

LIVE WIRES GET "PROBE" REPORT

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fications submitted to them by Mr. Olds, and we have no means of knowing whether the plans and specifications submitted by Mr. Olds were the plans and specifications of the bridge in question and we submit that the only way to determine this matter would be for an expert to take the plans and specifications furnished by Mr. Olds and check them up with the plans and specifications of the bridge erected and in addition it would be necessary for the expert to check the bridge after its erection and see that it conforms to the plans and specifications furnished by the contractor and it would then be necessary for the expert to figure out the weight of the bridge as some of the figures furnished by Mr. Olds are on the basis of so much per one hundred pounds. This we have been unable to accomplish.

In the matter of the charge made by E. D. Olds and one, O. W. Severance that Judge Beattie let the contract for the Fischer Mill Bridge with out the knowledge of Commissioner Mattoon we append herewith the affidavit of said O. W. Severance relating to the same and also the affidavit of Commissioner Mattoon in which he denies the statements attributed to him by O. W. Severance.

Dear Sir:— In compliance with your recent request the following is a statement relative to the letting of the Fischer Bridge.

I was at that time President of the Columbia Bridge Co. who had built the bridge across Milk Creek during Judge Beattie's administration.

After Judge Beattie's election and in response to Mr. Mattoon's request, I went to Oregon City to join the Court on a trip to Milwaukee to price a bridge for that place. When I arrived in Oregon City Mr. Mattoon told me the Fischer bridge was under the measure for a bridge to replace it.

But Judge Beattie tried to discourage my going by saying there was no room in the rig for me. I informed him that our company could afford to pay for a rig and was treated very coldly during the trip, it being very early in the morning.

Then I asked him to communicate with me at such a time as they were ready to build the bridge, that I might submit a price. He said he would let me know but in a few days I met Mr. Mattoon and he told me the bridge had been let to the Coast Bridge Co.

After later when I took the matter up with Judge Beattie, he refused to talk on the subject, saying he was busy and had not time to spare.

Yours truly, O. W. SEVERANCE. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of November, 1912.

CHAS. DONNELL, Notary Public for Oregon. (SEAL) STATE OF OREGON, County of Clackamas, ss.

I, W. M. Mattoon, being first duly sworn depose and say that I am now a member of the board of County Commissioners for Clackamas County, State of Oregon, and have been for a number of years, that I am the same Mr. Mattoon referred to in an affidavit made by one O. W. Severance which said affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before one Charles R. Donnell, Notary Public for Oregon on November 1st, 1912.

In said affidavit O. W. Severance makes the following statement: "He said he would let me know but in a few days I met Mr. Mattoon and he told me the bridge had been let to the Coast Bridge Co. I asked him why they did not let me know of the letting said the Judge had given the contract to the Coast Bridge Co. before he knew it."

That I did not make such statement or any statement to O. W. Severance as set forth in said statement, or to any other person at that or at any time or at all.

Affiant further states that before any bridge contract is let the action is taken by the entire board of County Commissioners acting as a unit, and that was done in the case referred to in the affidavit of said O. W. Severance as well as in the letting of all other contracts.

W. H. MATTOON, Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 1913.

GILBERT L. HEDGES, Notary Public for Oregon. (SEAL)

We find that the contract relative to this bridge is signed by Judge Beattie and Commissioners Blair and Mattoon.

that Mr. Sullivan gave it as his opinion that the price paid for this examination and report was not unreasonable.

For further information concerning this matter we have appended hereto a copy of a letter from Mr. George Scoggin bearing upon the question. Portland, Oregon, May 9, 1913.

Mr. Eby, Oregon City, Oregon. Dear Sir:—We are in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. regarding the payment of the sum of \$350.00 by the County Court of Clackamas County to our firm for the performance of certain services.

For your information will state that this sum was for an examination and report on the condition and safety of a suspension bridge across the Willamette River at Oregon City, with recommendations as to the advisability of the reconstruction or repair of the same.

The report also included an estimate with a sketch and estimate of probable cost for replacing the existing bridge with a steel structure.

The explanation and report concerning the existing structure, which was but a small part of the services rendered, and for your further information will state that charges for services of this character are not calculated on a per diem basis, and in view of the services rendered the amount received was not only not extravagant but very reasonable.

Yours truly, G. E. SCOGGIN.

In the matter of the charge made that the County Court was extravagant in repairing the court house and that they advertised for bids for repairs to the court house and then rejected all bids and had the work done under the supervision of a foreman and that in doing so the cost to the taxpayers was approximately \$10,000 more than the same could have been done at a contracted price.

We find that the court did not advertise for bids but that it did advertise for plans for such improvement, book 25, page 36, Commissioners' Journal, to be submitted by architects and contractors and that a number of plans were submitted and estimates given up the same. These estimates ranged from \$6000 to \$17,000.00, according to the plans submitted, but that the plans were not satisfactory to the ideas of the Court and that they were all rejected and the Court hired Mr. W. A. White, an architect, to draw plans according to the ideas of the Court and that the Court House was constructed approximately in accordance with the plans drawn by Mr. White, which were different from any submitted by contractors, and as near as can be determined the cost of this repair consisting of the additions made to the Court House, the partitioning of the rooms upstairs, a new heating plant and new plumbing system complete, new roof on old building and tower, repairs to Goddess, new wiring and two coats of paint on entire building, together with the furniture added, cost about \$25,000.00.

The cost of the repairs was given into by Mr. Casio of the Mass Meeting committee and were never turned over to us. In the matter of the charge made against the Court for entering into a contract for the crushing of timber we find that the same was let to Mr. M. G. Nease without bids on a price of \$9.08 per acre and that the Court has a bond from said M. G. Nease in the sum of \$10,000.00 pending for the faithful performance of said contract. We find further that the cruise of Mr. Nease is being checked by Mr. O. S. Boyles, a competent timber cruiser, as to its exactness and we believe from an inspection of the records returned on this cruise that the same is being very accurately made, showing the amount of merchantable timber on each acre, the amount of pine, the character and contour of the soil and the purpose for which the soil is best adapted, also showing the streams and roads, and that part of the 49 acres covered by timber, the part thereof in cultivation and the part covered by a burn and so on, and we believe that the amount expended for this cruise is a good investment and that the cost thereof will be repaid to the county in two or three years time from the increase of taxes upon the timber lands, the true value of which will be shown by the cruise.

In the matter of the complaint of S. D. Berney that a mistake was made by the Court crushers on the line between sections 2 and 11 T. 3. S. R. 2. E. will say that we are not personally investigating this for that Mr. Robert Schuebel stated to Mr. Eby that he had investigated the same and that he found the charge untrue.

In the matter of the charge made by Mr. Hageman that the Court had spent approximately \$500.00 constructing a bridge across a dry gulch or as we remember it, a stream known as Matlock Creek, and that the said bridge has no road leading to it on either side, will say that we have not gone upon the ground to view the bridge, but have talked with the members of the County Court concerning the same and append hereto copy of a letter from said C. F. Clark, a former resident of Clackamas County, who now resides in Portland, which we believe fully explains the matter and which corroborates the statement made by the court. This letter is as follows:

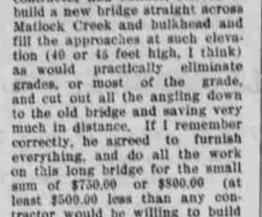
695 East Ash Street, May 6, 1913.

O. D. Eby, Oregon City, Oregon. Dear Sir:—

Replying to your request for information concerning the construction of a bridge across Matlock Creek in the Wm. Stevens road, permit me to say, that the said road was a regularly laid out County Road, and that the old bridge across said creek, to the best of my recollection, was built up the creek from the true roadway as a matter of convenience and the private property (the canyon across the creek being deep at this point) with a long grade angling down to the bridge and another equally long from the bridge to the top of the hill on the other side. This old bridge had entirely decayed from age so that passage across it was impossible, and while it is true that this roadway, in the stage of development or rather lack of development it was in, served only a few people, it was a short cut-off for those few into the sunny-side road. To Mr. J. Nordberg the repair, or rather the reconstruction of the old bridge, or the construction of a new bridge across said creek, was a matter of absolute necessity. He had at the time considerable cut wood with no roadway over which it was possible to haul the same. Mr. Fred Fritz had property, also Mr. Talbert and myself which had no feasible outlet towards Portland, unless this bridge was replaced. At the time I was expect-

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I then told him that there was no understanding, whatsoever between the county court and me, but that I had a good proposition to make to the county court, and that I would have nothing more to do with his proposition. Mr. LaSalle was present at the court when I talked to them about the plans I had to submit, and also how I thought the work should be done. I told the county court that I did not think it the best plan to let the work by contract, as it was hardly ever satisfactory on a job where so much repair work had to be done, and that on one could begin to figure it anywhere near accurately, because no one knew until they started the work the exact amount of repair necessary to get the building into a desirable condition.

I referred the county court to the difficulty they were having on the high school building, then under construction, in spite of the fact that some of the most able men of the city were on the school board. I also told them that it was going to cost them a great deal more money than the contract price, and some of the business men of the county was sure to lose a great deal of money.

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I also wish to state that the work was investigated by the grand jury, and that a very favorable report was given as to the way the work was carried on, and the way the work was carried on. This report was published in your paper at that time.

The investigating committee, it seems, did not care to consult me about the cost of the court house when they were informed that I had the record in detail of the entire expense. I am perfectly willing to go over the accounts with anyone that has a knowledge of such construction at any time.

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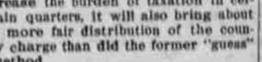
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lies of the town for fuel. At 4 o'clock the ladies will serve sandwiches and coffee to the workers at the town hall. It is hoped that every citizen of the town will join the ladies in trying to make Estacada the cleanest and prettiest little city in this part of the state.

Ed Shearer, of Garfield township, raiser of fancy poultry has been appointed poultry judge from the state of Oregon, by the management of the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

Miss Florence Kendall, who has been living with her sister, Mrs. Morton of this place, went to Portland Tuesday to remain for a month and perhaps longer.

Mrs. Beech, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, has been a guest at the A. E. Sparis home this week.

Portland visitors Monday were A. Lindsay, J. W. Reed, Attorney Bartlett and Editor Boyle.

F. M. Gill and family left this week for Dufer, Oregon, to engage in farming.

Mrs. Morton entertained the ladies' bridge club Tuesday afternoon. The usual enjoyable time was had.

August Johnson of Portland, is here this week visiting his son, postmaster Johnson.

A man by the name of Crane, who formerly resided south of Estacada, but who has been confined in a hospital at Portland for some time, died Monday and his body was shipped to Estacada for burial. The man was a bachelor and seemed to be without relatives.

A movement is on foot to organize a Highlander Lodge at the place. Under the auspices of the Civic Improvement Club of Estacada, a concert was given Saturday evening at the Family Theatre, to raise funds to improve the streets. Those who contributed to the evening's entertainment were Miss Bartholomew, of Portland, Miss Williams, Mrs. Gertrude Gilman, Miss Eva Wells and Mr. Williams of Vancouver, and Rev. and Mrs. Chas. F. Aue, of Springfield. Although the weather was unfavorable, the house was well filled with an appreciative audience. Miss Bartholomew opened the entertainment with a piano solo which was well received and showed that she was quite a favorite in Estacada, where she has pupils for the piano. All the numbers seemed to be pleasing, but the violin duets by Mr. and Mrs. Aue called forth loud applause and they were obliged to respond to numerous accolades. The concert was considered a great success and netted to the ladies of the Civic Society a neat little sum.

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W. L. MULVEY, County Clerk.

COUNTY'S CRUISE INCREASES VALUES

Incompleted returns from the county cruise of standing timber indicate that the slight cost of making the survey will be more than repaid to the county by the great increase of taxes that will be assessed on this form of property. Figures already submitted to County Assessor Jack show that the basis of taxation on timber land heretofore has been far too low; and while at first opponents of the cruise said that the results would bring about a showing detrimental to the county, these same "croakers" are now declaring that they cannot afford to pay the taxes that will result from the re-assessment based upon the cruise.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIDS FOR AND THE PURCHASE OF A TEN-TON ROAD ROLLER AND ROCK CRUSHER, BY THE COUNTY COURT OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY AT THE MARCH TERM OF COURT, 1913.

I, W. L. Mulvey, county clerk of Clackamas County, Oregon, do hereby certify that at said March term, 1913, sealed bids were received at my office for the purchase of a ten-ton steel roller and rock crusher and that the following companies submitted proposals to the county court for said crusher and roller: Beach Manufacturing Company, Portland, Oregon; Buffalo Steam Roller Company, Portland, Oregon; and Beall & Company, Portland, Oregon.

That the proposal of the Buffalo Steam Roller Company was accepted by the court and the order there of is fully set out and entered in Commissioners' Journal, Number 24, at page 413.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the county court this 14th day of May, 1913.

W. L. MULVEY, County Clerk.

MOLALLA EDITOR PRAISES COUNTY'S TIMBER CRUISE

Phrases of the timber-cruise ordered by the county court was given Monday by Mr. Taylor, editor of the Molalla Pioneer, who passed through Oregon City enroute to Portland. Mr. Taylor said that he was surprised and amazed that opposition to the move should come from the farmers, as usually the only people to condemn such a scheme were the big timber interests. Mr. Taylor has been in many communities where taxation of timber land has been based upon a cruise, and declares that nowhere has he heard any objection to the scheme, save from large timber companies.

"From information I have gathered myself," said Mr. Taylor, "I believe that the taxes that will be assessed on one parcel of timber alone, as a result of this cruise, will more than pay the expense of the entire movement."

Respectfully submitted, O. D. EBY, JOHN W. LODGER, Committee.

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