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While the evidence given at the coroner's inquest, Friday, relative to the Umpqua bridge disaster showed the structure to be in a bad state, owing to its age and the great length of the span, it being 229 feet, no person can justly be held responsible for the accident. The bridge was undergoing repairs, the builder in charge of the work for the county was carefully guarding against accident, as the evidence showed, and the rotten and defective beams were being replaced, when the high structure toppled over of its own weight into the river. The county court has, and is, doing all in its power to keep the roads and bridges in good repair and a safe condition. Perhaps none of us have fully realized that bridges are so short lived as they really are, and this deplorable accident has forced the truth home to all that such structures grow old and unfit and unsafe for use sooner than we can believe. The Umpqua bridge, with others of a similar nature in the county, was built about twenty years ago, having served its purpose well,

and compared with a steel structure across the Spokane river, known as the Monroe Street bridge in the city of Spokane, built about the same time, outlasted the latter some two years. That mammoth mass of iron and steel, after being several times condemned and then re-opened to traffic, finally closed its career by plunging into the river 120 feet below its level. These incidents, costly and deplorable as they are, warn the public that it is necessary to spend money freely to repair and replace bridges spanning the rivers and streams, and our officials should be encouraged to so proceed at any cost in order to protect life and property. The tragedy at Umpqua has caused all good citizens and taxpayers to carefully consider this item of public expense, and the consensus of opinion is that a tax should be voted and other old structures across the Umpqua be replaced within the shortest possible time.

MADISON'S MUNICIPAL MARKET.

The Municipal Market idea and practice are wide-spread and growing, says the Portland Telegram. There is such common sense in the economy involved that its appeal to the vast majority of people is convincing. The municipal market is a money maker for the producer, and a money saver for the consumer, and these facts are the prime considerations which led to its establishment. In the Municipal Journal and Engineer, of August 16, appears a meaty and interesting article descriptive of the municipal market just completed and put in operation in the city of Madison, Wis. Concerning the construction of the market buildings,

which is treated in every detail, there is nothing of special local interest, save the one fact that all the concrete work, except making the forms, was done by city employees. Concerning the operation of the market there is much that ought to be locally interesting, for the reason that the methods employed would be beneficially applicable here. Regarding these methods we quote at length: "The market is open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily except Sundays. Space or stalls are let by a committee on markets of the common council and the superintendent of the market, the fee being 25 cents a day for a unit space. If a less space is desired a smaller fee is charged. No one except the producer, or one who has purchased produce outside of the city can sell his goods in the market area. All hay sold must be weighed on the city scales, and all wood must be measured by the superintendent, who gives the owner a certificate of weight or measurement, the charge for which is 10 cents. It is not permitted that teams or wagons shall use the public streets or alleys for the sale of fruit, vegetables or other farmers' produce, although farmers and licensed hucksters may peddle from house to house within the city limits. The health department has the right to inspect all goods in the market and refuse permission to sell any meats or other articles which are not wholesome. Another sanitary provision is that during the summer months the superintendent shall furnish a number of water-tight barrels and tubs, and that all occupants of stalls or stands must throw filth, washings and refuse matter into these. The waste matter received by them is removed by city carts immediately after market hours. The superintendent is given police power and instructed to maintain order within the market area. Before the opening of the market more than 5,000 circulars were sent to farmers living within a few miles of the city informing them concerning the market and urging them to make use of it. A considerable number of farmers responded, and the market has proved valuable and a convenience to the housekeeper of the city."

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ICE CREAM—For your ice cream orders call up the Douglas County Creamery, phone 349. B. B. Mynatt, of North Bend, Ore., arrived in Roseburg yesterday to spend a few days visiting at the home of Sheriff and Mrs. George Quine.

Mrs. William Bell and daughter, Elaine, left for Astoria yesterday morning where they will spend a couple of weeks enjoying the centennial.

"I should love to learn shorthand, if it weren't so expensive," said a young lady. It is not expensive in the Roseburg Business College. Miss George Dimmick, of Elkton, arrived in Roseburg this morning to spend a few days attending to business matters and visiting with friends.

Miss Roena Wilson left for Portland yesterday after three weeks spent in Roseburg visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson.

Mrs. C. L. Pearson and daughter have gone to California where they will spend a few weeks with friends. They were accompanied by little Donald McCallien.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Crandall and little son left for Lebanon, Portland and other northern cities yesterday morning where they will spend a couple of weeks.

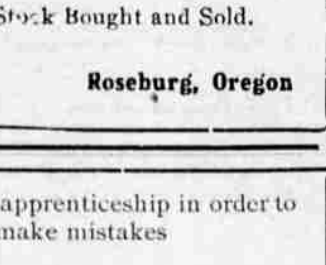
Among those who left for coast points on this morning's stages were Mrs. A. C. Dye and children, Mrs. J. H. Dye, Rev. B. Foskett, S. W. Tracy and I. J. Kaali.

LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Helen Yockey passed through Roseburg last evening enroute to her home at Medford after a few days spent at Portland and Astoria enjoying her annual vacation. Miss Yockey is a sister of L. E. Yockey, a local printer.

Miss Ivy Henderson, of Portland, arrived in Roseburg last evening to accept a position as trimmer at the millinery store conducted by James Perry. Miss Henderson comes to Roseburg highly recommended, having held positions in some of Portland's leading stores.

A. J. Risley and wife left for their home in San Francisco this morning after a couple of days spent in Roseburg visiting with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Risley stopped over here enroute to their home in California after a few weeks spent in Canada. Mr. Risley was formerly employed by the Southern Pacific Company in Roseburg.



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Miss Julia H. Dwire, of Los Angeles, who has been enjoying a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sussmlich in Garden Valley, leaves tomorrow morning for her home at Los Angeles. J. H. Inlow, the Sutherland contractor, today filed a lien against a new building recently erected by him at the instigation of L. H. and E. M. Smith, of Sutherland. The amount of the lien is \$253.31.

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