaution against falling into snares of the Huns. At any rate, according to Captain Busha, few of the vaunted war lord's super-men took vacations at the expense of the Yankee's liberty.

Captain Busha was a member of the 36th infantry, 91st division, saw active service in the Argonne during the big drive and afterwards was stationed in Belgium. Busha for several years was a member of the crack University of Montana football team. He was graduated from the law department of the Montana school in 1916.

KLAMATH FALLS AND MERRILL TEAMS WILL PLAY AT DORRIS.

The baseball fans of this city will go in force to Dorris tomorrow, where a game for a purse of fifty dollars is scheduled between the Midgents of this city and the boys from Merrill. The local team is smarting from the drubbing handed it by the Merrill club last Sunday, and they go to Dorris tomorrow with a determination to bring home the scalps of Meadow city players.

LEAVES FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

H. N. Moe leaves in the morning for San Francisco on a special buying trip for the Woman's Store.

SOLDIER BOYS GUESTS MONDAY

RELIEF CORPS WILL ENTERTAIN RETURNED SOLDIERS AND ALL VETERANS. LEGION TO BE FORMED HERE

All soldiers, sailors and marines, whether or not they enlisted from Klamath county or happen to be visiting or living here now, are cordially invited to attend the reception given next Monday evening, June 9th under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps.

This organization was named "American Legion" at a caucus of enlisted men and officers in Paris in the spring of last year.

The enlisted personnel of the entire army, navy and marine corps is behind it.

The purpose of the Legion is non-partisan and non-political; it will keep alive the principles of justice, freedom and democracy for which these veterans fought and will preserve to future generations the history and incidents of their participation in the war and will cement and perpetuate the ties of comradeship formed in the service.

The Woman's Relief Corps, which is arranging the meeting is the largest body of patriotic women in the world. They intend to back the soldiers, sailors and marines in all their efforts and will continue to do so.

This meeting will take place Monday 9th at 8 P. M. west hall I. O. O. F Bldg. This will be the first assembly of the soldiers since their return from Europe. The G. A. R. veterans are also included in this general invitation.

The entertainment committee consists of Mesdames W. J. Jefferson, Pratten, Murphy, Fleet, Higginson, Sargent, Thrasher and Brookfield.

ANOTHER KLAMATH LAD REACHES NEWPORT NEWS.

Mrs. C. A. Poindexter has received a telegram from her brother, Serg. George M. Vohs, of the 88th Div. Co. L. 351 Inf., stating that he has reached Newport News. Mr. Vohs went to France last August. He hopes to reach Klamath Falls about July 1st.

LOCAL PEOPLE CELEBRATE THEIR THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

A most enjoyable time was spent last evening by a host of friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mayer and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tunnell, the occasion being the third anniversary of the marriage of these popular people.

British-American Team That Will Try to Cross Ocean in Plane Built to Bomb Berlin



Even while they believed that Captain Harry G. Hawker had lost his life in the first attempt to cross the Atlantic in a non-stop flight, Captain John Alcock and Lieutenant A. W. Brown were anxiously awaiting the arrival of their Vimy-Vickers two-motored bomber. They are confident that their machine, built to bomb Berlin, can make the flight to Ireland. Lieutenant Brown is the only American in the teams of English fliers now in Newfoundland who are trying to win the London Daily Mail's \$50,000 prize.

SCHOOL BONDS CARRY HEAVY

ELECTION YESTERDAY IS UNANIMOUS FOR INCREASED BONDS FOR MILLS SCHOOL. VERY SMALL VOTE CAST

The new school house for Mills addition was finally assured yesterday, when the election for \$6,000 additional school bonds was carried by a unanimous vote of thirteen to nothing. The city recently voted for \$15,000 bonds to construct a building there, but it was found that contractors would not consider putting up a building according to the specifications for this amount, owing to the increased prices on materials. The step taken yesterday by all citizens however, removes this difficulty and the contractors will go ahead with the work and have the new building ready for occupancy this fall.

SPECIAL RATES FOR CONVENTION

Interest in the Second Annual Convention of the Oregon State Elks Association continues to run high. One of the questions continually arising owing to the vast number of people planning continually arising, owing to the vast number of people planning to come to Klamath Falls next special rates for the occasion. En August, is: Will the railroads make special rates for the occasion? This question has now been settled.

The extremely happy news has just been received from the Transportation Committee of the Oregon State Elks Association that they have succeeded in arranging for reduced rates to Klamath Falls while the convention is in progress, August 14, 15 and 16. The Association has been assured of a rate of a fare and one-third.

Since the railway systems of the country have been under government supervision, it is not an easy matter to obtain concessions in the matter of reduced rates. Any action taken by the railroad companies in this connection, must first have the approval of the government.

The Elks of the State are therefore much gratified to know that the government appreciated the importance of this convention to Klamath County and the state, and approved of the reduced rates.

Mrs. J. R. Elliott of the Klamath Agency is in the city for a few days on a business and pleasure trip.

DEFENDANT GETS DAMAGES IN SUIT

E. E. Hopkins, who brought a civil suit in the Circuit Court against G. W. Harrison for an amount in excess of \$100 lost the suit and the defendant was given damage in the amount of fifty four dollars. The case was concluded yesterday afternoon. Hopkins alleged that the money he asked was due on a note and for potatoes and other supplies.

The defendant maintained that he had paid back in other supplies, goods to a far greater value than he had received.

FORMER RESIDENT RETURNS FOR BRIEF VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

W. B. Simpson, one of the early settlers of this county, and who formerly owned extensive ranching interests in the vicinity of Algoma, arrived in the city last evening for a short visit among his many friends. Mr. Simpson is making his home at Patton, Calif., but likes to come back to Klamath county occasionally, where some of the most pleasant days of his life were spent.

MILLS COLLEGE PRESIDENT WILL TALK AT MOSCOW.

MOSCOW, Idaho, June 7.—Dr. Aurelia Reinhart, president of Mills college, California, is to be the principal speaker at the University of Idaho graduation exercises next month. About twenty years ago she taught English literature at the University.

FREIGHT RATES MAKING SHEEP TRAVEL A'FOOT

YAKIMA, Wash., June 7.—To the recent sharp advances in freight rates is attributed the fact that more bands of sheep are being trailed over the country to the summer ranges this year than for many years past, is the observation of stockmen. Excellent feed to be found along the lower levels is another reason why the sheep are not shipped so extensively is declared.

The low range is particularly good this year and the April lambs are making very rapid growth. Shearing is practically ended and about 250,000 pounds of wool has begun to move east, nearly all under consignment. Prices around 40c a pound are expected by many growers.

MONTANA WILL RUN SCHOOLS FOR THRESHERMEN

BOZEMAN, Mont., June 7.—Four threshermen schools, under the supervision of the extension service to the Montana State college, will be held thruout the state in the near future. Professor H. E. Murdock, head of the agricultural engineering department of the college, will cooperate in the work of instructing those who take the courses, which will be of three days' duration.

Lectures will be given showing the evolution of threshing grain and demonstrating every operation in threshing. The lectures will be illustrated. Also there will be practical demonstrations in threshing on the latest type of threshers. Machines of different makes will be on hand for use.

Dates and places for the schools will be: Bozeman, June 19-20-21; Billings, June 30, July 1-2; Great Falls, July 7-8-9; Plentywood, July 10-11-12; Glasgow, July 14-15-16.

PEACE TREATY KEPT A SECRET UNTIL SIGNED

American Delegation Will Not Publish Terms

DEADLOCK WITH ITALY

Reply to Germany Will Be Ready for Presentation on Monday—French Believe That Germans Will Not Sign—Kolchak's Troops Are Pushed Back by Bolsheviks.

PARIS, June 7.—The American delegation apparently is firm in its decision not to authorize the publication of the German peace treaty until it is signed and not even to communicate the official text of the present form to the United States Senate.

Dateless Dispatch by Associated Press.—Every effort is being made to complete a reply to the Germans by Monday. There seems to be a strong sentiment that changes must be made in the treaty but in what particulars have not been yet indicated.

The French officials are said to expect the Germans to refuse to sign the terms and as delay would favor the terms, there is a necessity for haste in bringing the exchanges to a close.

The deadlock on the Italian Adriatic claims is causing no little concern.

Admiral Kolchaks forces in the east have been admittedly checked by the Bolsheviks and it is probable that there will be a serious delay in carrying the campaign to a successful conclusion. The Hungarian Bolsheviks continue to advance against the Czech troops between Budapest and Vienna.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.—General March has announced that all of the original Archangel expedition will have sailed for home within two weeks.

Fifty thousand recruits have now been obtained for the army of occupation most of them having enlisted for three year terms.

PERSONAL MENTION

J. M. White, manager of the Weed Lumber Co., is in the city on business for his company.

G. H. Sterling, J. H. Sterling and Miss Mabel Benedict are tourist visitors in the City from Portland.

C. H. Underwood has his coat off working hard in behalf of the drive for the Salvation Army, which is being handled by the Elks thruout the state. The Salvation Army is one of the organizations that won the hearts of the soldier boys in France because of the unselfish and wholehearted manner in which it ministered to their wants.

George Connor, one of the Herald newboys, has recovered from a few days' illness and now the subscribers on his route will receive their paper in the same good order as formerly.

Don J. Zumwalt has received a letter from B. M. Zollman, who was formerly chairman in his service, stating that he expects soon to be discharged since his enlistment. Mr. Zollman was one of the first young men to enlist at the outbreak of the war and was keenly disappointed at not being sent to France, as he enlisted with that destination in view.

MERRILL STUDENTS GRADUATE

The graduating exercises held at Merrill last night were largely attended and very interesting. Rev. Mr. Lawrence gave a splendid address and the musical program was excellent. There were eight graduates, all of whom acquitted themselves splendidly in the part they played in the exercises. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion.