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THE EIGHTH STREET CONTRACT

There is before the city council a protest from the property owners of Eighth street against the extension of the time limit for the completion of the paving of that thoroughfare. The property owners ask, if the Warren Construction company does not complete the work this year, that the contract be cancelled. The council has postponed decision on this question twice and it will come up for consideration at its meeting Monday night.

The surprising part of it is that there should be an hesitancy on the part of the council. When the Warren Construction company bid on this work and when it accepted the contract, it knew what the terms were. Paving companies are not in the habit of "going it blind," and the Warren Construction company is no exception to the rule. When the property owners on Eighth street asked for the paving, they did so because they expected that it would be placed according to the terms of whatever contract was signed, and they have reason to demand no more nor no less. It is their property that stands as security for this debt and it is out of their pockets that the money to liquidate it must come. They are, therefore, the ones to be consulted—not the Warren Construction company. If that contract is not binding on the paving company so far as the time limit is concerned, then it is not binding on the property owners so far as forcing them to consent to an extension. It is a well established principle of law that a contract cannot be binding on one side and not on the other. If the officials of this city ignore the law, ride rough-shod over the wishes of their constituents, permit the paving company to do as it pleases, how can they expect these people to respect any law or au-

thority? There is growing up throughout this nation a tendency towards autocracy that has no place in our government. It is estranging the people from those in authority. It is adding fuel to a fire of discontent and defiance of all law and order that, if not checked, will blaze into a fury that will wipe out of existence our very government. A city is like the school—the very fountainhead of government. It is close to the people. If our city officials have no respect for the law or the rights of the people, it creates a resentment that increases as time passes and other transgressions are committed. There is not an anarchist or a bolshevik in the world who has not, at some time in his life, had a real grievance, which, if given the consideration that individual had reason to expect from those in authority, would have been removed and he would have remained a supporter of the constituted government.

The time has come when Klamath Falls must not join the brigade of autocratic officials. The people on eighth street have the right to ask for either the completion of the contract or its cancellation. The council should not have extended the contract of Esplanade and other streets. And it should not now extend the time limit on Eighth street over the protest of those who have to foot the bill. Let us have the rule of the people here and not the dictation of private interests.

FRENCH RULER NEEDS A HOME

PARIS, Oct. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—When President Poincaré leaves the Elysees palace, the French White House, four months hence to make way for a new chief executive of the republic, he will, like a great many more ordinary citizens, be obliged to grapple with the difficult lodging problem.

When he was elected president he had four domiciles, his apartment in Paris which he gave up at once, his villa at Sampigny, the old family homestead at Nubecourt and a small house near Bar le Duc. The Sampigny villa was completely wrecked by the German artillery firing from the Camp of the Romans near Saint Mihiel, the homestead at Nubecourt was demolished by the explosion of an army motor truck loaded with gasoline, while a bomb from a German airplane fell full into the center of the house at Bar le Duc and left nothing standing but ragged walls.

Consequently the next ex-president will have to go house hunting along with thousands of other citizens, running the same small chance of finding a suitable abiding place.

SERVICE MAN SAYS LEGION IS RIGHT

Editor of The Herald, City.

Sir:—In the Klamath Record, dated October 24, 1919, there is an article on the first page headed "Big Reclamation Project on Lake." The writer of the article dilates at length upon the blessings and benefits to be derived from this wonderful reclamation scheme and states that if the members of the American Legion "only understood" the proposition they would withdraw their objections and permit the lease to stand. It then says: "The lands will be cut up into farm units and sold and it is the expectation of those interested that the price when reclaimed and irrigated would be considerably less than would be the case if the government undertook to reclaim the government land alone, as has been suggested in the protest."

The one who wrote that article is clearly a traitor to the ex-service man, and if his name is learned it should be reported to the Legion. The idea of telling the people that these lands will be cut up into farm units and sold! We say, when? At the end of the thirty-year lease to Brown and Donk? The hired writer of the pitiable excuse of an article above mentioned will have been in his grave and his children will be too old at that time to make settlement these lands.

Nowhere in this article does the writer inform the public that these leases run for a period of thirty years. What is considerably withheld from them, presumably in accordance with the pattern set by some of the departments of our government.

Only 17 per cent of the total land area of Klamath county is on the tax rolls for taxation. Should these infamous leases continue the 10,000 acres of government land embraced in them will continue for a period of thirty years to be exempt from taxation. If the plan of the service men is adopted they will be on the tax rolls not later than four years from date. We say that it is the duty of the county officials to take this matter up with our congressmen so that these lands can be taxed and thus relieve the already overburdened taxpayer of Klamath county.

The settler mentioned in the article went upon the lands when they were withdrawn and should he have difficulty it is clearly his own fault, as he violated the law when he went upon the land in the first place. Furthermore, he is not a poor man and does not need the land as do the men who wore the uniform.

If some of the officials of the present administration would be more considerate of the average citizen instead of the land speculator and monopolies, then indeed, some constructive scheme could be adopted that would dispose of these lands in the interests of all the people—those who wore the uniform and the taxpayers alike.

SERVICE MAN.

ARMENIAN GIRLS IN CAPTIVITY

TIFLIS, Armenia, Sept. 15, via Paris, Oct. 2.—Turkish Armenian refugees, whose daughters were saved from death for a life of slavery in Turkish harems, have appealed to the American Red Cross for aid in obtaining their freedom. It is estimated by officials of the Armenian government that 30,000 girls are thus held in slavery. An executive committee to arrange the plans for their liberation has been named and will start work at once.

These girls, daughters of refugees from the Van and Bitlis regions, disappeared during the massacres of 1918. Nothing was heard of them for months and it was believed they had been slain by the Turks.

Recently pitiful appeals for liberation have been coming from them from the Turkish harems of Anatolia and European Turkey. Most of the girls declare they have not changed their religion.

Colonel Haskell, high commissioner of he allies to Armenia, has been appealed to for military aid. No definite answer has yet been given but he is hopeful of being able to offer a show of force as a background for diplomatic negotiations. The American Red Cross has been asked for financial backing necessary for the work of liberating the women.

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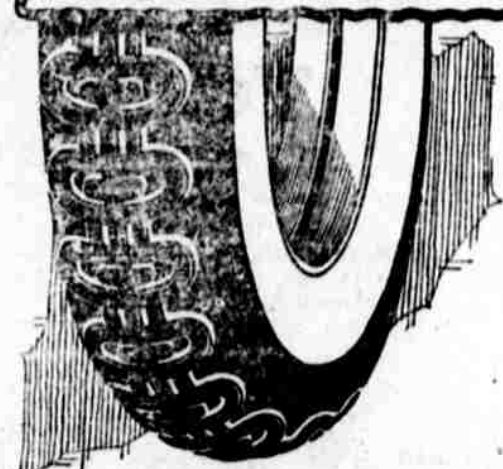
What is believed to be the largest wooden tower ever built—256 feet high—was erected in Cleveland recently in connection with the work of sooting two great steel smokestacks with cement.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29th

commencing at 10 o'clock the following described property:

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| FARM IMPLEMENTS | 2 4-year-old colts |
| Three wagons | 4 coming three years |
| Two mowing machines | 1 saddle horse |
| One hay rake | 1 5-months colt |
| One spring tooth harrow | 2 good sets work harness |
| One spike tooth harrow | 1 set chain harness |
| One Superior drill | 1 light harness |
| One 7-foot Deering binder | 1 single harness |
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| J. I. Case 12-in walking plow | 2 iron bedsteads |
| Two hay racks | 3 sets bed springs |
| Two wood racks | 1 8-foot dining room table |
| One grain-tight wagon box | 1 kitchen cabinet |
| One Mast and Boom hay derrick complete | 1 air-tight heater stove |
| One slip scraper | 1 commode |
| One farm level | Carpets |
| And all other farming tools that I have | 1 lard press |
| One Sharpless separator | 1 sewing machine |
| One miter box | CATTLE |
| And other things too numerous to mention | 11 cows |
| HORSES AND HARNESS | 1 Red Durham bull |
| 1 Span mares, weight 1400 (Bay 9 years; black 5 years old) | 7 steers, coming 3 years old |
| 1 span 12-years old, wt. 1200 lbs. | 14 yearlings, 2 hogs |
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| | Rhode Island Red hens and pullets |
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