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WEST SIDE CANAL URGED BY CROSS

LAWYER DECLARES CORPORATION MUST ACCEPT PRICE FIXED BY TWELVE MEN.

HEDGES TO MAKE EXTENDED REPLY

Government Engineer Announces That Mills Will Be Given Chance To Protest—Tax Discussion Postponed.

Caution and warning to the business men of Oregon City against becoming too enthusiastic over the proposed construction of new locks on the east side of the Willamette River at Oregon City marked a speech of Harvey E. Cross, Tuesday, at the weekly luncheon of the Live Wires of the Commercial Club. Mr. Cross' views were not shared by a majority of his auditors, but they gave him close and respectful attention.

Mr. Cross was a resident of Oregon City when the present locks were built in 1872 and worked on their construction, and he declares that while locks naturally benefit the transportation companies and people living on the upper river, they worked a hardship to Oregon City, as prior to their construction there were many families who lived here for the sole reason the portage was at Oregon City.

Caution is Urged.

"In their place," said Mr. Cross, "we have not more than four men to operate the locks. We should look at this thing calmly and dispassionately and above all we must conserve what natural power we have for manufacturing plants. Look at the two of these proposed routes," and the speaker held up a blue print of the survey, "and you will note that one of the routes cuts right through the heart of the pulp mill of the Clackamas Pulp & Paper Company, and crosses the main above. The other runs through the crest of the falls and puts out on the running a large area that is an ideal location for more manufacturing concerns. The construction of new locks will destroy employment for at least fifty men and will kill the chances for factories that would ultimately provide work for 500 more men.

"I believe in free locks. We ought to have them, but we don't want them at a sacrifice to our business interests. Of course, there will be a spasm for about two years while the locks are being constructed. The stores will sell some goods, the saloons will be full and the city recorder will be a busy man, but after the work is done, we shall settle down to view the destruction of our opportunities and watch four men operate the locks.

West Side Locks Favored.

"The corporations do not own a hair of my head, and never will, but let me tell you that we should get together with the government engineers and proceed to condemn the west side locks and rebuild them. It will be cheaper than to pay heavy damages for destruction of valuable property and it will not jeopardize our business interests. We can force the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company through the courts to accept what twelve men say the present locks are worth."

J. E. Hodges made a brief reply to Mr. Cross and reserved time to make a more extended answer at next Tuesday's luncheon. Mr. Hodges does not share the opinions of Mr. Cross. Engineer Thomson, representing the government, was present and made a short talk relative to the statements that have been made that the construction of east side locks would impair the water power. Mr. Thomson admitted that new locks would curtail the water power to a degree, but not to any appreciable extent. The surveys were made under Mr. Thomson's direction. He said that the government had not finally determined upon a route, and was waiting to hear from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, Hawley Pulp & Paper Company, Crown-Columbia Pulp & Paper Company, and the Oregon City Woolen Mills. All of these corporations will have claims for damage and the amounts they ask for may have some effect in determining the route to be selected.

Tax Amendments Deferred.

The Live Wires intended to take up the question of the various tax amendments at Tuesday's luncheon, but the time was more than occupied with a discussion of the different phases of new locks and the matter went over until a later meeting.

O. D. Eby's resolution urging the County Court to levy a tax of one-quarter mill for the support and maintenance of the Clackamas County Fair and the State Fair, exhibit will be acted upon at the weekly luncheon next Tuesday.

Tax Collections Show Big Increase

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BUSCH SENDS DOGWOOD TO FAMOUS RESORT

Frank Busch, Monday sent to Tepitz, the famous watering place in Germany, ten pounds of Oregon dogwood seed. He also expects to forward several young trees in a few days. Mr. Busch received a letter from the management of the resort sometime ago asking him to furnish the seed and the trees. The writer said that he had heard a great deal about the Oregon dogwood, and wanted to plant the trees on the lawn at the resort. Mr. Busch obtained the seed without much trouble, but he has had a difficult time getting the trees. He searched a woods of three square miles and found only a few suitable for transplanting. He found the dogwood in abundance, but most of the trees were too large. He will make another effort to get more trees in the near future. Tepitz is one of the best known resorts in the world and is a rival of Carlsbad.

RAILROAD GRADING IS BEING PUSHED

CLACKAMAS SOUTHERN HAS LARGEST FORCE SINCE WORK WAS STARTED.

PORTLAND CAPITALISTS SEEK BONDS

Management, However, Expects Local Investors To Take Them—Big Trestle Will Soon Be Finished.

G. B. Dimick, secretary of the Clackamas Southern Railway Company, announced Thursday that the largest force of men since the grading was started, was at work now on the road. One crew is working from Molalla to Mulino, and it is believed that the grading between these points will be finished in thirty days.

Other crews are working from Mulino and Beaver Creek toward this city and are making remarkable progress, and still another crew is working from this city toward Newell Creek. It is thought that the big trestle here will be completed in two or three weeks.

The demand for the bonds, which will be sold to raise money with which to provide the rails and rolling stock, is unusually good, and it is believed that the most of them will be bought by residents of this county. Capitalists in Portland are eager for the bonds, but it is the desire of the management to sell them to local investors.

The bonds are issued in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, and draw six per cent interest, payable semi-annually. Sufficient money has been subscribed for stock to do all the grading and build the trestles, which is regarded by financiers as more than sufficient guarantee for the bond. Judging by the present rate of progress the road should be in operation to Molalla within five or six months.

RAILROAD OFFERED 20-YEAR CONTRACT

A millionaire miller of Portland, who owns several thousand acres of timber land on the route of the Clackamas Southern railroad, has started negotiations with the officers of the company for the hauling of millions of feet of lumber. The miller wants the logs brought to this city by rail and floated from here to Portland. He promises twenty-five or thirty carloads daily for twenty years at least.

GOVERNOR TO SEND CONVICTS HERE TO WORK ON ROADS.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Gov. Brown announced today that he would give Marion county the rest of this week to determine whether it wishes to use convicts for road purposes, and if it fails to acquiesce, all chance for the use of convicts on road work in this county will be gone.

"Clackamas county, I understand, is practically ready to go ahead and convicts will be sent there at any time they are desired," said the governor.

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PAPER MILL TO GIVE MEN BONUS

WILLAMETTE COMPANY OFFERS WORKERS CHANCE TO INCREASE WAGES.

MUCH LARGER OUTPUT IS EXPECTED

New System, Which Goes into Effect Today, To Be Given First Trial in West—Men Are Pleased.

The Willamette Pulp & Paper Mill, of this city, through B. T. McBain, manager, has established a bonus system for its employees, which becomes effective this morning. The plan which was made public Friday by workmen in the mill is designed not only to increase the output but to materially raise the wages of the employees. It is the first time the bonus system has been tried in mills in the West, and it is believed that the results will be gratifying to all concerned.

A notice posted in the machine room at the mill contains the following: "The combined efforts of our employees have shown that a total of 200 tons of good paper can be produced in twenty-four hours on our six machines. That is from 7 a. m. one day until 7 a. m. the following day.

"You have set a high mark—200 tons run to programmed weight. We want 190 tons per day, 200 tons if possible.

"Those participating—machine foremen, machinists, back tenders and all machine help, heater foremen, assistant foremen and helpers, engine tenders on machines, chief and assistant engineer, boiler room operators, and D. L. millwrights in paper mills and roll grinder men.

"The plan follows: "Ninety tons to 194 tons, 1999 pounds per 24 hours—five per cent will be added to each man's time in the departments mentioned above for each day that the machines make total product as above, with provisions as herein named.

"One hundred and ninety-five tons to 199 tons, 1999 pounds per 24 hours—10 per cent will be added to each man's time in the departments mentioned above for each day that the machines make total product as above, with provisions as herein named.

"Two hundred tons and over—15 per cent will be added to each man's time in the departments mentioned above for each day that the machines make total product as above, with provisions as herein named.

"This will mean a substantial increase in wages if the proper results are obtained."

This is a wide departure from the rule in paper mills and shows how close the men and management of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company are. There are many men, more than 100, who have been with the plant for twenty years and some who have been with the owners for thirty or more years.

The marketing of all farm products is one of the most important parts of farm operations. By applying proper business methods it is easy to throw away a large share of the profits, says Hoard's Dairyman.

Dairy products are perishable. They cannot be kept any length of time as can the common grains. The dairy products must be produced under sanitary farm conditions and either manufactured on the farm or taken to the place of manufacture while they are fresh; the fresher the better. Nature did not intend the milk to see the light of day. At least it should be handled in sanitary surroundings and disposed of as quickly as is consistent with practical methods.

The great cry made by the mass of consumers is, "Give us a better quality of butter," and the dairy manufacturers say in turn, "We can not produce a better quality of butter unless we can get better cream or raw product.

The dairy industry is just now passing through a very critical period as to the quality of products. The dairy farmers of many sections are losing profit which they could have just as well as not by selling a better quality of raw material.

The dairy farmers have a moral obligation to perform toward the manufacturers and consumers of dairy products. They stand at the bottom of the ladder. Upon them, to a large extent, will it depend as to whether the dairy business develops in the proper direction and with normal, steady and healthy growth.

WIFE SEEMS DIVORCE.

Alleging that her husband deserted her and their two children, Maggie Downey has filed suit for divorce against William Downey. They were married April 2, 1888, and the plaintiff alleges she was abandoned in December, 1888. The defendant is a blacksmith.

Sues To Recover on Note. K. Gregerson filed suit Tuesday against R. E. Casto for \$62.10 alleged to be due on a promissory note executed October 3, 1911.

Noted Church Builder Returns To Steamboating

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The Rev. J. W. Exon, "the great church-builder" has given up the ministry and returned to steamboating. He and the Rev. D. A. Waters, formerly presiding elder of the Methodist church in this district, have purchased the steamer Modoc from the O. W. R. & N. Mr. Exon has been a minister for ten years and has built seven churches. His last charge was Wilsonville, where he endeared himself to his congregation. He will remain his home at Eagle Creek. The steamer will leave Tuesday on her initial trip on the Portland-Lewis River route, probably flying the colors of the Lewis River Navigation Company, which the new owners will incorporate. The Harriman interests valued the Modoc at \$10,000, but the purchase price was much less. The Modoc will replace the steamer Undine, which the Lewis River Transportation Company has operated, and Captain McNeil will leave the Undine for the Modoc. Captain Exon said that the business would be handled from the Taylor-street dock, Portland, permanently and that he would run on the steamer to look after it.

Captain George Conway, superintendent of the Harriman water lines, said that the Modoc was built in 1889 and rehulled in 1898. Since 1896, when the route south of Oregon City was abandoned, the vessel was tied up and has been out of commission most of the time. Her present owners obtained the steamer with full equipment ready for service. As she is of light draft, they expect that she will prove more desirable than the Undine or Moscot, the Moscot having been the route for years. The Moscot was burned early this season.

18,495 VOLUMES ARE RECEIVED FOR SCHOOLS

Superintendent of County Schools Gary Tuesday received 18,495 books for distribution among the school libraries of the county. The books will be apportioned according to the number of children in the districts. The Oregon City schools will get the largest number. An extra fund was provided for the purchase of the volumes.

When the libraries were established in the schools the tendency was toward the selection of fiction, but the demand now is for books on science. The volumes are selected by the clerks of the districts and the teachers, who are guided largely by the desires of the children. With this latest installment all the schools will have a large number of books.

WORLD'S AVIATION RECORD IS BEATEN

THOMPSON, Mo., Oct. 10.—(Special.)—By reaching here this afternoon, the Aviator Rodgers broke the world's record for cross-country flights. His arrival in Thompson has placed 1355 miles to his credit, beating Atwood's record of 1265 miles.

BETTING ON GIANTS AND ATHLETICS EVEN

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—(Special.)—Betting on the world's baseball series between New York and Philadelphia was at even money in both cities today. From the activity manifested in the big hotels and cafes, it appears that the rival teams have unlimited backers. In the opinion of men who study such things, more money will change hands on the result of this series than on any sporting event ever held in this country before.

A week ago Philadelphia money predominated, but since the New Yorkers have clinched the pennant and it is apparent that the Giant pitchers will be at their best, New Yorkers have loosened their purses, and professional bettors predict that by the time the teams take the field one week from tomorrow New York will rule favorite at about 5 to 4.

Among the bets recorded by the sporting editors here today are three at even money of amounts totaling \$65,000.

Saturday, October 14, was the day agreed upon for the opening contest, New York as the place. A schedule was then adopted. The series will be continued until one club has won four games. If a seventh game is needed to decide the series, the commission will then determine where it shall be played. Tied or postponed games will be played off on the grounds where they were scheduled.

The umpires will be William Brennan and William J. Clem, from the National League, and T. H. Connelly and William Dineen from the American League.

The players who are eligible to participate in the games are: New York—Becker, Murray, Devore, Snodgrass, Merkle, Doyle, Fletcher, Paulette, Hartley, Drucker, Herzog, Wilson, Meyers, McGraw, Latham, Marquard, Crandall, Ames, Wiltse, Mathewson and Devlin. Philadelphia—Thomas, Strunk, Lord, Phauk, Oldring, Murphy, Mcurer, Miss Edna Holman, board of control, which consists of two faculty members, and two student members, Harry Pfingston, Miss Kuts, Roy Graves and Kent Wilson. There are ninety-seven members of this organization, and many more are contemplating becoming members in the near future.

Hand Estate Valued at \$1,350. The estate of W. E. Hand was filed for probate Tuesday. It is valued at \$1,350. The heirs are Mary J. Hand, the widow, and Leo A. Hand, Mrs. F. C. Williams and Mrs. C. W. Greener, children of Mr. Hand.

COUNTY'S DEBTS TOTAL \$100,000

LIABILITIES ARE \$199,145.29 WITH PRESENT RESOURCES \$98,460.57.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS ARE FILED

\$69,514.88 For Payment Of General Fund Warrants And \$98,460.57 Available For Road Warrants.

A semi-annual statement of the financial standing of Clackamas county filed Wednesday shows a net indebtedness of \$199,145.29. The total liabilities are \$199,145.29 and the resources \$98,460.57. The liabilities consist of \$20,988.77 outstanding general fund warrants and \$192,656.51 outstanding road warrants and \$5,900 interest.

There is in the county treasury \$69,514.88 for the payment of general fund warrants, and \$98,460.57 applicable to the payment of county road warrants. The semi-annual report of Sheriff Mass is as follows:

Cash on hand April 1, 1911, \$268.40; delinquent tax collections years prior to 1910, \$756.77; sales, \$35.59; taxes collected for current year \$72,163.57; penalties, \$2,385.91; fees collected \$140.10; total, \$76,949.44.

County Clerk Mulvey's semi-annual report shows that \$30,988.03 general fund warrants were issued and \$167,085.09 road warrants. Other items of expense were to county commissioners, \$1,225.39; Circuit Court, \$1,982.39; Justice's Court, \$1,174.95; Sheriff's office, \$2,340.32; Clerk's office, \$1,854.28; Recorder's office, \$2,002.65; Court House expenses, \$3,339.42; County poor, \$3,188.64; printing and advertising, \$1,860.19; surveyor and road surveys, \$1,841.45; and Coroner's office, \$811.95.

Heretofore the expense of collecting the taxes has been made a separate item in the report, but in the present one it is included in the expenses of the sheriff's office, which accounts for the large increase in that item. The expenses of the office, however, have been somewhat larger than usual due to the search that has been made for the slayer of the Hill family at Ardenwald station.

County Treasurer Tuft's report shows the amounts on hand from last report as follows: Special school fund, \$44,149.93; special fund, \$12,437; general fund, \$109,258.83; district school fund, \$61,042.36; and district road fund and special fund, \$62,923.21.

ESTACADA RESIDENTS HUNT GEMS IN SEWER

The property consisted of six diamond rings, which were tied up in a handkerchief. They were inadvertently dropped into an open sink at noon yesterday. The sewer is twenty-five feet deep in places, and probably it will require a day or two before it is dug up, if the rings are not found before that time.

STATE BANK TO BE OPENED IN MOLALLA

The Molalla State Bank has filed articles of incorporation at Salem. The capital stock is \$15,000. Leroy D. Walker, L. W. Robbins and H. A. Dedman are the incorporators. Molalla has long been regarded as a fine place to establish a bank, and there is no doubt the enterprise will be a success. The Clackamas Southern railroad which traverses the rich Molalla Valley will mean thousands of dollars to that city. The greater part of which will be deposited in the bank.

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POTATO BUSINESS HAS FINE PROSPECTS

There is increasing business in the potato trade so far as shipping is concerned, but local transactions are limited.

Buying for California account is progressing around \$1 per cent. I. o. b. country shipping points for best quality. This means practically 95c in the country.

There is not a great amount of potatoes offering at this time because a large amount of the early crop has not fully ripened. The quality is excellent while the crop is fair. Sizes are good and taken altogether the early crop is all that consumers can wish for except quantity.

So far as late potatoes are concerned, the prospects are unusually good. Tests made by digging at various points in the Willamette Valley show that the crop has already reached maturity and the only thing needed now is a good frost which will ripen the tubers. The sizes of the late potato crop are said to be the best produced in this state during the past few years.

COMMISSION PLAN FOR CITY IS NEAR

MAYOR, WITH CONSENT OF COUNCIL, TO NAME BOARD TO REVISE CHARTER.

SPECIAL ELECTION MAY BE CALLED

Several Men Under Consideration For Appointment—Two Members Of Council Will Be On Commission.

It is believed that the Commission form of government will be put into effect in Oregon City within eighteen months and probably earlier. Mayor Brownell, who has announced himself in favor of the change, Monday gave out the following statement:

"The Mayor, with the consent of the city council, is about to appoint a commission consisting of five members to prepare a new charter by way of amendment to the present city charter for the establishment of what is known as the commission form of government.

"Petitions will have to be circulated in order to take a vote upon the proposition. This would have to be done at a special election to be called by the city council for that purpose."

The council will probably act upon the suggestion at the next regular meeting, and, inasmuch as a majority of the members have declared in favor of the commission form of government, it is virtually assured the mayor will be authorized to appoint the commission for revising the charter.

The mayor has under consideration several prominent men for appointment on the commission. It is planned to name two members of the city council and three others.

The week closes with the hop market rather stronger in tone than at the opening and with the trend of values apparently upward. In most of the Valley hop districts and in Washington as well there is some trade under way, but business is still limited by the bullish attitude of the growers and the reluctance of buyers. Within the past few days, however, the situation has changed to some extent. More inquiries are said to be coming in from the East and elsewhere, indicating an increasing interest in the season's crop.

"The inquiries that are now coming from the East and from Europe show clearly enough that the brewers of this country and England are awakening to the fact that the world's hop crop this year is a good deal short of actual requirements," said a dealer.

"That the brewers now are earnestly figuring on their wants for the year to come is evident, and the chances are that they will not be able to lay in the supplies they need at the prices they figure on paying. As a rule they are offering prices on the basis of 22 to 23 cents here, and buying in anything like a liberal way on that basis at this time is anything but an easy matter."

MORRIS HEADS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Athletic Association of the Oregon City High School held its first meeting in the assembly room of the high school building, Wednesday afternoon and elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: President, Gilbert Morris; vice-president, Miss Edith Aldredge; secretary and treasurer, Miss Edna Holman; board of control, which consists of two faculty members, and two student members, Harry Pfingston, Miss Kuts, Roy Graves and Kent Wilson. There are ninety-seven members of this organization, and many more are contemplating becoming members in the near future.

FARMERS EAGER TO BUILD BOULEVARD

SPECIAL TAX IS URGED AT ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD AT CENTRAL POINT.

DIMICK TELLS COMMISSION'S PLAN

Money Subscribed Will Not Be Donated, Says Judge Hayes, But An Investment—Riseley Silences Non-Progressive.

Gordon E. Hayes sounded the keynote at one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the East Side Capital Highway Association at Central Point Wednesday night when he declared that the money raised for building the boulevard should not be considered as donations but investments.

"You men, who will be called upon to put up a part of the money for this great boulevard," said Judge Hayes, "will not only get back what you possess, but two or three times more in increased land values. This has been true wherever good roads have been built, and it will prove so in this instance. You have the fertile soil and the scenery and what you need now are good roads. Good roads and good schools go hand in hand. We have the schools and we are going to have the roads. The county has spent a quarter of a million dollars on the schools and it is time that money was being spent on the roads."

More than 100 persons in the Central Point section attended the meeting, which was held in the school house, and sentiment was unanimous in favor of levying a special tax for building the great highway. There was only one discordant note and Charles W. Riseley answered the disgruntled citizen most effectively. This man declared that the "automobile boys" were ruining the roads, and suggested that the machines not be allowed on the proposed boulevard. Mr. Riseley, who has been most generous in donating his automobile for use in taking persons to the road meetings, said, "There are about as many hogs with teams as there are with automobiles."

The meeting was presided over by President Kertchen, and the opening address was made by Grant B. Dimick, a member of the Capital Highway Commission appointed by Governor West. Judge Dimick declared that the commission had not decided upon a route. He said a map would be made of the proposed routes, and a report would be made to the governor regarding the subscriptions promised in various localities. He declared that an experienced supervisor should be chosen and retained.

A. N. Willis, of Sellwood said that good roads trebled the land values, and the thrift of communities was judged by its highways. He said it would take much money to build the highway and that the landowners who would be benefited should help to pay for it.

S. C. Dillman declared that he would not only pay his pro rata of the special tax proposed, but he would give \$50 more. This announcement was enthusiastically applauded. Dr. A. Norris said he was willing to subscribe to the road fund.

Elliott & Park donated several automobiles to take the crowd from Oregon City to Central Point. This firm has been generous with its machines in aiding the road movement.

Secretary Latourette, of the East Side Capital Highway Commission, said the Central Point meeting was one of the most important that had been held and that he was confident the residents of that section would do their part in building the highway.

HAVE YOU \$34.35? YOU SHOULD HAVE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Each citizen of the United States, under an equal division, would have \$34.35, the per capita circulation on October 2, according to the circulation statement of the Treasury Department. The total money in circulation amounted to \$3,242,182,715, an increase over the preceding month, when it was \$3,228,913,634. On October 1, 1910, the money in circulation totaled \$3,164,827,681.

REWARD IS OFFERED FOR ALLEGED SLAYER

Sheriff Mass Friday received a letter from L. A. McNary, of Portland, attorney for the administrator of the estate of John Thomas, the wealthy rancher who was slain last Saturday night at his home, near Sycamore station, offering a reward of \$100 for the capture of Charles Swain, the missing farm-hand. The sheriff will issue circulars today announcing the reward and giving a description of the suspect. The authorities have learned that Swain was an inveterate smoker of cigarettes, a hard drinker, and it is said, was accused several years ago of robbing a man for whom he worked.