

WIRES SAY CITY FUNDS MISSPENT

COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS TAX MATTERS WITH COUNTY COURT SOON

SOURCE OF ORDER UNKNOWN

Wires Donate to Patriotic Meeting. Will Gather with Gladstone Church Women

Because Oregon City has spent \$100,000 within the past few years on temporary street improvements which leave the streets in no better than their original condition, the Live Wires of the Commercial club at their meeting on Tuesday voted to condemn the improvement of Seventeenth street and Washington street with crushed rock.

According to Livy Stipp, who investigated the matter of the improvement of these streets, there appeared to be no certain source for the order that caused crushed rock to be hauled to be no certain source for the order street superintendent. It was to be paid for out of the general fund of the city, and the maneuvering that made such payment possible presented food for thought for the Live Wires. The fact that this temporary improvement was ordered stopped by the council and a day or so later was resumed was a mystery the Wires spoke of but did not attempt to solve.

It appears, according to Mr. Stipp, that the council made provision in its last budget for money to pave Washington street, and that it should be attempted to make temporary improvement aroused Mr. Stipp and other speakers to a condemnation of the council's action. It was determined by Mr. Stipp, he said, that the work on Seventeenth street was being done with the knowledge of Councilman Metzner.

A matter of considerable importance to taxpayers discussed at the meeting Tuesday was that regarding the county's general road fund. O. D. Eby, W. A. Huntley and M. D. Latourette were named on a committee to wait upon the county court and discuss with the court plans for county road taxation. Oregon City and other municipal corporations and incorporated road districts face a deficit this year because of the county's action in reducing the annual road levy from 8 to 6 mills, and at the same time the county's road program is hampered by having to turn over 70 per cent of all such money collected within the city or district to the cities and incorporated districts. The Live Wire committee is said to favor a plan by which the county can retain all the money collected for its own road program. Oregon City might be made to suffer temporarily from such a thing, it is said, since the city cannot increase its tax levy under existing laws. However, the city would have an opportunity to ask the voters to authorize an additional levy to meet the expenses of the city without depriving the county districts of the money they justly should have.

The Live Wires got in on the big patriotic meeting to be held at Busch's hall this evening when Main Trunk Schuebel appointed H. E. Williams, Charles Parker and L. Adams as a committee to cooperate with the Elks and other organizations, including the Girls' Honor Guard, in working out plans for the meeting. The Wires voted to appropriate \$25 toward defraying the expenses of the meeting.

For their next meeting the Wires will go to Gladstone, where the church women have promised to provide another of the splendid meals the organization has been getting at different places about the county. Other invitations are in the hands of the club and will be accepted in their order.

PATRIOTIC DISPLAY IS TO BE BIG SHOW

ALL FORCES COMBINE FOR THE SUCCESS OF PREPAREDNESS LEAGUE PLANS

With at least ten organizations cooperating, a monster mass meeting will be held tonight at Busch's hall, following a street demonstration, to encourage a patriotic spirit for the organization of a Preparedness league. Col. C. E. Dentler, U. S. A., will be the chief speaker and his subject will be "A Citizen's Duty Toward Preparedness." Judge Grant B. Dimick and James H. Cary will also speak, and music will be provided by the band. Lawrence Woodfin, popular vocalist, will render patriotic selections.

The meeting at Busch's hall, where H. L. Kelly will preside as chairman, will be preceded by a great street parade in which the Girls' Honor Guard, Grand Army veterans, the Elks lodge, The Moose, the Commercial club, Boy Scouts, National Guard, Canemah Rifle club and school children will participate. The parade is in charge of T. Osmund as grand marshal and will assemble at Fifth and Main streets for the march to Busch's hall. Henry Streibig will lead the procession with his big flag and Arthur Warner, attired as Uncle Sam, will be a feature.

The object of the patriotic meeting is the organization of a Preparedness league, whose duties it will be to encourage in every possible way the display and practice of patriotism. It is planned to encourage recruiting and later to form a home guard.

The idea of the League was advanced by the local lodge of Elks and preparations for the meeting are in charge of a committee of lodgemen, assisted by Charles Parker and L. Adams of the Live Wires and the entire loyal force of Girls' Honor Guard members. The Elks committee in charge includes E. C. Brownlee, chairman; T. Osmund, Dr. Clyde Mount, H. E. Williams and E. L. Johnson.

Delegations have promised to come in from Canby and Molalla and, withal, the meeting, according to the outlook, will be the most stirring patriotic affair seen in Clackamas county in many years.

"THE MAN IN THE CASE"

Hubby Charges That the Mrs. Refused to Quit Paramour

In the matrimonial tangle of J. Francis Teevin and his wife, Daisy T. Teevin, the usual order of things has been reversed, inasmuch as it is "the man in the case" rather than the "woman in the case," to judge from the divorce complaint filed on Saturday by Mr. Teevin. The complaint charges Mrs. Teevin with cruelty and alleges that she has, in defiance of his pleas and requests, been intimate with another man. The couple was married at Portland on January 6, 1910, and have three children. The Teevins live near Gresham in this county. Teevin asks custody of the children and full title to real estate recorded in his name.

ROAD BOND MEETING

Commercial Club Committee Will Hold First Session at Canby

The first meeting of a long series planned by the Commercial club's bond boosting committee of 12 will be held at Canby this evening and will be followed on Friday evening by a meeting at Carus. It is the sole duty of the committee to preach good roads and the \$6,000,000 bond issue, and it proposes to go to every corner of the county. The committee also plans for a meeting in Oregon City within the month at which the district roadmasters of the county can be present. Such a meeting has been under consideration for some time.

CAPTAIN ANSWERS A LAST COMMAND

STORY OF CAPTAIN APPERSON'S LIFE READS LIKE FICTION. BURIED TODAY

HE WAS ALWAYS A PIONEER

Unmarked Grave on Wyoming Plain was Object of Pilgrimage he Hoped to Make.

Visions of the happy day when he could go back to the old homestead in Kentucky, when he could even go back part way over the trail of '47 to that sadly sacred spot where his father gave his life in a sacrifice to the star of hope, went glimmering with a thousand other dreams that Captain John T. Apperson held dear to his heart. Captain Apperson answered the last bugle call, a summons to the final trial of mortal man, early on Tuesday morning. Today he rests in a grave shrouded in the memory of countless friends.

Of Clackamas county's best-known pioneer citizen there is a life story that reads not unlike fiction. Thrilling with action, it reflects the deep intelligence of the man. It combines a tribute to the pure red blood in the veins of the hero with the calm recital of how a pioneer boy gained an envied place in the ranks of citizenship.

It was in Christian county, Kentucky, that Captain Apperson was born. The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Apperson. That was on December 23, 1834. The following year the family went to Missouri. There Captain Apperson spent his boyhood and from there he took up the long journey across the plains toward Oregon with his family in 1847.

Bear river, Wyoming. It is a forgotten waterhole except to those hardy souls who traveled the long trail of the pioneers. But Captain Apperson never forgot Bear river. To his dying day he wanted to return to that little stream on the Wyoming plain. His most sacred memories were there—it was there that his father gave way to death. Holding a glimmering lantern that others of the emigrant train could see to dig from the parched soil a grave for his brave father, John T. Apperson watched the pioneer companions of Beverly Apperson lower their comrade into the grave. And John joined his weeping mother and her children to continue onward toward the promised land—Oregon.

A pilgrimage to his father's shrine was one of the dreams of John T. Apperson during the last years of his life. It went with other fond hopes when death called.

Little John learned from the pioneers the way of life. He knew the pangs of their sorrow for he had suffered them all himself. He knew the brave fight they had made to conquer a practical wilderness. He was fitted for the life he was to live when he reached Oregon City with his mother and her little family. The family reached Oregon City in November of 1847, and located with friends on the banks of the Sandy river. When spring came they moved to Portland. Mrs. Apperson, the mother, conducted a boarding house while John worked in a nearby tannery.

The gold rush came! John Apperson, a pioneer to the day of his death, was lured to the gold fields of California. His search for gold was, withal, a vain one. He returned to Oregon in 1855, a man, and became a river steamboat operator. First as a mere employee, later as an owner

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KIDD WANTS COUNTY TO PAY EXTRA COST

MISMANAGEMENT OF ROAD AFFAIRS CHARGED IN FLY CREEK JOB

The alleged mismanagement of affairs in connection with the construction of the Fly Creek cut-off, completed by the county last fall on the road leading south from New Era, is held responsible in the complaint for the suit filed here on Monday by W. B. Kidd to collect \$876.36 from Clackamas county.

Clackamas county is asked for \$876.36 as the balance of a claim for extra work done on the road contract by Kidd. Mr. Kidd was given the contract for the construction of the Fly Creek cut-off on the Pacific highway south of Oregon City. He started the work last fall under the direction of the county engineer and worked with maps furnished by the state highway department.

The state had relocated the road at a certain point without noting the change on the maps. Mr. Kidd's complaint says, and when he was forced to change his work to conform to the relocation plan, he was caused considerable extra work. He originally presented a claim to the county for \$1083, and was paid \$207. He is now suing for the balance, charging that S. A. Cobb, county engineer, had supervision over the work at all times during the execution of the contract.

MOTION IN SLANDER SUIT

Givens Asks That Kerk's Answer be Thrown Out as Sham

A motion was filed by Walter Givens Saturday in the case of Givens against M. J. Kerk, in which \$25,000 is asked for slander, asking that Kerk's answer to the Givens complaint be thrown out of the records because it is "irrelevant, frivolous and a sham." April 9 has been set as the date to argue the motion.

Kerk is sued by Givens for \$25,000 on charges of slander. In Kerk's answer, filed recently, he set up a series of mitigating circumstances and charges that Givens, an Estacada merchant and an ordained minister in the Christian church, introduced the woman in the case to Kerk in Portland as "my friend Sadie," and that Kerk concluded she was not the proper companion for a man of the cloth.

MARY WOOD MISSING

Sisters and Brothers Ask Mayor Hackett to Find Lost Member

Through one of those peculiar twists of fate that come into human life in an unaccountable manner, Mary Evaline Wood, then a wife of a girl at 18 years of age, became separated from her other sisters and a brother at Ashland, Ore., and she has not been heard from by them for more than 25 years. The last the other sisters heard was when Mary was in Portland in 1891 or 1892.

It is considered probable that Mary Wood may be in Clackamas county or in Oregon City. Mayor Hackett has been asked to lend his aid in locating the missing sister and in asking her to communicate with members of her family at P. O. box 165, Moscow, Idaho. That address will be thankful to anyone knowing anything of the missing woman for communicating with them.

J. E. Jack Buys Business

J. E. Jack, who retired this year as county assessor after eight years of service, has purchased the interest of F. E. Albright in a local grocery business and will be associated with his brother, A. F. Jack. J. E. Jack was a partner in the business before his election as county assessor. He has taken up his new work already and Mr. Albright will probably leave soon for eastern Oregon.

BOAT STRUCK AT LAUNCHING SINKS

RUTH OF OREGON CITY GOES TO BOTTOM OF RIVER WHEN BIG STEAMER HITS

ENGINEER GALBRETH HERO

Three on Local Steamer Injured in Accident at Portland. Ruth is Rased

Struck fairly amidships by the heavy steamer Vesterlide as she ended her slide from the ways of the Northwest Steel company at Portland, the paper carrying steamer Ruth of Oregon City was sunk Saturday afternoon.

The Ruth, commanded by Captain O. F. Hegdale, was laying alongside the log booms of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company, that her crew might witness the launching. Three men, Harry Colson, fireman; Joe Hanley, deck boy, and John Lauterbach, deck hand, were injured in jumping to the logs to escape injury. Those who stayed on the steamer were uninjured.

Colson has a cracked bone in his foot, Lauterbach is suffering from bruises on both hips, while Hanley had his left leg badly crushed. None of the men were seriously injured, however.

Engineer James Galbreth proved the real hero of the accident when he stayed with the craft and handled his engines despite the sharp stern of the Vesterlide which cut far into the craft towards him. When the Vesterlide came to a stop it was impossible for the engineer to shut off his engines and the wheel of the wrecked craft turned for 15 minutes pushing the huge steel steamer and herself upstream slowly. Tow boats finally got hold of the Vesterlide and drew her out of the gaping hole in the side of the Ruth.

The Ruth sank slowly, coming to a rest on the bottom of the river fully three-quarters of an hour later. She settled with her main deck under water, a sad wreck.

The Vesterlide took the water at 2:12 p. m., just 12 minutes after the scheduled time. Two four-inch manila hawsers attached to her bow on either side failed to stop her progress a mile, snapping like so much thread.

She charged across the river in a perfect arc, direct for the helpless Ruth. Craft a short way ahead of him made it impossible for Captain Hegdale to send his craft out of harm's way at once. He was forced to pull astern a half length to clear these and was then going full speed ahead, trying to get away, when the Vesterlide struck.

The big craft struck a glancing blow much like an axe in sharpening a stick. It cut into the craft 16 feet, leaving a knife-like hole 10 feet across. As the big hull, acting like a lever, pressed against the shaven portion it crumpled off like so much paper. The stack took a weird list to starboard, the hog posts snapped off on the starboard side.

The Ruth clung onto the steel craft like a leech, while decks and scurried back aboard, saving their few belongings as their home went from under them. One man stayed too long and was caught in the steadily deepening water. Harbor Engineer Prehn spied him and hauled him into the harbor patrol.

The Ruth is badly damaged. Her raising was not difficult, but the damage done in the smash is heavy. Rivermen estimate that close to \$20,000 will be necessary to repair her. The craft is owned by the Crown-Willamette Paper company of Oregon City. She is engaged in carrying paper from the mills up river to Portland docks.

BILL FOR REPAIRS ON STREET PASSED

COUNCIL DIVIDED AS TO PAYMENT FOR WORK ON UNIMPROVED STREET

Mayor Hackett lent his vote to the approval of a bill for \$205.75 for the repair of Seventeenth street at the April council meeting last night when the council was evenly divided upon the question. The discussion of the matter resulted in a quarrel that became very amusing to the group of spectators in the room. The Seventeenth street repair, which it was understood was to be paid out of the general fund in defiance of the city charter and which was apparently not authorized by anyone in authority, brought the Live Wires to action and a committee was at the meeting last night to wait upon the council.

Councilman Templeton signed the finance committee's report, covering the bill for the Seventeenth street repair, with a recommendation that the bill be refused. He supported his action with a demand that Street Superintendent Babcock explain his motive in doing the repair work and tell where he got his authority. Councilman Fred Metzner, who was held responsible for the order for repair, said that he had been surprised to learn that the work was being done over the council's objection as expressed at a previous meeting. The street superintendent said he moved his work gang onto Seventeenth street without direct orders simply because he had been given orders to make street repairs. He had no intention, he said, of defying the council's orders.

A bill for \$900 was ordered paid to those who supplied crushed rock for the city's street repair work. There was no objection to this although the bill for the work itself hung fire until Mayor Hackett had canvassed personally the sentiment of the councilmen and had voted for the bill. After remarks by Councilman Roy B. Cox the council instructed Street Superintendent Babcock to do no definite work on the streets without direct authority of the council.

MILLS ARE GUARDED

Troopers From Vancouver Prevent Entrance of Any Visitors

A detail of troops from the concentration camp of Oregon National guardsmen at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., are in Oregon City under command of Lieutenant Shirley of company A, McMinnville. The troopers are doing guard duty about the paper and woolen mills and are under strict orders to prevent visitors from being in or about the mill properties. There are 20 young men in the detail.

Employees of the Crown-Willamette mill are compelled to secure passes before entering the mills and visitors are absolutely forbidden entrance. At the Hawley mills employees and officials alike are tagged for identification and anyone not wearing the tag is to remain outside. The national guardsmen are on duty day and night and are quartered in the Harding hall on Main street.

Glenmorrie Company Sues

The Glenmorrie company last Thursday filed suit against E. D. Elliott and S. F. Sinclair to quiet title to lot 4, block 1, Glenmorrie, comprising 3 1/4 acres, and to collect \$3125. The amount of money asked is said to be due as interest on the purchase price of \$8155, no part of which, it is alleged, has been paid since the company entered into a sale contract with Elliott and Sinclair.

Morgan Estate Involved

A petition for letters of administration in the estate of William G. Morgan was filed in the county court last Thursday by A. G. Morgan. The estate consists of 40 acres of land in this county and there are five heirs to share in its value.

DECLARATION OF WAR FOR NATION

SENATE SUPPORTS PRESIDENT IN STEP TO COUNTERACT GERMAN AGGRESSION

WILSON DELIVERS MESSAGE

Object is to Vindicate Principles of Peace and Justice to the World

By a vote of 82 to 6, the United States senate last night adopted a resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany. It will be taken up for passage in the house today. Senators who cast votes against the resolution were Lane, Oregon; Gronna, North Dakota; La Follette, Wisconsin; Norris, Nebraska; Stone, Missouri; and Vardaman, Mississippi.

Reciting the aggressions of Germany which have virtually thrust the United States into the world conflict, President Wilson Monday asked congress to declare that a state of war exists.

To carry on an effective warfare against the German government, which he characterized as a "natural foe to liberty," the president recommended:

Utmost practical cooperation in counsel and action with the governments already at war with Germany.

Extension of liberal financial credits to these governments so that the resources of America may be added, so far as possible, to theirs.

Organization and mobilization of all the material resources of the country.

Full equipment of the navy, particularly for means of dealing with submarine warfare.

An army of at least 500,000, based on the principle of universal liability to service and the authorization of additional increments of 500,000 each as they are needed or can be handled in training.

Raising necessary money for the United States government so far as possible without borrowing and on the basis of equitable taxation.

All preparation, the president urged, should be made in such way as not to check the flow of war supplies to the nations already in the field against Germany.

In a dispassionate but unmeasured denunciation of the course of the imperial German government, which he characterized as a challenge to all mankind and a warfare against all nations, the president declared that neutrality no longer was feasible or desirable where the peace of the world was involved; that armed neutrality had become ineffectual enough at best and was likely to produce what it was meant to prevent, and urged that congress accept the gage of battle with all the resources of the nation.

"I advise that the congress declare the recent course of the imperial German government to be in fact nothing less than war against the government and people of the United States," said the president, "that it formally accept the status of belligerent which has thus been thrust upon it, and it take steps not only to put the country in a more thorough state of defense, but also to exert all its power and employ all its resources to bring the government of the German empire to terms and end the war."

Salute Refused

German Sentiment at Clairmont School Calls Out Sheriff

When several German youngsters, pupils at the Clairmont school, refused to salute the American flag yesterday they did not count on Sheriff Wilson and Private Jorgenson of Troop A, cavalry, O. N. G., who is here on recruiting duty. Soon after the trouble in the school room the official and the soldier, with Deputy Sheriff Joyner arrived there on a trip about the county. They were advised of the facts in the case and Sheriff Wilson gave the children a stirring lecture on patriotism. Private Jorgenson followed the sheriff, and when he finished his talk every child in the school, although one German boy about 15 was backward about it, pledged allegiance to the flag and stood up in the aisles to salute the banner.

Lumber Company Sues

The Northern California Lumber company on Saturday brought separate suits against L. Adams, C. G. Huntley and J. W. Moffat, of this city, to collect on unpaid stock subscriptions in the company. A total of \$826 is asked in the three actions.

