

INFORMAL PORT MEETING SATURDAY

An informal meeting of the Port Commissioners was held at Acme Saturday morning to arrange for the sale of port bonds. While nothing official was transacted it was agreed that the secretary advertise in the Portland papers for bids on \$100,000 port bonds. The bids to be opened on February 20, 1915. It is understood the reason given for setting the date at that time was to give Eastern firms an opportunity to bid.

PATRON TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AT MAPLETON

There is to be a meeting at Mapleton, Friday, January 22, for the purpose of organizing a patron teachers association. All patrons of any school are eligible for membership and are earnestly requested to be present as there will be matters brought up that are of importance to all those interested in school work.

TINIEST TWIN BABIES BORN

Two little baby girls, so tiny that they are just a handful, were born January 11 to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Susperrek, 768 York street. The babies are girls, Annie and Olga. One weighs one and a quarter pounds, the other two and a quarter pounds. Dr. Jennie Matelsky, who at-

tended the mother, says that both babies are in fine condition and will live. The smallest baby cannot be fed in the natural way and the doctor and nurse have been having a strenuous time feeding her with a medicine dropper. These are the first children born to Mr. and Mrs. Susperrek, who have been married 16 years.—Oregonian.

O. A. C. HEAD IS HONORED

Corvallis, Jan. 14.—President Kerr of Oregon Agricultural College has been elected vice-president of the Land Grant Engineering Association, an organization of the representatives of the land grant colleges, giving work in various branches of engineering. There are 65 such institutions, and the election of Dr. Kerr is considered a recognition of the high standing of A. O. C. among institutions devoted to technical instruction.

A. B. Cordley, dean of the school of agriculture and director of the experiment station, has been notified of his election to membership in the Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science. This society was formed 20 years ago.

The high water assisted by the wind tore out about 100 yards of the dike along the ranch of Hazen Johnson on the North Fork through the water poured and completely inundated his ranch. It will cause him considerable trouble and no small expense to replace the dike in as good condition as it was before.

State Engineer H. L. Bowlby in his annual report says Lane county paid \$13,991 too much for the steel used in a bridge across the Willamette river at Eugene. Several things indicate that poor methods were used in the letting of the contract for the building of this bridge. According to an investigation of the methods of constructing this bridge by the state engineer, the old structure was condemned by an engineer paid by the company which finally secured the contract. It is stated in the report, this same company, the Coast Bridge company, prepared the plans and gave an estimate of the reasonable cost. The bridge contract was then let, without giving any publicity to the fact that the county intended to build a bridge. It is also stated that the county clerk's records show that every claim for the payment for this bridge was assigned by the contractor to one of the county commissioners.

Good roads and good bridges are good to have, but at this price to the taxpayers they will come high. If the steel cost \$14,000 too much, it is reasonable to assume that everything else was also excessive.

Western Lane county has been putting up its share each year for extensive, expensive improvements in the eastern portion of the county, and receiving in exchange extensive, expensive neglect.

A good one—"Honor thy father and mother, but not stranger's cheques."

TIMBER SALES ON NATIONAL FORRESTS

Secretary of Agriculture Houston, in his annual report, outlines, in a general way, the policy of the department regarding timber sales in the national forests:

While almost all the grazing areas on the forests are in demand, most of the timber is not, and the department is confronted with a situation radically different. Development work in these sections means handling the timber so that it will assist in opening up the country. Whenever general business and market conditions make it possible to sell large bodies of now inaccessible timber, the aim is to offer the timber on terms which will tend to increase transportation facilities, promote settlement, and build up permanent communities. Where timber can be sold the benefits of Government management of the forests as public resources are apparent now. Where, however the timber is not in demand at present a difficult situation sometime exists. Lowering the price of stumpage has been urged for increasing sales, but if such course had any effect at all, it would be unfavorable to public interest. Upon the greater part of the timber it would have no effect, because no manufacturer could, under presents conditions, afford to cut the timber at any price. In these sections, as a rule, the possibility of marketing it depends upon a greater activity in the lumber trade. At present the lumbermen are forced by general market conditions to curtail output, and the department can not expect to make many large sales. Still, large bodies of timber are being offered on terms which may attract purchasers, and at the same time the development of small sales for the supply of local needs, should not be overlooked, since these provide a fairly steady market even when the general market is depressed. In a word, the timber sale policy aims to make the resources serviceable to the public now, as well as in the future, in the fullest degree which scientific production and utilization can make possible.

WANT TO CHANGE THE COUNTY LINE

By the change Lane will gain some four townships south of Bohemia, but it will give up a little more than one township at the extreme southeast of the county. It will also give up a strip, that the line may follow the section line for a distance of eighteen miles just west of London Springs and Latham. The strip would average less than a mile and a half in width.

From that point west there are minor exchanges, including the giving of a small amount of territory south and east of Alma, or southwest of the Lorane country. No changes are made after the present line reaches the Siuslaw river, which serves as a definite line, and from the point where the line again leaves the Siuslaw river at township 18, range eight west to the west coast of the county.

"I favor it because we have no definite line at present. In some instances we have assumed a line," said Mr. Keeney. "It will be a great aid in the recording of deeds, for it will fix a definite line. At present the county faces the expense of having a permanent survey of the southern boundary, and this change will eliminate the need for this."

The following is the proposed southern boundary as agreed upon by the two assessors, and which will probably go into a bill to the present legislature:

Beginning at the northeast corner of tp. 24 S. R. 5 E. of the W. M., thence west 30 miles to the Willamette meridian, north 6 miles to the northeast corner of tp. 24 S. R. 1 W. W. M., west to the northeast corner of tp. 24 S. R. 4 W., W. M., north to the northeast corner of tp. 21 S. R. 4 W., W. M., west to the northeast corner of tp. 21 S., R. 6 W., W. M., north 2 miles, west 6 miles to the township line; thence north to the northeast corner of tp. 20 S., R. 7 W., W. M., west to the northwest corner of said township 20 S., R. 7 W., W. M., north to the northeast corner of Sec. 25, tp. 19 S., R. 8 W., W. M., west 1 mile, north 3 miles to the northeast corner of Sec. 11, tp. 19 S., R. 9 W., W. M., thence

west to the township line between ranges 8 and 9, thence north to the northeast corner of Sec. 13, tp. 19 S., R. 9 W., W. M., thence west on section line to the northwest corner of Sec. 9, tp. 19 S., R. 10 W., W. M., south 3 miles to the northeast corner of Sec. 29, Tp. 19 S., R. 10 W., W. M., thence west 1 mile to the northwest corner of said Sec. 29 south, 2 miles to the southeast corner of Sec. 31, Tp. 19 S., R. 10 W., W. M., west 1 mile to the southwest corner of tp. 19 S., R. 10 W., W. M., south 1/2 mile to the east quarter section corner of Sec. 1, Tp. 20 S., R. 11 W., thence west on the half section line to the east coast of the Pacific ocean.—Eugene Guard.

The Morning Register of January 17 has the following concerning the proposed boundary change: The proposition to make slight changes in the boundary line between Lane and Douglas counties so as to include all of the Bohemia mining district within Lane county, may not be made to the legislature. The courts of the two counties agreed upon certain changes but yesterday a proposition came up to include all of the Siuslaw river within Lane county, so that this county would have full jurisdiction over the stream in case an attempt should ever be made to improve it for logging purposes. Assessor Keeney said yesterday that this may have the effect of preventing the introduction of the bill making the changes. As compensation for that portion of the mining district proposed to be annexed to Lane county, Douglas county was to receive other territory along the Siuslaw and south of Cottage Grove. In fixing the line along the Siuslaw certain interests wanted the river entirely in Lane.

NORTH BEND BANK ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of North Bend Tuesday evening, nearly all the directors were present and a large number of stockholders. Little business was transacted except the election of officers.

Henry Kern was elected president; C. S. Winsor, former president of the Bank of Oregon was elected vice-president; J. H. Greve, cashier and H. L. Bergman, assistant cashier.

The directors were elected by the stockholders and are as follows: L. J. Simpson, C. S. Winsor, Jno. H. Greves, Fred Hollister, H. L. Bergman, C. M. Byler, J. A. Allen, Robert Banks and H. G. Kern.—Harbor.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS

The regular meeting of the city council was held Monday evening, to which all were present except A. O. Knowles. The regular routine of business was transacted. C. J. Mahoney resigned as city attorney and Dr. M. V. Forrest was appointed health officer without pay.

Two of the life saving crew from the Umpqua were visiting friends in Florence for a few days last week.

The Patay came in Sunday and discharged her freight for river points. She has been bar bound for several days at Tillamook. She left south Monday morning and will make the Umpqua before returning to Portland.

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