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## WE HAVE ORDERED CITY ENGINEER TO ESTIMATE

## WANT SURVEY OF INNER HARBOR IMPROVEMENT

The city council held a meeting Monday evening and proposed to buy the lot of Mr. Miller, north of the Presbyterian church for \$25,000, that being the price agreed upon by him.

W. H. O'Kelly offered to clear the brush from the street leading to the coast, from 12th to 20th street, eight blocks for \$1.00. His bid was accepted. All other bids for the clearing the right of way to the coast was rejected, and the clerk was ordered to re-advertise for new bids on the work.

The engineer reported that the State Board of Health has approved of the proposed plans for a water system. The council ordered the engineer to make an estimate of the cost of constructing the water tank on the Miller lot.

## MARRIED AT HAMMOND, OR.

M. B. McIrwin, foreman of the pile driver at the jetty left last week for Hammond, Oregon, and Sunday at 2 o'clock was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Hansen, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Rudolph Pagemen. A cottage has been constructed on the hill above the receiving wharf of the north jetty and the young people will make their home there.

U. G. Weidman and family who have been living in Florence for the past few years, have moved to Woodlawn, Washington, to make their home.

Several petitions have circulated the past few days, the object of which is to secure action toward the improvement of the inner harbor, and read as follows:

To the Honorable Port Commissioners, Port of Siuslaw—

We the undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body to request and urge Senators Chamberlain and Lane, and Congressman Hawley to arrange for a survey and estimate of a project for the dredging of the inner harbor.

## BOOKS ADDED TO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The following books have been recently added to the Florence Public Library.

Ruskin, John—Sesame and Lilies.

Doyle, A. C.—Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

Page, T. N.—Red Rock.

Wells, H. G.—The First Men in the Moon.

Russel, W. C.—The Two Captains.

Hugo, Victor—His Miserables, Vol. I and Vol. II.

Hugo, Victor—Ninety Three.

Hugo Victor—The Laughing Man.

Hugh, Victor—Notre Dame.

Ryan, M. G.—That Girl Montana.

W. A. Johnson, and wife, who have been visiting at the home of Morris Johnson, left for their home in Greely County, Nebraska Tuesday morning.

## Thanksgiving Proclamation

Washington, Oct. 21.—President Wilson today, in a proclamation designating Thursday, November 25, as Thanksgiving day, called attention to the fact that the United States has been at peace while most of Europe has been at war, and to the abundant crops, ample financial resources and prosperity. The proclamation says:

"It has long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful Autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us as a Nation. The year that is now drawing to a close since we last observed our day of National thanksgiving has been, while a year of discipline because of the mighty forces of war and of changes which have disturbed the world, also a year of special blessing for us.

"Another year of peace has been vouchsafed us; another year in which not only to take thought of our duty to ourselves and to mankind, but also to adjust ourselves to the many responsibilities thrust upon us by a war which has involved almost the whole of Europe.

"We have been able to assert our rights and the rights of mankind without breach of friendship with the great nations with whom we had to deal, and while we have asserted rights, we have been able also to perform duties and exercise privileges of succor and helpfulness which should serve to demonstrate our desire to make the offices of friendship the means of truly disinterested and unselfish service.

"Our ability to serve all who could avail themselves of our services in the midst of a crisis, has been increased by a gracious Providence, by more and more abundant crops; our ample financial resources have enabled us to steady the markets of the world and facilitate necessary movement of commerce which the war might otherwise have rendered impossible; and our people have come more and more to a sober realization of the part they have been called upon to play in a time when all the world is shaken by unparalleled distresses and disasters.

"The extraordinary circumstances of such a time have done much to quicken our National consciousness and deepen and confirm our confidence in the principles of peace and freedom by which we have always sought to be guided.

"Out of darkness and perplexities have come firmer counsels of policy and clearer perceptions of the essential welfare of the Nation. We have prospered while other people were at war, but our prosperity has been vouchsafed us, we believe only that we might the better perform the functions which war rendered it impossible for them to perform.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-fifth of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease from their wonted occupations and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks to Almighty God."

## WANT TO BOND LANE COUNTY FOR HIGHWAY

The first gun in the campaign for hard-surfaced roads in Lane county was fired at a banquet given at the Hotel Osburn last night by Frank L. Chambers. After an enthusiastic session of speech-making in which a large majority of the speakers favored this class of road construction in the future, a motion unanimously carried to the effect that it be the sense of the meeting that the county court proceed upon lines that of later to be formulated to get a hard-surface road construction basis, and that it be the sense of the meeting that steps be taken to bond the county for a hard surface road from the northern boundary of the county to the southern boundary. Mr. Chambers, who acted as chairman of the meeting, was empowered to select a committee from the citizenry of the county at large to formulate plans for the carrying out of this project.

For three hours the citizens present, men from all parts of Lane county, discussed the proposition of paved roads. There were men present from

the remotest sections of the county, men who had made the trip to Eugene for the express purpose of accepting the hospitality of Mr. Chambers and to discuss roads. And almost to a man the hard-surface idea was favored, but the question was how to raise the money to build them. While a majority of the speakers were in favor of the bonding proposition, some, who are in close touch with the farmers at large, declared it to be their opinion that the farmers are not in favor of a bonding proposition at the present time.

Mr. Chambers called upon men from nearly every walk of life. He desired to get an expression as far as possible from the "average" man, the man who is not radical either one way or the other, and he expressed himself afterward that he was convinced more than ever that the small taxpayer as well as the man of wealth is in favor of the proposition of a hard-surfaced highway.

In his opening remarks Mr. Chambers said: "As taxpayers

and road users it is up to us to ask the county court for what we want. It is for that purpose that we are here tonight. We will never get anything unless we ask for it. With our soil and the rock we have we cannot successfully build a macadam road. It wears out in a year or two and has to be rebuilt. We must have some hard surface road to be up to the needs of the days.

In a stretch of territory 10 miles wide, with the Pacific highway extending through the center, is one-half of the property valuation of the county, hence I believe that the first hard-surface road should be on the highway from one end of the county to the other through this belt.

Mr. Norton, of the Siuslaw, Mr. Davis, of Mohawk, and R. B. Coglon did not think the people in the western end of the county would be willing to bond themselves for the road.

Figures were given by Mr. Chambers and others regarding the probable cost of a hard-surface highway through the county. The estimate of the cost was \$600,000. Figures were shown that the tax rate to take care of the interest upon this sum would be 19 cents upon every thousand dollars worth of property in the county. If a man pays taxes upon \$1000 worth of property he would pay 19 cents a year for 15 years, or if he pays on \$10,000, it would cost him \$1.90 a year.

E. J. Adams moved, and the motion carried unanimously, that it be the sense of the meeting that the county court be asked to include in its tax budget one-half of one mill for the construction of a road to the coast.—Register.

Those attending from the lower Siuslaw were E. R. McCornack, and W. H. Weatherston.

Mr. McCornack expressed himself at the meeting as believing

that the people of Eugene moved in a six-foot circle and could not see much beyond that boundary, and while he was reluctant to oppose any good-roads proposition it was his belief that the Western part of Lane county would not look with favor upon the proposition under present condition, especially when a comparison of development of highways as present was made.

The Register says that figures were shown that the tax rate to take care of the interest upon this sum (\$600,000) would be 19 cents upon every thousand dollars worth of property in the county for 15 years, or a person would pay \$1.90 a year upon every \$10,000. Mr. McCornack informed us that this is as he understood the statement, and asked for its verification that evening and was told it was correct.

We cannot understand just how the figures were used to prove this. The assessor announces that the total assessed valuation as completed by his office shows \$35,353,640, and allowing public utilities to bring this up to \$40,000,000 in round figures, nineteen cents on every one thousand dollars would only raise \$7,600 per year. The interest on \$600,000 computed at 6 per cent will be for the first year \$36,000 or it would take 90 cents on each thousand, or \$9.00 on each \$10,000. This was just a slight mistake in figures.

## SURVEYING A COUNTY ROAD

Frank Munroe is surveying a county road from the Fiddle creek bridge to Talitooos lake near the Brewster ranch. The proposed road will follow down the north side of the creek to the lake and on around to Brewsters, where it is proposed to locate a railroad station.

# We Invite Your Inspection

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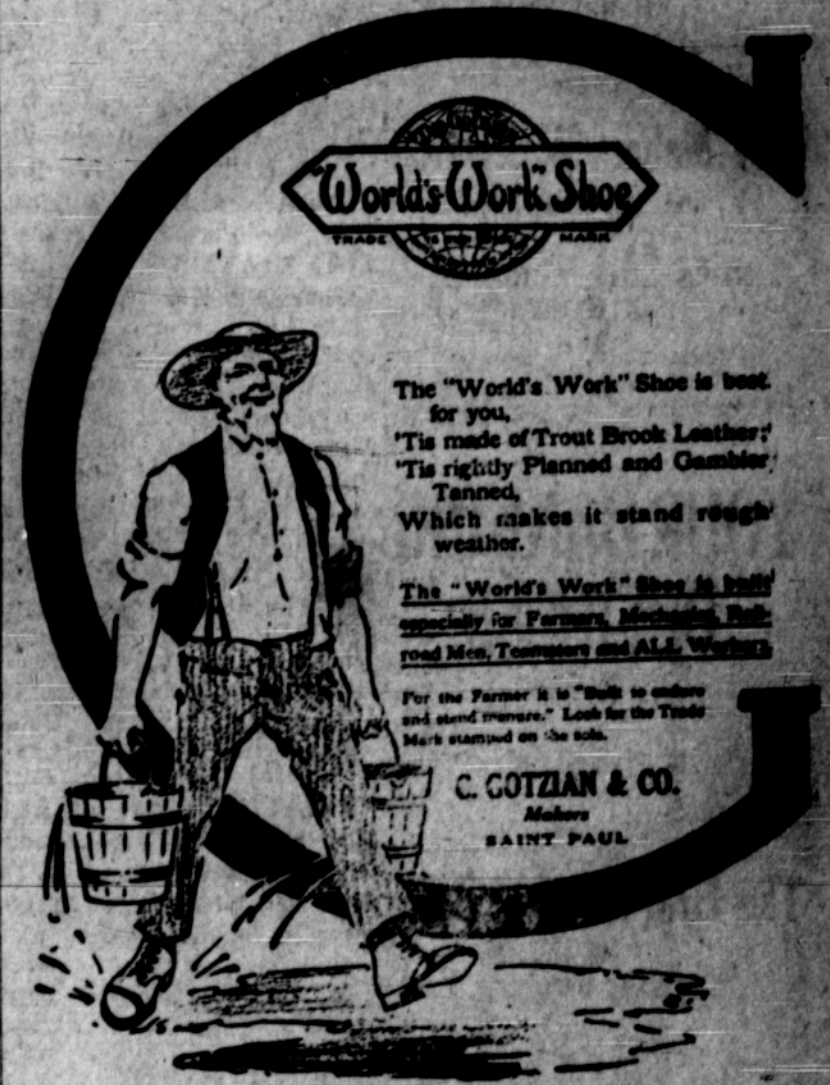
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