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## NEW YEAR'S DAY STILL RETAINS HER OLDEN TRADITIONS

For Many Years Celebrated As Continuation Of Christmastide

### NOW A FEAST DAY

Exchanging Gifts On New Years Day Sign of Good Will Between Friends And Acquaintances

Probably after Hallowe'en and Christmas there is no festival of the year so girt about with long-established customs as New Year's day. Among the best known of these are the auguries drawn from what was called the "Candlemas bull." In Scotland and other northern countries the term Candlemas, given to this season of the year, is supposed to have had its origin in religious ceremonies performed by candle light. The candles used were very large and highly ornamented, and were brought in at the midnight hour to the assembled guests, who, since the falling of dusk, had been drinking freely of the wassail bowl. Then in possession, they marched out into the night, and to their imaginations the passing clouds assumed the shape of a bull. From the rise and fall and general motions of these clouds the seer foretold good or bad weather. Sometimes, too, auguries for the future were gathered from the state of the atmosphere on New Year's Eve, and also from the force and character of the wind.

#### Christmas Cheer Continued

Perhaps what contributed most to this general fear of sinister influences was the deep drinking among the people, which continued almost uninterruptedly from Christmas until New Year's day. Up to the ninth century, except in the Syrian and Celtic churches, New Year's was not celebrated as a special feast day, but was looked upon as merely the octave of Christmas. Therefore the Christmas cheer was continued throughout the entire octave without abatement. It flickered up for the last time on New Year's day.

#### Bestowing Gifts

This custom seems to have had its rise in the conduct of the nobles of the late Middle Ages, who were in the habit of bestowing gifts upon their sovereign. Naturally the ruler, not wishing to remain under obligations to them, returned the gift in a princely fashion. In England, however, especially in the time of Queen Elizabeth, this custom became so burdensome that it occasioned general protest among the nobles and the custom fell into disuse, and in the time of George IV was abandoned.

The giving of gifts was also very common among the people. On Christmas, and often on St. Stephen's day, employers, parents and masters presented Christmas boxes to their dependents. It was a form of Christmas charity. On New Year's day, however, gifts were exchanged between friends and acquaintances as a sign of good will.

### A. R. Jacobs Now Sole Owner of Woolen Mills at Oregon City

A. R. Jacobs, for many years president and manager of the Oregon City Manufacturing Company, on Thursday last announced his purchase of the interests of I. Jacobs in the concern, this action giving A. R. Jacobs entire ownership of the firm. Although no figures are available, it is believed the transaction approximated \$750,000.

Mr. Jacobs will continue as president and manager of the concern, and he states that no changes in the organization are planned. It is probable, according to Mr. Jacobs, that negotiations for the enlargement and improvement of the company's property may be started in the near future.

The Oregon City Manufacturing company is one of Oregon City's vital industries and one of the city's greatest advertisers. Between 700 and 800 men and women are employed in the local plant, the value of which is estimated at \$3,000,000.

### MRS. IRENE MAY KROESE BURIED IN MT. VIEW

Funeral services for Mrs. Irene May Kroese of 6348, 87th street, Portland, were held from the Holman & Pace chapel, Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock. The interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

Mrs. Kroese died at the home of her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Splinter, of Maple Lane, Sunday. She was 24 years of age and is survived her husband, Abraham Kroese, and a little daughter two years of age.

### Marriage License Issued

A marriage license was issued Saturday to Sylvester John Schroer, 23, Gladstone, and Jennie Zielaskowski, 17, Parkplace.

# MASTERPIECE IN ENGINEERING OPEN TO PUBLIC

Dedication Day Will Be Historic In Annals Of Oregon

### GOOD WILL PREVAILS

Twin Cities Joined With An Age Enduring Span Cemented With True Friendship.

The world moves. The masterpieces of the day are in the discard of to-morrow.

The truth of the above statements are well borne out by the history of the old suspension bridge whose successor was formally opened to the public today. The old bridge torn down to make persons in property holdings on the Pacific Bridge company at a cost of \$25,000.00. Of this amount, \$20,000 was paid by the county and \$5,000 was contributed by extensively interested persons property holdings on the west side of the river.

Up to 1889 the method of communication between the east and west sides had been by means of a toll ferry.

The prices charged being for a team of horses, or mules, or a yoke of oxen was 50 cents. Men or women on horseback 25 cents. For foot passengers 10 cents.

#### First Free Suspension Bridge.

The structure heralded throughout the land as the triumph of the engineers skill was the first free suspension bridge west of the Rocky Mountains. For several years after its completion it was the mecca for visitors, who came by boat from Portland to view the structure at the falls of the Willamette.

#### One Fatality While being Built

One of the workmen employed on the old bridge was killed by a fall while the work was in progress.

#### Big Celebration At Opening.

The opening of the old bridge was a momentous event. The people of Clackamas county turned out en masse to the celebration. Thomas M. Miller veteran ballist of the circuit court was the leader of the Oregon City band at that time and led the populace on the march to and from the west side, to the stirring music of "Marching Through Georgia."

#### The First To Cross.

Then as now competition as to who should be the first to cross was keen, and the honor was won by Ed. Fields, since deceased who got by the guards, and crossed on a line of 12 inch planks. Mrs. Maggie Cross widow of Truman Cross was the first woman to cross. She was accompanied by her husband who was the second man.

#### First Horse To Cross.

"Old Barney" owned by Thomas Miller, ballist and handmaster, was the first horse to cross the structure. Whether this fact added to his years is not vouched for but "Old Barney," best known horse ever owned in Oregon City, lived until ten years ago when he died at the age of 35 years. He was owned by Miller until his death.

#### Oxen In The Parade.

A feature of the parade that marched that first opening day was a yoke of Oxen driven by W. Carey Johnson. The oxen were to feature the passing of pioneer days, and to herald the modern means of travel by the swifter horse. Another feature of the parade was the high wheeled bicycle ridden by Linn E. Jones, who was just graduating from knee breeches at the time. Carey W. Johnson was a brother of Hezekiah Johnson and Ed. Fields was a brother of Clarence Fields at present connected with the Portland Railway Light and Power Company.

The old bridge served its purpose well, and but for the advent of the motor truck would no doubt be in use to day with a prospect for many years of usefulness before it. Succumbing to the march of progress the old structure was dismantled one year ago when in response to the demands for a structure that would care for the demands to be made upon it by the opening of the Pacific highway the construction of the present structure, which ranks as the longest single span bridge in the world was commenced. We who have witnessed the growth from day to day have marveled at the modern miracle of engineering, which has taken form before our eyes. Will the next 32 years see this structure replaced with a more modern creation? Or will it last through the century to come.

#### The Dedication

The twin cities, Oregon City and West Linn, one the county seat, the other the industrial metropolis of Clackamas county were, after practical separation during a considerable portion of the time during the construction of the new bridge—today joined together again by the dedication and formal opening of the bridge across the beautiful Willamette.

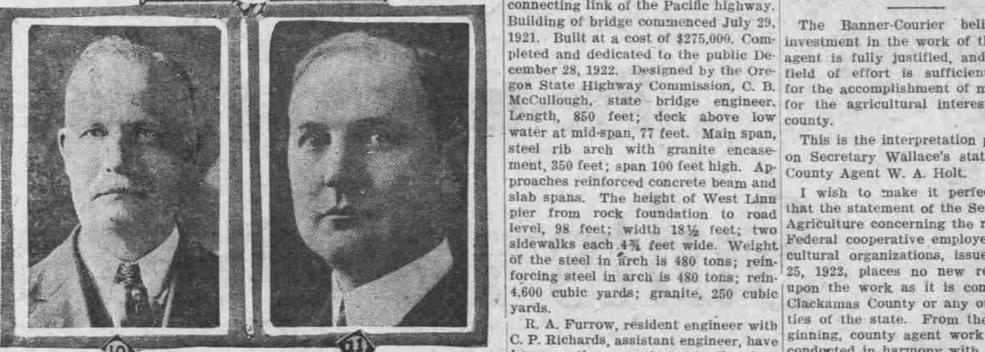
State officials including acting governor Ritner, members of the highway commission, Yeon and Parrett were present and took part in the ceremonies. Mayor Baker of Portland; Halvorsen, Salem; Junke, Sandy, and others were present, the first mentioned taking part also. Over thirty auto containing members of the "Rose City" Ad Club were in the parade while thousands of visitors from other outside points were present and helped make merry.

The program of the day opened by the Oregon City band and the local

## Oregon City and West Linn Dedicate New Span



THE NEW STRUCTURE Oregon City-West Linn bridge, the connecting link of the Pacific highway. Building of bridge commenced July 29, 1921. Built at a cost of \$275,000. Completed and dedicated to the public December 28, 1922. Designed by the Oregon State Highway Commission, C. B. McCullough, state bridge engineer. Length, 850 feet; deck above low water at mid-span, 77 feet. Main span, steel rib arch with granite encasement, 350 feet; span 100 feet high. Approaches reinforced concrete beam and slab spans. The height of West Linn pier from rock foundation to road level, 98 feet; width 18 1/2 feet; two sidewalks each 4 1/2 feet wide. Weight of the steel in arch is 480 tons; reinforcing steel in arch is 480 tons; reinforced concrete, 250 cubic yards; granite, 250 cubic yards.



NOTABLES AND SCENES of today's celebration. (1) Mayor James Shaanon of Oregon City; (2) Falls of the Willamette river just above the bridge, where horsepower is generated that makes possible the \$3,000,000 payroll of Oregon City and West Linn; (3) Mayor Harry Greaves of West Linn; (4) The new Pacific Highway bridge, dedicated today, photo made and copyrighted by Ralph J. Eddy; (5) Joseph E. Hedges, president of the Oregon City Commercial club; (6) old suspension bridge, first built west of the Rocky mountains, erected in 1889, and replaced by new structure; (7) M. J. Latourette, general chairman of the bridge celebration; (8) huge paper mills, part of Hawley plant in foreground, Crown-Willamette mills beside the falls; (10) Judge J. U. Campbell, marshal of the day; (11) Franklin T. Griffith, toastmaster at banquet that will end celebration.

G. A. R. file and drum corps on Main Street at the court house. Judge H. F. Cross, Mayor George L. Baker of Portland and Mayor Halvorsen of Salem spoke briefly and queen Harriet christened the splendid span with a bottle of pure mountain water, Mayor Shaanon of Oregon City and Mayor Greaves unlocked the final barrier at the center of the span as whistles from the industrial plants and nearby boats rendered their glad salute.

This ceremony was followed by a reception to the royal party at the commercial club rooms. M. D. Latourette, general chairman of the committee, directed affairs assisted by the grand marshal, Judge J. U. Campbell and aides. Several hundred automobiles wended their way through the thronged streets in the line of march leading to the Crown Willamette Inn.

Out on the bridge seventy feet above the surface, "Where rolls the Oregon" the formal dedication of the magnificent span took place. It was the mid-day hour and every foot of available space was occupied by an interested happy throng of people. County

## GOVERNOR-ELECT PIERCE OUTLINES HIS FIRST MESSAGE

Will Urge Graduated Income Tax Based On Amount Paid To U. S.

### PLANS CONSOLIDATION

Wants Highway Construction Under Way Completed And Educational Institutions Held To Millage

Walter M. Pierce, who will take over the reins of the state government the first of the year, will urge upon the legislature, in his message several measures intended to change methods of taxation. He will emphasize also the consolidation of boards and commissions, though just what departments will be affected is not yet announced.

#### Urges Income Tax

The governor-elect announces his firm desire for a graduated income tax. And to provide against the construction of more tax-eating machinery, he will propose the enactment of a law providing for the payment of the tax to the state treasurer at the same time as payment is made to the federal office. This state income tax under this plan, will be a fractional part, as one-half or one-third the amount paid the federal government. Under this plan it would require only a limited number of clerks to "check up" the payments.

#### Road Construction

The completion of state highway work now under way, including the Roosevelt highway, is the aim of Mr. Pierce, who favors also a paid highway commission. To keep the highways in repair he may urge an additional tax of at least two cents a gallon on gasoline and possibly a higher license for high-priced pleasure cars.

#### State Market Agent

The new governor will, it is reported, recommend the creation of a state market agent to take over the inspection of hay and grain and to make reports on markets.

#### Millage Tax Suffices

The higher educational institutions will have to make their expenditures come within their millage tax incomes, if the legislature co-operates with the new governor in this matter.

#### Tax Equalization

Mr. Pierce will strive to add to the assessment rolls of the state at least \$200,000,000 by equalization of existing assessments. As means to this end, he claims that public service corporations can share more of the tax burden than they now share and that assessments of merchandise should be made at a time when stores contain their peak of merchandise, instead of, as at the present, assessments of the lowest stocks. Further, the governor-elect hopes to effect such reforms in taxation that half the state tax may be raised from new sources of taxation. And in this way the farmers' taxes may be reduced accordingly.

#### Another reform Mr. Pierce proposes

is to confer on the state tax commission state-wide jurisdiction, to control and equalize assessments.

#### GEO. SINN HAS CLOSE CALL

##### CAR STRUCK AT CROSSING

George Sinn, residing on R. F. D. 3, Oregon City, had a narrow escape from being crushed, Tuesday morning, when the car he was driving was struck at the crossing at Eleventh street by the northbound Southern Pacific passenger train.

The accident happened about nine o'clock. The train, due to leave Oregon City at 9:44, was a few minutes late. The automobile driven by Sinn was completely demolished and turned over by the side of the track. The injured man was taken to the office of Dr. C. H. Meissner, where an examination was made, and although bleeding copiously, his injuries were found to consist of a contusion on his back and neck. How he escaped more serious injury is considered almost a miracle.

#### PRESIDENT RESPONDS TO REQUEST OF MAYOR SHANNON

Mayor James Shannon has received a communication from the white House, in response to a telegram sent President Harding in which the mayor urged that measures be taken for the relief of the fire sufferers of Astoria. The communication by the president's private secretary states that President Harding has directed the war department to dispatch army officers to Astoria, to make an official appraisal of the situation and as soon as he has this report he will be glad to give expression in suitable form to the measure already proposed for the relief of the community.

#### FOR SALE—Wood, heavy country slab; also cordwood, 4-foot, 12 and 16-inch.—Phone 9-W. 12-28-21p

NEW and second-hand furniture bought and sold.—J. H. Mattley, 7th street, Oregon City.

### DUTIES OF COUNTY AGENT MADE CLEAR

The Banner-Courier believes that investment in the work of the county agent is fully justified, and that his field of effort is sufficiently broad for the accomplishment of much good for the agricultural interests of the county.

#### This is the interpretation placed upon Secretary Wallace's statement by County Agent W. A. Holt.

I wish to make it perfectly clear that the statement of the Secretary of Agriculture concerning the relation of Federal cooperative employees to agricultural organizations, issued August 25, 1922, places no new restrictions upon the work as it is conducted in Clackamas County or any other counties of the state. From the very beginning, county agent work has been conducted in harmony with this memorandum. In place of prohibiting county agents from assisting in connection with marketing problems, the memorandum specifically points out that it is the duties of the employees to assist in the solution of marketing as well as production problems, and Secretary Wallace has repeatedly emphasized his conviction that the solution of the farmers economic problems is a matter of paramount importance at the present time.

#### FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR ESTEEMED CITIZEN

Funeral services for Anton Neilson highly esteemed resident of Hazilia, who died at his home last Saturday were held from the Finley undertaking parlors in Portland Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock with interment in the Rose City cemetery. Anton Neilson was born in Denmark 57 years ago and has been a resident of Hazilia for the past 22 years. He has been in failing health for the past eighteen months. He has taken an active part in the civic affairs of the neighborhood, and was one of the ardent supporters of the Clackamas county fair.

During the world war he was ready to help in every patriotic movement. Above all he was beloved by all in the community who designated him as "our best neighbor." The pall bearers were Frank Whitten, J. P. Cook, W. B. Cook, Hugh Baker, John Bietles, and Mr. Young. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Neilson.

#### The Current Story.

It is with genuine pride and satisfaction that the Banner-Courier furnish its readers and the public in this issue the most complete, interesting and authentic story written of the Oregon City-West Linn bridge, and of today's dedication ceremonies and for necessary research requiring vast effort and time for this literary and historic product, chief credit to W.W. Woodbeck veteran newspaper man and correspondent is hereby gladly acknowledged.—The Banner-Courier hopes for its patrons the same degree of pleasure in this special feature, that has been its own pleasure in the production.