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COUNTY JUDGE ASKS WIRE CLUB TO COOPERATE

Commercial club members enjoyed one of the best programs of the season at the weekly luncheon of the Live Wires today, when national Father and Son week and Washington's birthday were commemorated. A number of the members had as their guests for the day their sons or fathers. "Bill" Collie, eleven-year old son of John Collie gave a recitation, "Like George Washington," and talks on the proper education of father and son were given by the number of members.

Present as guests of the Live Wires were the members of the Fife and Drum Corps of the G. A. R., and preceding the luncheon they gave stirring martial selections. J. T. Butler, commander of the G. A. R. for the department of Oregon, delighted his audience with an address on timely topics, laying special stress on the needs of better home conditions to keep the youth of the land directed in proper channels. F. W. Parker made a short talk and gave a reading which was much enjoyed.

Harvey E. Cross, county judge, told of some of the work the juvenile department of the county court was doing, and pointed out the necessity of more real fellowship between fathers and sons to prevent criminal tendency. The county poor, said Judge Cross, presented a real problem, and he gave some startling data on conditions that existed right in Clackamas county. "No need," said the judge, "to send your old clothing and blankets to China to find people with use for them. We have calls every day for old garments and bed clothing, and if you have any to spare we know where they can be put to good use."

Mr. Cross also spoke on the road and budget problems of the county, and said that the county was overburdened with old debts. He listed amounts totaling over a half million dollars, which he said was up to the court to provide, including \$359,000 road fund debt, \$225,000 asked by the state highway commission for work done in this county, \$120,000 for grading to Canemah, and \$125,000 which has been pledged toward the construction of a new bridge across the Willamette here. A bridge across the Clackamas at Parklake is to cost \$49,000, and a number of other bridges in the county have been found to be in bad repair and dangerous to traffic. Judge Cross asked the good will and cooperation of the Live Wires and invited their aid in solving the problems confronting the court.

O. D. Eby was appointed contact committee by Main Trunk Hoos, pursuant to a resolution previously passed authorizing such an office to extend the "good hand" to strangers and visitors at the commercial club luncheons.

At the next regular meeting plans for the road congress to be held here March 7th will be presented by Chris Schuebel, representing the club in its cooperation with the county court.

BOUNDARY BOARD GRANTS NUMBER OF PETITIONS

The Clackamas County District Boundary Board met in regular session yesterday afternoon and considered petitions for the changing of several school districts in this county. The board is composed of County Judge Cross, Commissioners Proctor and Harris and Brenton Vedder, county school superintendent. The following petitions were passed upon at the meeting:

From Kruse and Malloy school districts, asking for part of Kruse district be given to Malloy—granted. From Oak Grove asking part of the Milwaukee district—denied. From Rural Dell asking 20 acres from Bear Creek district—granted. From Eby district asking part of Liberal district—granted. From Eby and South Oak Grove asking slight change in portion of district No. 93, giving it to district No. 118—granted. From Evergreen asking 40 acres be transferred to Evergreen—petition taken under advisement. Petition asking for part of Glad Tidings and Marquam be transferred to Teasel district—granted.

SEVEN DOCTORS CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY

The seven physicians, who are being sued for \$50,000 by Dr. Hugh S. Mount for alleged defamation of character, and other alleged counts, held a meeting with their attorney, Grant B. Dimick Friday evening, and are preparing their defense. The case has attracted considerable attention over Clackamas county, owing to the prominence of the doctors involved.

SENATE VOTES MORE SALARY FOR GOVERNOR

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Feb. 22.—The senate Monday afternoon by a vote of 23 to 7 went on record as favoring an increase in the salary of the governor from \$5000 to \$7500 a year.

The bill, providing for the proposed increase, came in from the committee on county and state officials without recommendations and was placed on third reading through suspension of the rules.

Senator Lachmund, author of the bill, in advocating its passage declared that it was a notorious fact that the salary of the governor was entirely inadequate to meet the many demands made upon that official.

Lachmund called attention to the fact that the members of the supreme court were better paid than is the chief executive. The action of the senate in granting to the state a salary of banks a salary increase of \$5000 or \$1000 more than is now received by the governor, was also emphasized by Lachmund.

Senator, in speaking in behalf of the bill, pointed out that its passage would preclude any member of the present legislature from participating in the increase.

Sensors Moser, Upton, Vinton, Thomas and Staples all spoke in favor of the measure, characterizing the present executive salary as a "shame and a disgrace upon the state."

Those voting against the bill were: Bell, Dennis, Farrell, LaFollett, Patterson, Porter and Strayer.

AUTO CRASHES THROUGH BRIDGE AND THREE HURT

The Adolph Fredricks family narrowly escaped death Sunday evening, when an automobile in which they were riding crashed through Baker's bridge near Carver, and dropped to the ground fourteen feet below, pinning all passengers underneath. Mrs. Carver and little daughter, Marcelle, are now in the Oregon City hospital, the daughter suffering from a fractured skull, and the mother from broken ribs and internal injuries. Adolph Fredricks, driver of the ill-fated car, had several ribs broken, but was able to leave for his home after receiving attention by a physician. Another little girl of the family, Janice, aged three, escaped from the accident unharmed.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredricks and daughter had motored to Oregon City Sunday evening to attend a moving picture show, and on the return trip, while crossing Baker's bridge, the accident took place. A broken plank in the floor of the bridge struck the front wheel of the machine, causing it to swerve towards the railing and before the car could be checked, it crashed through the railing to the ground fourteen feet below, striking on the rocky bottom of the north bank of the Clackamas.

The machine pinned Mr. Fredricks underneath and after he had extricated himself, turned his attention to the members of his family, who also were under the car. Several persons in the neighborhood, witnessing the accident, gave their help, and Mrs. Fredricks and daughter were rushed to the Oregon City hospital and given medical attention.

The little girl, Marcelle, is in a very critical condition, but the attending physicians are of the opinion that she will recover. The mother is resting easily.

Mr. Fredricks is a prominent young farmer of the Logan country, and the son of Mrs. M. Fredricks of Parklake. His sister, Miss Marie Fredricks, is employed in the clerk's office at the courthouse.

HOUSE PASSES BILL DIVIDING SCHOOL UNITS

SALEM, Feb. 18.—The bill providing for three classes of school districts in any county that may adopt the measure was introduced by Representative C. Sheldon, of Jackson county, and which passed the house Friday morning. The adoption of the system is optional with each county of Oregon. There would be city school districts, town or village school districts, and "all the territory of any such county not included in a city school district or a town school district shall constitute a county school district." Such county district would be under the supervision of a board of five persons, of which the county school superintendent serving when the act is put into effect in any county would be the ex-officio superintendent of the county.

Ferdinand Stinne, 64 years of age, took as his bride yesterday in Vancouver, Wash., Rosalie Heckbauer, both of Sherwood. The couple journeyed to Vancouver and secured the marriage license, the bride giving her age as "legal."

PRESIDENT WILL DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO WORLD PEACE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—President Wilson today expressed the determination to devote himself on retirement to private life to a continuation of his efforts toward world peace. He made his first public utterance since the election in receiving a delegation from the Woodrow Wilson club of Harvard university.

After their visit the delegates stated they were "deeply impressed with the great heart of the president and deeply touched by the president's faith in the ultimate accomplishment of his efforts towards peace and by the almost brilliant good humor with which he is leaving the White House."

He received the group in the company of Mrs. Wilson in his study. He said he would leave to historians the task of interpreting the events of the Paris peace conference.

If he ever devoted himself again to writing, he declared, it would be along impersonal lines.

Robert C. Stuart Jr., who headed the delegation, told the president that the club he represented wished upon the anniversary of the birth of Washington to extend their greeting to "you, the great American of our generation," and that inspired by Wilsonian ideals, the club purposed to perpetuate the ideals to which the president had given concrete expression.

Mrs. Wilson, who was standing beside the president, apparently much moved by the tribute expressed by the college men, expressed a wish that she might make a speech, but said she would not because she never had.

SENATE PUTS O. K. ON BILL BY SEN. RYAN

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—The following bills were passed by the senate Thursday:

S. B. 293, by Ryan (by request)—Enlarging field of investment for saving deposits.

S. B. 336, by Ryan (by request)—Relating to payment by banks of deposits of intestates.

S. B. 294, by Ellis—Making it a misdemeanor and imposing a penalty for carelessness regarding barbed wire.

S. B. 218, by Robertson—To regulate the payment of warrants issued by the state or by any county, city, school district, drainage district, port or other municipality or political subdivision of the state.

S. B. 128, by Banks—To provide for an appeal from an order of municipal officials revoking a business license.

S. B. 241, by Farrell—Extending the powers of the child welfare commission.

S. B. 334, by Hall and Upton—Providing for the eradication of insect timber pests.

S. B. 242, by Farrell—Relating to petitions for adopting children and changing their names.

S. B. 319, by Committee on Judiciary—Providing additional judge for tenth judicial district comprising Union and Wallowa counties.

S. B. 275, by Strayer—Relating to eminent domain, irrigation and drainage districts.

S. B. 214, by Thomas—Relating to hearing of petitions by county court.

The following house bills were passed by the senate:

H. B. 338, by Committee on Livestock—Prohibiting fraudulent bidding at thoroughly bred livestock sales and fixing penalty.

TENURE BILL FOR TEACHERS PASSES 16-14

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—Without extended argument on the part of the proponents of the measure, the senate, by a vote of 16 to 14, this afternoon approved on third reading the substitute teachers' tenure of office bill offered recently in the house by nine members of the Multnomah county delegation.

By the same vote the senate a few minutes previously rejected the majority report of the senate Multnomah county delegation recommending defeat of the bill, and substituted the minority report, "urging that the measure should become a law."

ENGINEER TO SPEND TEN DAYS HERE

Upon request of County Judge Cross, Stuart Mitchell, head of the state highway engineers, will remain in Oregon City for the next ten days for the purpose of investigating the condition of the Oregon City suspension bridge, and devising a way to make the structure safe until such a time as a new bridge will be built. At the present time, only light loads can travel over the bridge, which is being watched by a special deputy appointed by the county court.

Piling Up Costs

During a period of inflation and extravagance people get into wasteful ways, particularly if they are handling other people's money.

Here is a case that some one was telling of the other day. A certain railroad runs a branch line on which it has a little flag station serving a small village. There are five trains a day each way, and the station has to be opened and closed when they go through.

For many years the road hired an old man who lived close by, to come over and open up the station. This man was not able to do much work, and he used to spend the rest of his time raising vegetables and doing light work in the neighborhood. The total time required was not over three hours a day, and the job could be combined with other work. The railroad paid for many years about \$200.00 a year, and the old man was thankful to get the chance.

Then war time conditions came along. The railroads were required to standardize their jobs and pay minimum rates. The work of opening up that station, which formerly cost but \$200.00 a year, was now standardized at \$35.00 per week, or \$1750.00 a year. An able bodied man took the work and loafed around most of the time. A man running a private business would no doubt have had to pay much more than \$200.00 for that work in these times, but it would not have cost him anything like \$1750.00. Cases like this are said to be common on many railroads.

Some people will say the railroads are to blame for these wasteful ways. Others will lay it to practice introduced during government operation. The railroads say that the labor unions compel them to pay exorbitant rates, and will not allow exceptions to be made in special cases. But whoever is to blame, money is wasted by the failure of common sense somewhere, and the public pays the cost in high transportation rates.

A man can build aircastles regardless of what the bricklayers' union says about wages.

The man who has money in the bank instead of having a note come due is doubly fortunate.

Blushing is not one of the lost arts; it has only been superseded temporarily by rouge.

Nearly every man can see where human nature could be improved by following his own pattern.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS FIND MURDERED MAN IN WOODS

PORTLAND, Feb. 22.—With two bullet wounds through the head, but with clothes immaculate, the body of an unidentified man, aged about 30, was discovered late yesterday afternoon on the Barnes road, four miles west of the city, by girls of the Richmond district Campfire circle.

The girls under the leadership of Mrs. A. H. Feldman, 1029 East Lincoln street, stumbled across the body as it lay hidden by a small pile of underbrush by the side of the road.

All indications pointed to murder, according to the police and the coroner's office.

The man had not been dead more than 72 hours, according to the coroner. The features of the face have been almost destroyed. An expensive, blue serge suit covered the body. The hat was found about 20 feet from where the body lay.

The man was about 5 feet 8 1/2 inches tall, weighing 135 to 150 pounds. The police began working on several clues in an attempt to identify the body. Laundry marks on an expensive silk shirt formed the main hope of the authorities to accomplish identification.

The body was discovered on land of the Hoffman ranch, about one-half mile up the grade of a steep hill. It was brought to the morgue shortly before 6 o'clock.

One of the bullet wounds was in the exact center of the man's forehead. The other was behind and beneath the lobe of the right ear, dispelling the probability of suicide.

BIG TAG SALE SATURDAY TO FINISH DRIVE

Next Saturday will be tag day for the purpose of finishing up Clackamas county's quota of \$6,000 for starving Europe, and only \$112.96 is needed to finish up the drive and make Clackamas once more 100 per cent. efficient in gathering funds for a worthy cause. Tags will be sold on the streets of Oregon City for 25 cents each, and the committee in charge of the fund for the starving children of Europe hopes to gather the remaining amount to complete the quota from the day's sales.

AUTO WEIGHT LAW BONE OF CONTENTION

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—Already the motor vehicle code is a bone of contention. In the code there is a weight basis for licensing which is advocated by Secretary of State Kozar. This basis has been substituted for the one compiled by Senator Dennis of Carlton.

The committee adopted the Dennis plan, but a subcommittee working on the code, consisting of Senator Hall, Representative Wright and Secretary Kozar, jettisoned the Dennis scheme.

Under the weight plan in the code Mr. Kozar has estimated that it would bring in about \$400,000 a year more than the present horse-power system. The highway department accountants worked on the schedule tonight, and all they could find was \$110,000.

COMMISSION AND COUNTY COURT NOT IN HARMONY

The bridge department of the State Highway commission will shut up shop so far as Oregon City is concerned and has directed its resident engineer, Stuart Mitchell, to close his office here and has transferred him to Roseburg, where he will supervise the construction of several highway bridges in Douglas county. The highway commission has held a resident engineer here for some time, with offices in the Commercial club that the club has provided without charge, in the hope that the engineering department might be of service in the construction of a new bridge across the Willamette river at Oregon City.

The failure of the Clackamas county court and the highway commission to reach an agreement over the new bridge is due to the refusal of the county court to acknowledge an indebtedness of about \$220,000, which has been advanced by the highway commission to cover the cost of new bridges and of grading on the Pacific highway in Clackamas county. The court is understood to have entered into a verbal agreement with the commission to reimburse the commission, but to date has failed to make a formal acknowledgment of the debt, and unless this is done the commission will decline to shoulder \$250,000 of the cost of a new bridge, the estimated cost of which is more than \$350,000, the county having been authorized to issue bridge bonds up to \$105,000. On the other hand, if the court will make good its promise to reimburse the commission for the bridges and grading on the highway, the commission will take care of the cost of a modern steel and concrete bridge, over and above \$105,000 that the court has authorized to issue.

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If the Ryan bill, directing the highway commission to take the bridge bonds and build the bridge, should pass, then the county is in the clear, but if the bill should fail to pass, then the court may face the alternative of erecting a cheap bridge at a cost of around \$125,000. The business men and taxpayers of Oregon City and West Linn are generally opposed to the latter program.

The members of the county court feel that the cost of grading and of bridges along the highway has been excessive. The commission has gone to the expense of taking new routes along the highway, adding to the grading cost. The bridge over Sucker creek has cost \$65,000 and another bridge over the Molalla river has been constructed at a cost of about \$57,000. The bridges are too elaborate and costly to be justified for local traffic is contended by the county court.

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RYAN FISH BILL PASSES HOUSE WITH 36 VOTES

SALEM, Or., Feb. 21.—(Special to the Enterprise)—The Ryan fish bill, regulating the taking of fish in the Willamette river, passed the house late this afternoon with 36 favorable votes, over the strong protest of Representative McFarland and Hindman of Multnomah.

According to Representatives Hammond and Stone, who spoke in support of the bill, which has been passed by the senate and is now ready for the signature of the governor, the bill is satisfactory to the Oregon City commercial fishermen and the Oregon City sportsmen.

"I live in Oregon City," said Stone, "and the sportsmen, who are just as blue blooded as the sportsmen of Portland, favor this bill."

As amended and finally agreed upon, the bill which carries the emergency clause provides that the suspension bridge at Seventh street in Oregon City shall be the dead line and that it shall be unlawful to fish except with hook and line north of the bridge between March 15, noon and May 10, noon, and from June 15, noon to December 1, noon.

The bill also fixes the limit at three salmon in one day to be taken with hook and line, and provides that there shall not be more angling or trolling outfits in a boat than three occupants in a boat.

SENATE VOTES BILL RAISING PAY OF SUPT.

The bill increasing the salary of the school superintendent of Clackamas county from \$1500 to \$1700 per year, passed the senate yesterday afternoon and is now ready for Governor Olcott to sign. While some agitation was on foot to have the salaries of several other county officers raised, the Clackamas county delegation could not agree on the matter, and devoted its efforts on the superintendent's bill just passed.

When the superintendent's salary bill came up for consideration before the salaries committees of the house and senate, a delegation of Clackamas county teachers motored to Salem to urge its passage, and it is claimed that their attitude on the matter had considerable bearing on a favorable report from the salaries committees to the senate and house.

GRAND JURY CALLED.

The grand jury of Clackamas county has been called to convene on next Saturday. Several cases will come up at this time.

SOLDIERS BONUS SHOULD BE PAID SAYS BROWNELL

"American soldiers, who served so valiantly in France to keep this country free from 'Kaiserism' should receive some kind of compensation, and if the people don't vote the bonus for the soldier boys of the world war, I will be a sadly disappointed man."

The above remarks were made by Hon. George C. Brownell, in his Washington Day address yesterday afternoon, before a crowded house attending the local American Legion program. Mr. Brownell probably made one of the best patriotic addresses ever heard by a Clackamas county audience, and his eulogy on the life of Washington and Lincoln was a masterpiece. Starting from Washington's time and gradually working up to the present, he held his audience for over two hours in the grip of his vivid and intensely interesting story.

Major Wm. Logus, veteran of two wars, presided at the meeting, and introducing Brownell to the gathering, said: "Ever since I was a kid, when I stopped shooting fire-crackers at a Fourth of July celebration one time to listen to Mr. Brownell, I have tried to hear every address that he has given in Clackamas county. I figured if he could make me quit shooting those firecrackers while I was still a boy by holding me spellbound by his oratory, he was worth listening to later on."

The program was an excellent one, and the G. A. R. rifle and drum corps enlivened things up by the playing of "Turkey and the Straw" and martial airs. Opening remarks by Rev. H. G. Edgar, violin solo by Fred Harvey; drill by scholars of the Eastham school; were all heartily applauded by the large audience. Of special mention was the vocal solo by Mrs. Malva Bolle, who sang "My Own United States" and who was called back again by hearty applause; and vocal solo by Miss Gladys Trimble, who thrilled the audience by the singing of "Star Spangled Banner." A reading by Mrs. Walter Bennett and Miss Wilma Bondurant was well received.

LOAN BUREAU TIED BY SUITS INSTITUTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(Special correspondence)—"The work of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau," says Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, "seems to have been stopped entirely by suits that have been instituted, at least one of which is before the supreme court." Because of those suits the bureau is unable to extend the aid to the farmers that was intended by congress in creating it. To meet the difficulty, Senator Warren secured the adoption by the Senate of an amendment to the Legislative Appropriation Bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to purchase \$100,000,000 worth of Farm Loan Bonds during each of the fiscal years 1921 and 1922. If the provision finally becomes law, it means that the farmers will be given a credit of that amount between now and June 30 of this year, and an additional credit of the same sum for the ensuing year. "It is to provide for the immediate and pressing necessities of those farmers and land holders," says Senator Warren, "who are unable to procure the money elsewhere, and who cannot get it through the federal land banks."

UNITED STATES WILL STICK FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Equal opportunities for citizens of all allied and associated powers whether members of the league of nations or not, in former enemy territories to be administered by the allied governments under mandates is insisted upon in a note dispatched by the state department to the league at Paris.

The note went last night to Ambassador Wallace, who is to present it tomorrow. State department officials described it as being virtually identical with the one sent to Great Britain last November by Secretary Colby.

That note was couched in firm language. Mr. Colby took issue with the British position that mandates agreements and treaties were to be considered only by members of the league, and declared that the United States as a contributor to the Victory in the war could not consider "any of the associated powers debarred . . . from participation in the rights and privileges secured under the mandates."

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