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JUDGE CROSS WILL WAVE OLIVE BRANCH IN HIGHWAY MATTER

An Effort Will Be Made To Reach A Compromise In Official Route

COMMITTEES GIVE UP

Council and Highway Commissioners Deadlocked Over Selection Of Seventh Street

All committees connected with the negotiations between the city and the state highway commission have ceased to function, and have agreed to maintain silence, while County Judge Harvey E. Cross takes up with the commission the question of the official routing through Oregon City, in an endeavor to bring order out of the chaotic condition that has arisen over the attempt to agree upon a routing.

This decision was reached at the Tuesday noon luncheon of the Live Wires and the Commercial Club, when, after a spirited discussion between the advocates of the two routes under consideration, Judge Cross announced that when all parties concerned were willing to quit fighting and allow peaceful methods to prevail, that he would offer his services in an attempt to bring about an adjustment of the differences that have arisen in connection with the matter.

Movement For County Health Nurse Favored By Live Wires

The Live Wires, at their noon luncheon, Tuesday, went on record as favoring the provision in the county budget providing for a county agent, and a county club leader, and will co-operate with the farmers at the budget meeting to be held December 30, in their retention.

The Live Wires will also co-operate in asking that an amount sufficient to provide for a county health nurse be provided.

Wednesday evening, December 27, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Commercial Club rooms, a meeting will be held to which the taxpayers from every section of the county will be invited to join in discussing every phase of the appropriations for the coming year.

WILLAMETTE P.-T. A. TO SERVE SCHOOL LUNCHEONS

(Willamette Special Correspondence.) At the parent-teachers' meeting held last Friday afternoon in the school house, it was decided that the association would furnish hot soup to the Willamette school children this winter. An electric stove has been installed in the basement and each day two members of the parent-teachers' association will make the soup and serve the children at the noon hour.

Astoria Aid Up To Solons

At a meeting of several legislators with Mayor Baker, Governor-elect Pierce and representatives from Astoria, on Monday of this week, a committee of the solons was appointed to present to the legislature the needs of the stricken city. Upon this report the legislature will decide the matter of allowing highway funds to the amount of about \$250,000 to be used to rebuild Astoria's principal street extending thru the city.

Gilbert To Go South

Abe Gilbert, who has served as county roadmaster for the past two years, and who has tendered his resignation to the county court to take effect December 31, will leave soon after January 1 for Eugene, where he has taken the position of roadmaster for Lane county.

Budget Meeting At Moose Hall

The annual budget meeting of the county, to be held December 30 will be at the Moose hall. A large attendance is anticipated.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Banner-Courier expresses to You, its thousands of Readers, and Patrons, deepest appreciation for your generally uniform kindness and encouragement extended to us during the year now nearing its close. We wish you the greatest possible future happiness and success.

To You a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

County Judges' Meeting Is Lively Affair—Poll Tax Urged For Voters

Booth Clears Matter Of Resignations And Declares Purpose To Aid Governor Pierce

On Friday, the last day of the county judges' meeting in Portland, R. A. Booth chairman of the state highway commission, held the center of attractions. He replied to criticisms which have been directed against the commission by Governor-elect Pierce and others, and made it clear that he and his associates will aid the new governor in every reasonable way. "Our resignations are in to take effect at his will. We are willing to stay and do any work he may want us to do, provided the resignations are accepted within three months," said Mr. Booth.

In reply to the pre-election claim that the department is in possession of excessive equipment, the chairman declared that nearly all of it was the gift of the government; that it is cared for in state owned shops where the work is done quicker, better and more cheaply than in outside shops, and that the profits from the operation of these shops and trucks was, for 1921, over \$70,000, and for the present biennium will be at least \$120,000.

In regard to the statement, often made, that Washington has more pavement than Oregon and at less cost, the speaker declared that Oregon has over 800 miles of pavement, while Washington has only 455; that the average cost of pavement in our sister state, at the north for 1922, was \$25,000, while the average in Oregon has been \$22,081 per mile. Washington's pavement quoted is 20 feet, while Oregon's is 16 feet, but is one-fourth inch thicker and the cost of cement here is fifty cents a barrel higher. Hence, the cost is favorable to Oregon.

Mr. Booth showed the total cost of administration of the highway department, including legal services, advertising, stationery, printing, auditing, traveling expenses of commissioners and engineers, design and inspection of bridges, testing and inspection of road building materials, preparation of plans and specifications, and all engineering expenses, is but 6.19 per cent of the expenditures.

WORKMAN VICTIM OF THUGS ON BRIDGE SATURDAY NIGHT

William Fromong, employe of the Southern Pacific company in the repair department and stationed at West Linn, was the victim of holdup men on the new bridge Saturday evening.

Two men stepped from behind the high barricade at the east end of the bridge when he started to cross and commanded "hands up." Fromong had \$25 on his person at the time and declined the invitation.

The hold up men struck him three times with the butts of their revolvers, but refused to take the count. The hold ups became frightened and fled toward the west side of the bridge.

Fromong ran to the police station half a block distance, and not finding any one there he went to Ed Johnson's barber shop to wash his wounds and was later taken to Dr. Strickland's office where the wounds were dressed.

POULTRY EXHIBIT IS PLANNED FOR HUBBARD

Going to the Poultry Show? When, where? Hubbard, Friday and Saturday, January 12 and 13. Of course you are. It's a Marion-Clackamas county affair. Excellent premiums and special prizes are offered.

Among those who will benefit are those poultrymen who have never before exhibited their birds. For their encouragement and benefit, special prizes will be awarded.

O. A. C. poultry experts, poultry breeders with successful experience will be there to encourage, help and boost.

Everybody in Clackamas and Marion counties is welcome. It will be a Red Letter event in the history of poultrydom.

FRIENDS SURPRISE M. G. SMITH

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Smith in honor of Mr. Smith's 55th birthday. Lunch was served to about thirty guests at midnight and everyone left, wishing Mr. Smith many happy returns of the day.

Norton Will Filed

Thomas F. Ryan has filed a petition with the county judge asking that the will of the late Mrs. Mary Norton, who died December 11, be admitted to probate. Mrs. Norton left an estate valued at approximately \$4,200.

Irene Jagger

Died, at the home of her mother, in Molalla, Irene Jagger, aged eight years. The body was shipped to Washington for interment.



The Nativity of Christ

By A. H. Lathrop, D.D.

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THE Bible is an oriental book, and we can best tell the story of Christ's birth in the light of the customs and traditions of his homeland. We are accustomed to say that Christ was a child of poverty; born in a manger because his parents could not provide better lodgings; a child of obscurity and of no special significance to Israel.

Here is where the oriental atmosphere corrects one's thought. It was no secret that "Messiah" was to come. Jew and Gentile expected Him. The "wise men" who "came from the East," were from Persia. However, that Christ would be "born in a manger" was not prophesied, but He was! Not because He was so poor, but because there was "no room for Him in the inn." The "inn" was one whose first story was a stable, with rooms above for guests Joseph and Mary had gone up to Bethlehem, their ancestral city, where their enrollment and taxes were entered. Many others had arrived for the same purpose before them, and so many that special prices were likely paid by them for stable room. The fact that Mary's name was listed for "taxes" shows that she was an independent property holder at Bethlehem, and then, as the New Testament expressly says, she had "her own house" in Nazareth, where she lived.

What wondrous events attended that visit to Bethlehem. The Prophets had not dreamed that "the Lord of Life and Glory" would be born in a stable! Now the news was heralded forth. The shepherds on the hillside heard it, and were told how they could recognize the Christ child—"This shall be a sign unto you—ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." The orient is the home of heraldry. The ensign of the house of David would be on the "swaddling clothes." One of these bands was white striped with blue the sign of royal blood. Another was red, the ensign of Boaz and Ruth, thru whom mother Mary's line had come down from David. Another was shepherds' plaid, for the "King of Shepherds." Thus the tiny body bore the rainbow hues of infinite promise. There need be no groping to find this "new born King," who meant "joy to the world" and "peace to men of good will—exactly what the world needs.

"Born in a manger." Suppose He had been born in a palace? Then the poor would have felt no interest in him. Custom, convention, pride, exclusiveness would have walled him away from the affection of the crowd. Born in a manger. He is not the Christ of any caste or class. He is everybody's babe. He is the "Son of Man." The universal man. He transcends all races. He has a power today He never had in Galilee. Child of the first century, but Lord of the twentieth century. His own people expected Christ to be an earthly King. Because He was not, they rejected Him. Later Christ said of himself, "My kingdom is not of this world. I am the King of Truth." Love is His scepter.

The long journey made by the wise men shows that they believed a new and wonderful life had been born in the earth. So did the "gifts" they brought. "Gold, frankincense and myrrh," which in the imagery of the oriental mind meant that King, Prophet, Priest and Scholar all did homage to the Christ child. That was the pledge of the star-led men and it is being redeemed more and more as the generations come and go.

Was there so much in that tiny babe? Yes, because from that humble and small beginning, the great world's life began and continues to change for the better. Earth redeeming potencies, measureless triumphs of right over wrong and glorious destinies issue from Mary's babe whom the angel told Joseph to call "Jesus," which means Savior.

Surely any mother's babe has its own wondrous royalty. It may be even the priest of a new life, but this manger babe is the ultimate secret of all life and truth for the whole world, for time and eternity. The glory of His cradle puts a wrath of holy light and love on every cradle. Since His natal day, and now forever, all motherhood and childhood is holy and sacred.

A manger cradle for the "King of Glory!" Then the very common things of life may serve the most lofty and precious uses. The humblest life may be a kingly one in motive and purpose. Heaven's ideals are freely given to all who will entertain them. A star-led road leads from everyone's door to God. The humble heart can cradle a Christ, but a proud one, never. Christ was born in Bethlehem, but reader, has He been born in your heart? Have you worshipped at His cradle? If not, swing the weaving thread of choice that way this Christmas-tide and make it Christ's natal day in your very own heart and life. Let the "Christ of God," "born of a virgin," bring to you the God his advent reveals, not a retired and absentee God, but one in living touch with this, His world.

Christmas is God's birthday in the world. Christ is "God manifest in the flesh."



FRIENDS MAKE MERRY AT THE MILLIKENS

(Willamette Special Correspondence.)

A number of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Wesley Milliken, last Thursday morning at eleven o'clock. The guests brought well-filled baskets and a pot-luck dinner was enjoyed at noon. In the afternoon Christmas gifts were exchanged between those present and the children were given favors from a large Christmas tree. Those present were: Mrs. Ida Peter, Mrs. H. Leisman, Mrs. Neil Whitney and son Allen, Mrs. John Rauch and son Lynn, Mrs. Robert Young and daughter Lillian, Mrs. Albert Buckles and daughter Betty, Mrs. Harold White, Mrs. John Casey and daughter Mary Jane, Mrs. John Ream, Jr. and son Kenneth, Mrs. Frank Shipley, Mrs. Ewald Leisman and children Richard, Marshall and Lorraine; Mrs. Joe Schauble and daughter Dorothy, Mrs. Denton and son Riley and Mrs. Milliken and children Buddie and Margaret.

ANGLES OF FARM LEGISLATION

(Willamette Special Correspondence.)

If evidence is wanted by anyone showing the necessity of tax reduction and other better conditions for the farmer here it is. Last year the O. A. C. made a survey of 113 Oregon farms having a value above \$200,000. This survey shows an average net income of only \$766.00 per farm while the average tax was \$303.00 per farm, leaving a net of \$463.00 per farm for the labor of the entire family and for interest on the investment. That a family should be forced to live on \$463.00 is a wrong industrially and socially. And that a farm worth \$200,000 should not pay a fair rate of interest on this investment is an economic shame. No other enterprise could or would thus strive for its existence. Bankruptcy would come speedily. Taxes must be made more equal as the first step in relief to the farmer. Cooperative marketing must be en-

Wedding Bells To Feature Opening of Twin Cities' New Bridge

Banquet At West Linn Will Follow Ceremonies Of The Opening Of The Bridge

The matrimonial bureau arranged by M. D. Latourette in connection with the celebration of the opening of the new bridge has been successful, and as a result a wedding ceremony has been arranged between a prominent twin city couple—the groom a resident of West Linn and the bride a popular Oregon City girl.

The wedding is to be symbolic of a closer union between the two cities. Mayor Shannon will give the bride away and Mayor Greaves of West Linn will officiate as best man. The couple will select their own minister to officiate. The names of the contracting parties will not be known until the hour of the ceremony.

Word has been received from Mayor Baker that he will be present with a delegation from Portland, to participate in the ceremonies of the day. The Salem mayor will also be present with a delegation from the capitol city.

A banquet to the visitors will be served at the West Linn inn. Franklin T. Griffith of Portland will preside as toastmaster.



Judge H. E. Cross.

Harvey E. Cross, county judge of Clackamas county was unanimously selected as president of the state association of county judges the last day of their meeting in Portland last Thursday.

Judge Cross was unable to be present at the time and the honor came unsolicited, as a tribute to him for his work in behalf of the state organization. Judge Cross is recognized throughout the state as one of the pioneers in the good roads movement.

OREGON CITY BUSINESS SOLD TO BEN LEVIN —PRICE \$39,000

The transfer of lot 8 block 26, located at the south east corner of Main and Sixth streets has been filed with the county recorder. This property consisting of a two story building is occupied by the J. C. Penney company and the meat market of Mellike and Koellmeier on the first floor, and the second floor by the Electric Hotel Annex. The property was owned by the Gambrinus Brewing company of Portland and was sold to Ben Levin of the same place. The revenue stamps attached to the deed indicated the property sold for \$39,000.

W. C. T. U. Prospers

Mrs. E. B. Andrews, county organizer, has just returned from a trip, during which she did organizing work in Wasco, Sherman and Deschutes counties. She reports good interest in spite of twelve to sixteen inches of snow, in the territory which she covered. She visited eleven points during the month's time she was absent. Four of these places had unions in good working order. Three were organized and four others "resuscitated."

The Oregon City Union also is in good condition. Great interest is being shown in the Oregon Children's Farm Home movement. Quilts are being made and old clothing is being converted into garments for the use of the orphan children who are soon to have a real home. The local union has pledged \$200 toward the fund, \$80 of which has already been paid.

A recent gift to the local union was \$100 from the Loyal Order of Orange-men to be used for the Children's Farm Home.

Recent visitors to the W. C. T. U. at Oregon City were: Ada Wallace Unruh, general state manager of the Children's Farm Home; Mrs. Jane Donaldson, state treasurer, and Miss Gilbert, state secretary of the L. T. L.

Favor Wait For Justice

A petition has been filed with the county judge, signed by ninety-three business men and voters of Canby, asking that Charles N. Wait be appointed justice of peace in the Canby district to succeed the late Justice William Knight.

Marriage License Issued

A marriage license was issued Saturday to Mark David Bogart, 42, of 407 Macleay building, Portland, and Eileen Johnson 25, Milwaukie.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FORCE WILL HAVE 1 EXTRA MAN IN 1923

Taxpayers Go On Record As Favoring Such Action At Budget Meeting

POLICE TO HAVE AUTO

Automobile Park Not to Receive Help From City... Must Be Self Supporting

The matter of additional fire protection received much consideration at the budget meeting of the city council Friday night. While those in attendance were almost a unit in declaring that the local department ought to be strengthened, some of the plans of the firemen were regarded as too expensive for the present.

Purchase of an additional engine was turned down, but the meeting made appropriation for the purchase of 500 feet of hose and for the employment of another paid fireman to be on duty full time.

The police department came in for some unexpected largess on the part of the taxpayers, the appropriation for a police automobile being allowed. Necessity of the automobile was admitted, especially at night, when two policemen have to cover the entire city.

A deficit of \$75 remaining for the past year's expense of the Hawley automobile park was allowed, but taxpayers voted that if the park could not pay its own expenses this year it would have to be closed.

An appropriation of \$500 for rest rooms placed in the budget at the request of a petition presented by the W. C. T. U. organization, was endorsed with the understanding that the organization responsible for its appearance in the budget should exercise complete control.

An echo of the break between the council and the highway commission over the routing of the Pacific Highway through Oregon City was heard when the council postponed action on the ordinance appropriating \$7000 necessary to pay the amount due from the city on the new bridge until December 28. Mayor Shannon and a majority of the council are inclined to hold up further payments due the state from the city until an agreement is reached regarding official routing to be taken through Oregon City, and in that selection the council insisted on the Fifth street route being named.

Farm Home For Children Makes Fine Progress In Building

First Unit For Homeless Boys' Is Under Way With Subscription Sufficient to Complete.

Announcement is made that the Children Farm Home organization is succeeding with its \$125,000 campaign for the establishment of the "Real Home on a Farm" situated near Corvallis.

The purpose of the home is to provide homes on the cottage plan for homeless children of Protestant families in this state. Catholics care for the children of parents of their faith.

The money is on hand for the first cottage unit for boys and the payments on the farm are met for several months in advance.

The next work on the plan which progress according to the funds subscribed, will be to obtain the money for a cottage for girls the calls for which are quite as appealing as for the boys of whom there are literally hundreds in need in this state.

Contributions are still needed for further progress. All checks should be made to H. Hirschberg, treasurer and sent to the campaign manager, Ada Wallace Unruh, 615 Stock Exchange Bldg., Portland.

There can be no possible loss of the contributions for in the incorporation are responsible men and women and in the remote case of failure the property will revert to the state to be used for the purpose for which it was incorporated.

The ground was broken on Saturday last for the first cottage.

KNOX BAKERY BURNED SATURDAY MORNING

Early Saturday morning, the Knox bakery on Washington street was badly damaged by fire. Mr. Knox had arisen early to light the fire under the oven and had gone back to bed when the oven became over-heated it is believed, resulting in the blaze.

The family, consisting of the proprietor, his wife and children, was sleeping in a room back of the bakery when the fire started. To compensate in part for their loss and to give them immediate relief, subscriptions were offered by business men on Saturday.