

ROADS ARE LIVE WIRE'S SUBJECT

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS FEASTED BY LOCAL CLUB. PROGRAM WAS SPLENDID

JUDGE MAKES CORRECTIONS

Great Meal Provided for Well-attended Meeting. Salmon on the Menu

Good roads and patriotism furnished food for thought and king salmon, with a galaxy of tempting side dishes filled the inner man on Wednesday noon at what was probably the most successful meeting ever held by the Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial club.

From the time Dr. W. T. Milliken of the Baptist church pronounced the invocation until the last stirring word from the orator, James H. Cary, had sounded its patriotic notes, the meeting was interesting and rapidly active.

The speaking program was started by the address of welcome made by Livy Stipp, who welcomed the road supervisors heartily for the purpose of promoting a spirit of friendly cooperation between the interests of the county seat and the country folk.

County Judge H. S. Anderson, literally between "the devil and the deep sea" as far as road subjects were concerned, took his part upon the program in excellent style.

Judge Grant B. Dimick, conversant with road matters in the county by virtue of his experience as county judge and as a taxpayer, discussed the subject, Judge Dimick accused the chronic "knocker" for much of the trouble which is put in the way of any road program outlined in this county.

Judge Dimick bore upon the topic of the spirit of the Oregon farmer, and at the same time decried the lack of farm development, not only in this county but elsewhere.

Appropriately, the meeting closed, after a brief talk by Main Trunk C. Schuebel, with the thrilling patriotic address of James H. Cary. Mr. Cary did his ability as an orator much justice and at the same time stirred his audience by his forceful statements as to the duty of the citizenship of a united nation in crushing out the foul weed of Prussian militarism.

CHARGE AGED WOMAN WITH HIDING MONEY

HOFFMAN ESTATE IS AGAIN IN COURTS. POT OF GOLD IS MISSING. \$1279 ASKED

There was a pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow that formed after the storm of settling up the estate of the late George T. Hoffman, who died in August of 1913. And the heirs of the estate are now in the courts seeking to adjust finally and definitely all claims to the golden treasure.

A complaint filed in Judge Campbell's court on Friday says that Mrs. Emaline Hoffman, widow of George T. Hoffman, knows something about a golden treasure left by her husband and that she is withholding such information from the other beneficiaries.

The complaint filed Friday by Ida E. Ogden, F. S. Hoffman, Curtis Hoffman and Cora Owens intimates that a sack of coin, probably containing \$4500, was supposed to be near George T. Hoffman at the time of his death.

The Hoffman estate has been on the court docket here almost continuously since August, 1913, the time of Hoffman's death. It appeared recently to be practically settled when the complaint filed Friday was prepared and the entire matter was thrown back upon the courts for solution.

COUNTY MAKES REPLY

Claims of Fish Family Will be Contested by District Attorney

District Attorney Hedges last Thursday filed answers to the several suits brought against the county by the Fish family, which seeks to recover a total of \$4400 for an accident suffered on the road to New Era last year.

Judge Goes to Astoria

Proceedings in the circuit court here paused for a time this week because of the absence of Judge J. U. Campbell and R. B. Runyan, court reporter.

In the Divorce Court

WOULD ORGANIZE COUNTY COUNCIL

OBJECT IS TO PROMOTE COMPLETE PREPAREDNESS OF RESOURCES

ALL AGENCIES TO COMBINE

Nation Approaching Emergency Must Look to the Farms to Win in its Warfare

Oregon City and Clackamas county have been called upon to show their patriotism in a concrete form—to assist the state and nation in a definite action toward agricultural preparedness.

Agricultural and other organizations that have the interest of the county at heart will be urged to select one of their number as a member of the proposed council. The council, according to the outline of plans given to the Courier yesterday by T. D. Case of the Agricultural college, will direct the preparedness campaign in this county and make plans for the organization meeting to be held on May 12.

Startling facts regarding the world wide shortage of food make it imperative that every effort be made to secure a maximum production of food during the present season.

The nation may now be approaching the greatest emergency in her history, and we must rise to meet it with every resource at our command.

It is not yet too late to plant such crops as oats, barley, buckwheat, beans, potatoes, corn, roots, vegetables and crops for hay and stock food.

Some are afraid to plant extensively for fear of an over supply and consequent low prices. The world shortage is so great that no fear need be felt along this line.

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Denny Surrenders

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NEW LOOMS IN AND MILLS WILL START

PROBABLY JULY BEFORE MOVING IS DONE AND ENTIRE PLANT IS AT WORK

Thirty-four new woolen weaving looms will be put into operation at the Oregon City Manufacturing company's woolen mills here about Wednesday as the first unit of the new addition which has just been completed.

The work of moving equipment from the old buildings to the new concrete structure will start next week and in the meantime the 34 new looms will be operated by electrical power furnished by the P. R. L. & P. Co.

With the completion of the new addition the woolen mills will have practically a 60 per cent greater capacity than at present. The building occupies a ground space of 80 by 250 feet.

TWO BOARDS PLAN A UNION HIGH SCHOOL

WEST LINN AND WILLAMETTE VOTERS AUTHORIZE EARLY CONSTRUCTION

Taxpayers in the Willamette and West Linn school districts Saturday turned out in very small numbers to vote their approval of plans for the consolidation of the two districts for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a union high school.

Within the next month another special election will be called in West Linn to decide upon the bond issue, and there is thought to be little doubt, in view of the vote Saturday, that the issue will be authorized.

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The right fore finger on the hand of Robert Kern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kern, was chopped off Saturday afternoon by a hatchet in the hand of the lad's little sister.

NETS MAKE POOR FIRST DAY HAUL

ANGLERS DISPOSSESSED AFTER AN UNFRUITFUL SEASON. WARDEN BUSY

THREE BUYERS ARE OPERATING

Price is Said to Be High. This May Be Last Season for the Gill Netters

After one of the poorest angling seasons in many years the rod and line fishermen on the Willamette river were dispossessed at noon Tuesday and the gill netters turned out in full force.

The usual competition among buyers is eliminated for the most part, because of an agreement made between the buyers and the Fishermen's union, and no matter who buys the fish from the nets, the three firms buying from the river here will undoubtedly share evenly in the catch.

The anglers have had an unusually poor year, although they believe that there are more fish in the river than there have been for many years.

A few of the season's horde of gill netters drifted their nets shortly after noon on Tuesday, but the majority, as usual, waited for darkness.

Many of the gill netters quit their work in disgust after the first few hauls at the nets failed to bring up the royal chinook in great quantities from his dam home.

The three buyers operating in this community fared poorly, of course, in view of the light catch Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Reports from Jennings Lodge yesterday brought further hope to the hearts of the anglers and net men alike.

The local fishermen are drifting their nets for the last season unless the referendum of the Clackamas County Fishermen's union against the Gill bill is successful.

Cruelty is the allegation made by Marjorie Pierson against A. Romeyn Pierson, Jr., in a divorce complaint filed here Saturday.

One of the busiest men on the river these days is Bert Jewell, the popular deputy warden who has held the

PREPAREDNESS CARS TO BE HERE MONDAY

SPECIAL MEETINGS ARRANGED FOR STUDENTS AND PUBLIC. WORK IS IMPORTANT

A number of prominent men and women were called together at the Commercial club Tuesday by E. T. May, who is traveling in advance of the food preparedness train under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural college.

The food preparedness train with its teaching staff will arrive in Oregon City on Saturday evening. It will remain here all day Sunday, and on Monday a series of lectures and demonstrations will be held.

During Monday afternoon the four lecturers will be at the food preparedness train on the siding here. They will talk on food preparedness, home canning, vegetable growing and poultry raising.

On Saturday the preparedness train will be at Canby, where special meetings and lectures also have been arranged.

SOLDIERS GET AID

Doctors and Druggists Promise Not to Charge Guardians of Flag

Through the Loyalty league of this city, the soldiers who are stationed here will have free medical advice and free medicine whenever they require it during their stay in Oregon City.

The Loyalty league meeting last night was poorly attended, but considerable important work was done. The league considered the attendance due to the general lull in patriotic sentiment through the city and will continue its meetings to be prepared for the revival of interest.

WILL STOP NOISE

Screaming Trains Will be "Restrained" by City Aldermen

The trains whose whistles screech discordantly upon the peaceful night air of Oregon City will be restrained from the unseemly practice during reasonable hours if the city council can find a way to force the matter.

The monthly meeting of the aldermen was busy at routine work for the month and had no time for the usual display of wrath and personality. It authorized that \$250 be paid for a street sweeper, that \$75 be appropriated for the G. A. R., and that \$200 be spent for the construction of a sewer on High street between First and Second streets.

Dismiss Barber Divorce

The divorce action brought by Elsie O. Barber against Orange L. Barber was dismissed upon motion of Mrs. Barber's attorneys. It is the son of this couple who has been before the juvenile court this week for running away from W. H. Wettlaufer of Clarkes, into whose keeping the boy was given by the Boys' and Girls' Aid society.

SINK 80 BOATS IN SINGLE WEEK

INCREASE OF DESTRUCTION ALARMS GOVERNMENT AT WASHINGTON

SHIPPING NOW THREATENED

German's Undersea Fleet Sinks More Than 400,000 Tons of Allied Ships in Few Days

The enormous inroads on world shipping made by German submarines within the last few weeks has brought to American government officials a full realization of the disaster that faces the United States and the allies if the undersea warfare is not checked.

Governors and state representatives at Washington Wednesday for a national defense conference, will take home to their people a message from the government emphasizing the menace to America and urging that there must be the fullest co-ordination by the states in war preparation if Germany is to be defeated.

Secretary Lane told the conference that the great destruction of ships was threatening the existence of Great Britain and France and menacing the United States. No one, he said, knew the exact number of ships lost recently, but estimates put last week's submarine toll at 400,000 tons.

Secretary Lansing in a statement declared the seriousness of the submarine situation could not be exaggerated, and that it was time the country awoke to the true facts. Reports to the state department give a total of 80 vessels lost in one week, figures much higher than any contained in recent British announcements.

The British mission announced that the rate of destruction in recent weeks had continued unchanged and that it showed alarming increases. All its members agree the situation is critical, however, and that the combined shipbuilding facilities of the world can meet the peril only if their output is increased tremendously.

Announcing the government's programme for exercising more direct control over the country's shipping and ship-building facilities, Chairman Denman of the shipping board said estimates had reached the board of 300,000 tons of shipping sunk in one week.

The present world's ship tonnage is estimated at less than 50,000,000 tons. In 1916 the entire loss in tonnage due to war causes was put at a little more than 2,000,000 tons, or some 162,000 tons a month. At present the Germans are sinking considerably more than that each week.

A bureau of navigation report prepared recently estimated the world's ship construction in 1916 at slightly less than 2,000,000 tons. If the Germans keep up their present rate of destruction officials admit without hesitation that their campaign threatens to sweep the seas clean.

"The seriousness of the situation is apparent," said Chairman Denman Wednesday. "When we consider the present productivity of world shipyards and their highest output likely within the next few months, the entire production will not exceed one-fifth of the monthly loss at the rate given by Secretary Lane. The shipping board's figures do not reach that high a total, but they are sufficiently high to make the situation extremely grave."

The administration's ship-control program will go to congress this week in bills giving the president direct power, if needed, to take over the country's ships and shipyards.

MEDALS PRESENTED

High School Debaters Get Honors at Special Assembly

Special ceremony Friday afternoon marked the presentation of medals at the Oregon City high school to pupils who were prominent in debate during the year. With the auditorium filled with pupils, Superintendent F. J. Toose presented the souvenirs to Miss Lulu Miller, Miss Audrey Tuor, Fred J. Toose, Jr., and Leslie Wievesiek. The high school orchestra played during the meeting and brief talks were made by Professor John Mason, Professor W. L. Arant, Marvin Eby, student chairman, and Superintendent Toose. Medals will be sent to John Rankin and Earl Paddock, who left school a short time ago to join the colors, and for his work as coach of the debate teams Professor John Mason received one of the pins.

Bank Sues Anderson