

SEEMS SURE THAT POLK WILL VOTE ON BONDS

All Polk county has been "stirred up" within the past ten days, the good roads germ having gotten into the blood of a large number of citizens.

At a meeting held in Dallas on Saturday, April 12, which was attended by a liberal representation of every part of the county, it was unanimously voted to petition the county court to call a special election for the purpose of submitting to the electorate a proposition to bond the county in the amount of \$265,000 for the purpose of improving certain highways. A committee consisting of A. B. Starobuck of Dallas, C. W. Irvine of Independence, H. J. Elliott of Perrydale, J. F. Ulrich of Airlie, W. H. Beard of Falls City, J. B. V. Butler of Monmouth and Jack Syron of Red Frame picked the particular roads where the money would be used as follows:

1. For preparing grade as laid out thru Holmes Gap and south of Monmouth along the main road across Helmick bridge, thence skirting Wheeler mill to the east and to the Airlie-Suver road, thence south along the main Corvallis road to the south county line, 26 miles, \$40,000.
2. For preparing grade from the intercounty bridge at West Salem to the intersection of Main and Academy streets at Dallas, as now surveyed and staked out by the Highway commission, 15 miles, \$13,000.00.
3. For the purpose of preparing the road bed or matching State and Federal aid between Dallas and the north county line via Salt Creek and Ballston, 13 miles, \$39,000.
4. For the same purpose as paragraph 3, from the intersection of the road where the Perrydale road crosses at the foot of Dolph hill to the intersection with the West Side Highway at the Waldo Finn corner via Perrydale and McCoy, 7 miles, \$21,000.00.
5. For the same purpose as paragraph 3, from Dallas to Falls City, 10 miles, \$30,000.00.
6. For the same purpose as paragraph 3, from Fern crossing to Airlie, via Lewisville, 8½ miles, \$24,000.00.
7. For the same purpose as paragraph 3, from Airlie to the crossing of the West Side Highway at Suver, 5 miles, \$20,000.00.
8. For the same purpose as paragraph 3, from Suver to Stump's corner, north to Independence, stubbing Buena Vista, 11½ miles, \$30,000.00.
9. For the same purpose as paragraph 3, from the Salem bridge to Lincoln store, 6 miles, \$18,000.00.
10. For the same purpose as paragraph 3, from Clamfield's corner, thru Clearview, to county line, 8 miles \$23,000.00.
11. For the same purpose as paragraph 3, from Perrydale west to C. B. Byrley corner, 3 miles, \$7,000.

"If issue bonds for \$265,000," said Chairman Patterson, "there'll be \$600,000 or \$700,000 more available from the highway commission, making approximately \$1,500,000 to be spent on roads in Polk county in the next five years and if the mileage tax measure, which will be voted on at the special June election, carries, it will give us about \$40,000 per year additional."

Buena Vista naturally objects to being placed on a stub as proposed in paragraph 8 and is making an effort to get it changed. Many are also disappointed that one of the main thoroughfares of the county, the one from Independence north to Brunk's corner, a portion of which is already paved, is not included in the list.

Petitions are being circulated and signed to be presented to the county court. In order to legally sign one of these petitions it is necessary that you be a registered voter and if registered your name must appear the same on the petition as it does on the registration books. The county clerk is rejecting numerous names because the law is not complied with in this respect.

There will be no difficulty in securing the required number of names on the petition and while it appears on the surface that the bonding proposition will carry if submitted to the people, there is much undertone opposition that will become more audible as the time approaches for the election.

HOP MARKET IS STRONGER

(Salem Journal.)

The hop market is stronger and there is an upward tendency in prices. This is due, it is said to the probabilities that American brewers may have an extended life of about seven months due to the fact that the war time ruling as to prohibition July 1 may not become effective. It is thought that many brewers are short on hops going on the supposition that war time prohibition would be effective July 1. In Salem the prevailing prices for the better hops are 30 cents for this year, 28 cents a pound for 1920 and 25 cents for 1921. It is understood that about 2000 acres of new hops have been planted in Oregon this year.

WARREN COMPANY GETS PAVING JOB

The State Highway Commission has given the contract for paving from Rickreall to Monmouth and Independence to the Warren Construction Co, eight and three-tenths miles for \$204,122.

A BUNCH OF LIVE ONES

INCLUDING AN OFFICIAL WAR PICTURE

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 23

VIVIAN MARTIN in "Her Country First"; Based upon the short story by Mary Roberts Rinehart. Also the MACK SENNETT COMEDY, "Beware of Boarders."

THURSDAY APRIL 24

SECOND OFFICIAL WAR PICTURE OF THE UNITED STATES, "AMERICA'S ANSWER"

It is a tremendous correlation of pictured facts of America's participation in the Great War. There is no fiction about it! It is truth—graphic, startling, pulse-stirring truth! Taken by the U. S. Signal Corps A. E. F.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

ETHEL CLAYTON in "The Girl Who Came Back." The daughter of an expert crackman has no easy life of it, particularly if she's a thoughtful girl and her father has been unkind to her. Ethel Clayton takes this difficult role in "The Girl Who Came Back" and the coming back part will make you catch your breath now and again. She learns to break safes and swipe pearls with the best of them, but one day Cupid burgles her heart—a wonderful scene.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

CARMEL MYERS in Paul Powell's dramatic gem, "Who Will Marry Me?" A splendid Bluebird.

SUNDAY APRIL 27

DOROTHY GISH in "Battling Jane" and MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY DREW in one of their rich comedies. This is an evening you will greatly enjoy.

THE BEST PARAMOUNT PICTURES

CLUBS AND SOCIETY

Dean Fawcett's Lecture

Dean Fawcett of the O. A. C. lectured to women and girls at the High School building Wednesday evening. Quite a number of ladies were present to hear her beautiful message on "Character Building of the Girl." She advanced many ideas which will inspire and help the mother and teacher and all those who even come in contact with girls. After the talk the gathering repaired to the domestic science department where many finished articles of wearing apparel were on display. Mrs. McClaren, the domestic science teacher, is to be highly commended for the excellent work her class is doing.

Kill Kares Elect Officers

The Kill Kares met with Mrs. Sherman Hays in business session this week and elected the following officers: Mrs. Chas. Irvine, president; Mrs. Geo. Carbray, secretary. They decided to have their annual picnic May 4 at the W. L. Bice home near Oregon City. The Bices were formerly members of the club and usually join in the picnic festivities.

Mrs. J. N. Jones Hostess to N. C.

Mrs. J. N. Jones was a very delightful hostess to the Needlecraft Thursday afternoon. The group of congenial friends made a talkfest and workfest of the occasion. They have been meeting each week preparing for their Easter-bazaar. Mrs. Jones served dainty refreshments to the gathering.

Autowins Go To Dallas

The Autowins went to Dallas Wednesday evening where they

were most delightfully entertained by Judge and Mrs. A. B. Robinson. Five hundred furnished ample amusement for the evening, tables being placed amid an admirable setting of Spring flowers and foliage. An elegant repast was served to the club members and invited guests, Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Mattison.

Christian Church Aid Entertained

The members of the Ladies Aid of the Christian Church were very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. S. Taylor Jones last Wednesday afternoon. These busy ladies are making time count at their meetings now preparing for their annual bazaar. The hostess served light refreshments.

Delightful Birthday Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Jones were very delightful hosts at a birthday dinner given for their daughter, Mrs. Earl Ruef, last Sunday. Mrs. Susan Jones and daughters, Misses Katherine and Grace of Corvallis also shared in the pleasures of the day. Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ruef and small daughter, Mrs. Susan Jones, Misses Katherine and Grace Jones, Miss Helen Jones and the host and hostess.

AIRLIE

H. Hedgepath was laid to rest on Monmouth in the Airlie cemetery. Ray Byerly is superintending the Bob Tartar hopyard for Bishop Bros. of Portland.

Mrs. John Weinart gave birth to a son at the Dallas hospital on Monday, April 14.

Sam Hastings has located at Kennewick, Wash. His family will join him there soon.

INDEPENDENCE BANKS BUY VICTORY BONDS

Independence "went over the top" in the Victory Loan drive before the campaign opened. The Independence National Bank and the Farmers State Bank purchased the entire quota of this section. Sundry citizens have taken occasion to publicly thank the banks for their generosity and patriotism in an announcement elsewhere in this issue.

While the banks have purchased the entire quota of Victory Bonds it does not mean that any citizen is barred from buying any of them. Either bank will sell as many bonds as are wanted upon request. A large number have already been sold to private individuals and many more will be sold during the coming few days.

LOCAL GUARD TO BECOME NATIONAL

Preparatory to the mustering of the local state guards into the National Guard service, Adjutant General Mays was in Independence one night recently and sized up the boys and expressed himself as quite highly pleased with them.

The company on Wednesday night held an election to choose its officers for the National Guard and the following were elected: C. L. Stidd, captain; Grant McLaughlin, first lieutenant; Ira D. Mix, second lieutenant; Dr. H. C. Dunsmore, enchain with the rank of first lieutenant. The officers-elect must first pass the required examination before being given their commissions. The captain will receive \$500 per year, first lieutenants \$240 and the second lieutenant \$200, but all must purchase their own uniforms. Privates get their uniforms free and \$7.50 monthly for being present at four drills, \$2 being deducted for each drill missed. Sergeants and corporals receive an extra allowance.

The company is still open for recruits and those wishing to join, should see one of the officers at once.

Should a company of the national guard have its headquarters here, an armory would have to be built.

HISTORIAN HIMES PLEASES AUDIENCE

The historical exhibition at the Isis Friday afternoon, shown by George Himes, secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, was well attended and considering the down-pour the attendance far surpassed expectations. Mr. Himes appeared under the auspices of the Civic Club. Mrs. J. S. Cooper and Mrs. Sherman Hays were the committee in charge of the function and they are to be commended for their splendid management. A number of pioneers were club guests and formed a line party at the theater. Some of the old timers saw the pictures of their parents on the screen and nearly all of them were reminded of "ye olden days" when "coming across the plains" meant indescribable hardships for those answering the "Call of the Wild."

The picture of the first white child born in Oregon was shown and many Portland buildings when the present metropolis was merely a village. Several of the first settlers of Polk county were also shown.

School children gained valuable knowledge from the slides and explanatory notes.

JUDGE BELT DECLARES DAM LAW INVALID

Dallas—Holding that the law enacted by the 1917 session of the Oregon legislature empowering the public service commission to grant franchises to logging companies for operating splash dams and flooding of streams for the floating of logs is unconstitutional, Judge H. H. Belt in the circuit court has granted a permanent injunction against the Spaulding Logging company from operating under its franchise on the Luckiamute river in Polk county. The suit for injunction was brought against the logging company by J. F. Logan, who owns and operates a grist mill on the Luckiamute at Kings Valley. Logan asserted that the flooding of the stream by the loggers interfered with the operation of his mill and caused him damage.

Judge Belt holds that the act is unconstitutional from the fact that it conflicts with the constitutional right of an individual to have his property assessed and damages awarded before it may be taken in whole or part for public service and on the further ground that the legislature cannot delegate the power to grant franchises to a commission, but only to another legislative body, such as a county court or city council. The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

FERRY IN ITS LAST DAYS; NEW ONE PROBABLE

The ferry, which has been traveling between Polk and Marion counties at Independence, has been looked over by experts and they declare it needs fixing. Its days of usefulness are apparently drawing to a close and it seems to be the impression that a new one will be built and used until a bridge spans the river or an airplane service is installed, neither of which may be many years off.

You can get it at Craven & Huff's.

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Auditorium