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DEMAND BRIDGE ACROSS RIVER

EVERYBODY CROSSING RIVER IS KICKING BECAUSE OF FERRY.

THE CITIZENS MAY PETITION

Long Delays at Ferry Cause Corvallis to Lose Much Trade and Makes Development Across River Improbable ---Bridge Could be Made Profitable.

The demand for a bridge across the Willamette, to replace the ferry service, is becoming so insistent that it seems the County Court can hardly refuse to take preliminary action very soon. The people of Linn County who make Corvallis their market are kicking, the Benton County people who must cross the river here find serious objection to the continuous delay occasioned by the ferry service, the merchants of this city, who find it well-nigh impossible to get their rightful share of the Linn county trade, are insistent on a bridge, and so far as known there isn't a single man familiar with the situation but is in favor of a bridge across the river here.

"Benton County loses thousands of dollars every year because it has no bridge here," is the statement made by different men who claim to know. They claim that many Linn county people will not come here to trade simply because they must wait at the ferry, and that they do have to wait is made clear to every observer who stand at the ferry and length of time. A half dozen vehicles on each side of the river were held up a half hour yesterday simply because the ferry could not handle the traffic, and it is reported that this condition in a more or less aggravated form exists at all times.

That a ferry service in this age is really out-of-date can, not be questioned, but it sometimes happens that a county hasn't the money to build all the bridges it wants. The argument here is that Benton county can get the money to build this bridge, and can not afford to neglect it longer. It is certain that more than a few feel that the bridge is a necessity and they propose to make things uncomfortable for county officials until favorable action is taken.

NOT PLEASED WITH PEARY'S ATTITUDE

Public Dislikes His Expressions in Regard to Cook and North Pole.

Peary may be a great explorer, but, like lots of other people, he makes the mistake of talking too much. He has created a bad impression, and though many are not thoroughly convinced that Cook actually reached the Pole, their sympathy is now with him rather than with Peary. From a

number interviewed the talk runs:

Peary Censured

"Cook did it like a hero and acted like a gentleman afterward" was the way one man put it, and this is the keynote of nearly all the expressions.

"Both got there, but only one gentleman reached the Pole" said another.

"Cook is a gentleman in his attitude; can't say as much for Peary," was another opinion.

"I think they both got there, but am sorry Peary did; he made a fool of himself," said another.

"My sympathies are with Cook, Peary is a poor sport," was the way another put it.

U. S. DOES NOT OWN NORTH POLE

Discovery of the North Pole by an American explorer does not give the top of the earth to the United States, was the statement of Professor Frederick Starr, the world-famed anthropologist of Chicago University, just before boarding the Empress of Japan.

"If the discoverer of the Pole made his journey to it from the west of Greenland," said the professor, "the land area found belongs to Canada; if from the body of Greenland proper, it belongs to Denmark. The mere planting of a nation's flag cannot hold the ground, and such a claim for the United States would be thrown out of court."

Professor Starr says he accepts Peary's statement without a doubt, but is inclined to be skeptical about Dr. Cook's story that he reached the North Pole.

"Peary," he said, "is known to be a scientific man, who makes only careful statements, and I am sure, therefore, that when he says anything he has the proofs to back it with. Dr. Cook, however, will have to substantiate his claim of having discovered the North Pole by carefully written notes showing minutely observations made along the journey, deviations of course, and why made, etc. The word of his Eskimos will have no bearing whatever, as the Eskimo will say whatever he thinks the man with him wishes him to say, and, moreover, he has no idea of importance of the point involved."

"Within the next 15 years I believe, there will be countless pilgrimages to the Pole by private enterprise only, and largely by hairbrained persons seeking imaginary riches, mineral and otherwise, which they will suppose to exist in the cold northern area."

Congress will be asked to set aside the Mount Hood forest reserve as a National Park, by the Chamber of Congress of Portland. It is contended that the improvement of the tract with good roads will tend to make it a scenic feature of the Northwest, and that with the prospect of a railroad from Portland in the near future, both summit and base of Mount Hood will become the mecca of tourists, who annually visit the Pacific Coast by the thousands.

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RUNAWAY LIVENS SECOND STREET

BUTCHER'S SPIRITED TEAM RACES DOWN MAIN.

DRIVER STICKS WITH TEAM

Wild Ride of Butcher Results in Nothing More Than a Slightly Damaged Vehicle---Runaway Dashes Over a Half Dozen Wagons.

The wildest, and wooliest of the score or more of runaways here the past few months took place yesterday evening when the Clarence Hout delivery team ran away. The horses, a pair of spirited bays, got frightened while standing in front of the shop and raced down Second street at break-neck speed. Ernest ---, the driver, was in the wagon and held gamely to the lines. He sought to guide them on down Second but the animals turned west at Madison, going around the corner on two wheels. At the alley way of the First National Bank they swerved into the sidewalk and then had a mix up with wagons standing in front of Gray's livery barn. The delivery wagon was overturned and the occupant thrown out, but the horses kept going, and the young man kept hold of the lines. At Third street the horses started to turn again and stumbled, and here they were stopped by the driver. The young man was uninjured, the delivery rig, which is a substantial one, was broken but little, and no real harm was done. The excitement drew a great crowd, and most expected to see the driver killed, but he was hardly flustered after his wild ride.

THE HOME STRETCH

The amusement feature of the Portland fair will be called the Home

Stretch. There will be many kinds of attractions, and all of a high class, and no one can afford to miss this fine feature. There will be something doing all the time and whoever misses the Home Stretch and the Portland fair will be doing themselves an injustice.

Among some of the attractions are the Bronco Busters, Joy Wheel, Charlot Races, Music, The Bohemian Girls, Crazy House, Hell, Merry Widow Cottage, Plantation, Etc., Etc.

There will also be a wireless telegraph station and demonstrations will be made daily.

The Union Meat Co. will have a fine exhibit, and some of the coffee, tea and spice houses will also exhibit.

There will be a barrel of fun, and don't miss it, for they will miss you.

ARE AFTER THE JOY RIDERS

Suburb Adopts Plan to Equitably Punish Joy Riders.

A sliding scale of penalization for automobile speeders has been made effective by the Board of Trustees of Kenilworth, a North Shore suburb. Hereafter any motorist who drives his car through Kenilworth faster than 20 miles an hour and slower than 25 miles an hour will be fined a dollar a mile; that is, he will be fined \$22 for running 22 miles for example. If the speed is between 25 and 30 miles the fine will be \$2 a mile. Above 30 miles the minimum fine will be \$100.

The doubling of the fine for speed over 25 miles an hour is on the theory that any motorist who drives his machine faster than that shows his purpose to violate the law. On the same

OREGONIAN GETS WIRES CROSSED

TALKS ABOUT O. A. C. SCHOOL OF MUSIC WITHOUT KNOWING.

A COMING VIOLINIST ALARMS

Portland's Big Paper Labors Under the Impression That Great Artist Coming is to Be Paid High Salary by the College---Gets Money From Fees.

Oregonian--"The Oregon Agricultural College--i. e., the State of Oregon through the regents of the Agricultural College--has imported from Germany a high-class, high-salaried teacher of music. Just what bearing his services will have upon the science of agriculture, in the interest of which the college at Corvallis is maintained, is not stated. Might it not be well (softly be it spoken) to allow parents to put on some of the frills in the name of education which the state is now taxed to supply? However, there may be some reason we have not yet heard of to teach the boys to sing to the steers while they follow the plow.

With all its perfection the Oregonian occasionally gets "off." It is sadly off in this instance. The Agricultural college, through its board of regents, has not employed a high salaried teacher of music; the college has no high salaried, or low salaried, musicians on its pay roll. While the college has a very strong School of Music, with a half-dozen superior artists giving instruction

theory a minimum fine of \$100 for speed over 30 miles an hour has been fixed.

in that department, the college doesn't pay one red cent toward their salary or maintenance. Though the Oregonian does not make the statement direct, it leaves the impression that the state taxes pay for O. A. C. music. The college authorities have provided rooms for the School of Music, but does not even provide equipment. The School of Music is maintained by the fees from students who take the course in music. Students are not required to take music--they may do so if they choose. Certainly the students of the the Agricultural College, as well as of any other institution, have a right to take on a little culture as they study pear slugs, coddling moths, scurvy in pigs, or rheumatism of alfalfa roots. This culture at O. A. C. costs only the student himself, or his parents--a fact the Oregonian might have learned had it glanced at the college catalogue or the President's report. The Oregonian's expression is hurtful, as it leaves a radically wrong impression and appeals to the unknowing in the most damaging way. It's up to the Oregonian to correct its misstatement.

Love, sunshine and common sense, thoroughly mixed in the proper proportion, beat all the patent medicines on the market as a cure-all for the ills of mind and body--and no alcohol is needed as a dissolvent or preservative. "Children cry for it."

Sunday Excursions to Newport

The C. & E. Railroad will run regular excursions to Newport every Sunday until further notice, leaving Corvallis at the same time as heretofore. Fare for round trip, \$1.50. 9-9-tf R. C. LINVILLE, Agent.

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