

WEST LINN MAKES OFFER TO COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THREE BRINGS RESOLUTION FROM NEIGHBORING TOWN

ONE-THIRD BASIS IS URGED BY THEM

Action on Initiative Measure is Postponed to April 8—Election Will Probably Be in Last of Month.

A formal offer from the council of West Linn was made to the Oregon City council Friday evening for the former city to take a one-third interest in the pipe line from the south fork of the Clackamas river and all definite action on the part of Oregon City was postponed until April 8 so as to give a joint committee, consisting of three from each town, time to confer, work out details and make recommendations to the respective councils.

The resolution from the authorities from the city across the river was first presented at informal meeting of the Oregon City council Friday afternoon by a committee consisting of B. T. McRae, L. L. Porter and J. W. Moffett. It stated that the people of West Linn were anxious to take an active part in the project of building the pipe line and were willing to pay one third of its construction and a like proportion of the upkeep of the line.

An ordinance was passed for its first reading at the last meeting of the council which called for the initiative election for April 8, of the voters of the city to pass upon a charter amendment which authorizes a bond issue of \$325,000. One of the clauses of this amendment was that Oregon City could not sell water from the pipe line to an outside community without a vote of the people of the city. This measure calling for this special election was up for final passage at the meeting Friday night but if it were passed at that time, it would be impossible for West Linn to enter into the plan without another election. It was in order to forestall the necessity of this second election that the action was taken at the meeting.

But in order not to delay the beginning of construction of the project, \$8,000 will probably be appropriated from the general fund of the city to cover the cost of the permanent surveys. An ordinance calling for the expenditure of this amount was read for the first time before the council and will come up for the second time at the meeting April 8.

The program of the council as it now stands is to begin the permanent survey of the line as soon as the money is appropriated from the city treasury. While this work is under way, an agreement will be reached with the authorities in West Linn, the necessary election calling for the issuing of bonds will be passed, and the details of the partnership plan worked out. This is the plan of the members of the Pure Mountain Water league and the majority of the members of the city council.

It is thought that the city will save several thousand dollars by voting the money for the permanent survey and delaying the issuing of the bonds until as late as possible. It was stated at the council meeting that interest alone would be in the neighborhood of \$1400 a month.

Two councilmen, Jack Albright and F. J. Toole, spoke in opposition to the partnership plan although they stated that they were in favor of the pipe line project. The argument which they used was based on an appeal to the civic pride of the voters for the most part, although they pleaded against the plan on the grounds that two cities could not use a common pipe line on a partnership agreement without constant friction. Mr. Toole said that he believed that if the city of Oregon City could stand the expense of two thirds of the cost, the city could stand the expense of all the cost. He appealed to the council on the grounds that a water plant, owned by the city alone, would be the greatest asset the city could have. It cited the cases of Portland and certain eastern cities where the renting plant was tried and found successful.

ARGUMENT MADE FOR PARTNERSHIP

WATER COMMITTEE PREPARES ESTIMATES IN FAVOR OF JOINT OWNERSHIP

\$9000 WOULD BE YEARLY SAVING

Many Other Benefits Besides Financial Aid, Says Chairman—Declares Oregon City Would Control Own Mains

Statistics which show that by entering into a partnership plan with West Linn, the water rent to the average household in Oregon City will be reduced to only \$1.30 to pay off the bond issue instead of \$2.60 as at first estimated by the Pure Mountain Water league, have been worked out by the water committee of the city council. The water league estimated that by raising the water rate from \$1.25 to \$2.60 the city can meet the bond issue of \$325,000 within a period of 20 years. These figures are the result of several months work on the part of the members of the league and have been checked over by a committee of business men. The water committee uses these estimates as the basis for their statement that a \$1.30 rate will pay for bond issue providing West Linn takes a third interest in the pipe line.

A third interest in the pipe line would be in the neighborhood of \$110,000. The program of the committee includes a sinking fund of 3 percent and the bonds draw interest at the rate of 5 percent, making a total of 8 percent with the sinking fund and interest together. On the third interest, belonging to West Linn, that city, therefore, would be compelled to pay \$5,900 in interest which otherwise would fall on the shoulders of the Oregon City property owner. It is estimated that a third of the upkeep cost

would be at the least \$200 a year, making a total of the sinking fund, interest on bonds, and upkeep cost for one year, of \$3,900. With \$9,000, the yearly share taken off Oregon City by West Linn, the amount monthly relieved from the local water user would be \$750. There are 1100 consumers of water in Oregon City. With a monthly saving of \$750, each consumer would be benefitted to the extent of 70 cents a month. But this saving of 70 cents a month and the corresponding reduction in the water rent, is only a part of the benefit which would result in West Linn taking a third interest in the plant," said Mr. Anderson, chairman of the committee, Saturday. "With the partnership plan working, West Linn will stand the expense in case of an accident to the line and would be partly responsible for the upkeep. There seems to be a mistaken notion in Oregon City that a partnership plan would mean that West Linn would have an interest in the water mains laid in the streets of Oregon City and would help collect the local water rent. This is a mistake."

HOUSE REPEALS TOLL EXEMPTION

AFTER BITTER STRUGGLE MEASURE WINS BY MAJORITY OF 87 VOTES

BILL GOES TO SENATE WEDNESDAY

Fifty-Two Democrats Follow Speaker Clark and Leader Underwood to Defeat Appeals of President

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The house of representatives, after one of the most spectacular legislative struggles in the history of the nation, voted tonight to repeal the provision of the Panama canal act exempting American vessels from the payment of tolls. The vote on the repeal was 247 to 161, a majority of 86 votes in support of the personal plea of President Wilson.

This verdict on the issue, which has absorbed congress for weeks, came at the close of a stirring day made memorable in the annals of the house by a party division which found Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Underwood and other Democratic chieftains lined up in opposition to the president on an issue which the latter had declared vital to his conduct of the nation's foreign policy.

The bill goes tomorrow to the senate, where the fight will be renewed with all of the vigor and determination that attended it in the lower house. On the final vote 229 Democrats in the house stood by the president, giving him in "ungrudging measure" what he had asked "for the honor of the nation" in its foreign relations. Twenty-five Republicans and two Progressives also voted to sustain the president.

Fifty-two Democrats followed Speaker Clark and Leader Underwood to defeat in their steadfast determination that the president was wrong in his decision that toll exemption for American ships is a violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty with Great Britain. Nothing, it seemed, could stem the tide of administration success. Speaker Clark, for nearly 22 years a member of the house, made the speech of his life to forestall what he termed "an unquestionable degradation" of the nation. In this he failed, but he did smooth over the party breach with kindly words for his adversaries, praise for President Wilson and an unqualified denial of any vaulting ambition on his own behalf.

JOKE AD BRINGS 150 MEN AFTER WORK

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.—All Fool's day was the excuse for a brutal jest at the expense of the man out of work.

Fully 150 men out of employment were hoaxed through one small two-line sign and William D. Edwards, a mechanical engineer with offices at 1115 Wilcox building was almost obliged to call for police aid to get in and out of his office when the rush was on. The elevator man and janitors were busy most of the morning turning back the scores of applicants for the proffered employment which was to carry wages of \$3.50 a day. The alleged joker placed the following ad:

Wanted—Good teamster, steady work \$3.50 per day. Apply Wednesday, 1115 Wilcox building.

Before 7 o'clock this morning the first applicants appeared at the Wilcox building ready to go to work. The elevators were busy hauling the men up to the 11th floor until the corridor was packed and the men lined up part way down the stairs.

Pension Bill Passes. WASHINGTON, April 1.—Pensions for widows and minor children of the officers and men who served in the Spanish war, the Philippine insurrection and the Boxer uprising in China would be authorized by a bill which passed the house late today by a vote of 276 to 54.

Anti-New York Shoulder League Latest. NEW YORK, April 1.—The American Posture league, an organization to prevent round shoulders and aching spines, was incorporated today at Albany. It will be national in its work.

Villa Denies Victory. JUAREZ, Mex., April 1.—Reports that Torreon had fallen were definitely laid beneath the sod today on receipt of a denial direct from Francisco Villa.

"Rube" Waddell Dies. SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 1.—Rube Waddell, the famous left-handed pitcher, died today. He has been ill for months with tuberculosis.

SHIPMENT COMES 7,000 MILES ON FOUR STEAMERS. Coming over 7,000 miles on four steamers and never touching land in all the trip is the history of a shipment of linoleum that reached here yesterday from Rensdorf, Germany, consigned to Frank Busch, a local furniture man. The linoleum was manufactured in Rensdorf, and was sent on a canal boat to Kiel and transferred to an ocean going freighter and sent across the Atlantic. It was again transferred at Puerto, Mexico, and came around the Horn and into the Columbia river and up the Willamette to Portland, where a third transfer was made to the deck of a river steamer, which brought the shipment to Oregon City. The name and address of Mr. Busch appears on the shipment in three languages, German, Spanish and English.

DAIRY PRODUCTS ALWAYS IN DEMAND

One of the important industries of Clackamas County is dairying, but as yet this is only passing through the early stages of infancy.

As long as man will persist in drinking his coffee with cream in it contrary to the advice of good physicians, (but who can blame the man?) and as long as we eat cereals for breakfast, custards for lunch and dinner, and again disregarding the aforesaid advice, enjoy a dish of peaches and cream or strawberries and cream, so long will the milk man stop daily at our doors with the milk and cream bottles.

We must have milk for the babies and growing children, and who fails to notice in the restaurants that many grown-ups have their glass of milk with their luncheon? We, most of us, like butter, and old Sukey, who now flaunts a fancier name, and brings a fancier price because she turns out a fancier amount of the lacteal fluid than she used to do, is the party that has the contract in the scheme of things for furnishing us with the all-necessary materials for baby's dinner and father's breakfast.

Clackamas County has the outlet through home creameries, and dairies, for a large amount of cream and milk and Portland lies on our north boundary with never too much milk and cream to supply her rapidly growing population.

It is a fact that the highest authorities of the leading dairy countries, Switzerland, England, Denmark, Holland and Germany have said that in the Willamette Valley and the Pacific Coast regions there are greater possibilities for the dairying industry than are to be found in other sections of this country or in any other foreign land. This statement seems a broad one, but coming from such source, cannot be disputed.

The productivity of the soil, the cheap housing necessary during the winter season, and green feed throughout the year permits maintaining stock at the lowest possible cost. Foremost among the breeds which are adapted to Clackamas County are the Holstein, the Jersey, Guernsey, and Ayrshire, and by breeding only the best cows and always using for sires the males from the best producing cows, the highest rate of production will result. There should be no room on the farm or dairy for any but good, heavy producers. Let George keep the Scrabs.—Oregon City Publicity.

LIVE STOCK SHOW.

The Pacific International Live Stock Exposition will be held December 7 to 12, 1914, at Portland Union Stock Yards, North Portland, Oregon, in the interest of livestock education. The 1913 Stock Show was a great success. Cattle were shown equal to those shown at Chicago in fact some of the fat stock shown in Portland had been on exhibition at the Chicago show. This proves that Oregon is rapidly becoming a market center of the West drawing live stock from the Middle West, North and South and here at home in Clackamas County, where green feed may be had the entire year, a class of stock can be produced hard to beat for size, fat and flavor.—Oregon City Publicity.

SMELT RUN DRAWS CROWDS TO LOWER SANDY RIVER

TROUTDALE, Ore., Mar. 26.—The smelt run in the lower Sandy river which started Tuesday is continuing unabated and is expected to continue until Sunday. Troutdale was the Mecca of people from Graham and vicinity who netted over 100 sacks of smelt. Sacks, wooden boxes, cardboard boxes and even pockets were used to carry the fish away.

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Union Meat Co. Fertilizer (BEAVER BRAND "C")

Used on corn will mature it 4 to 5 weeks earlier

Actual tests in Eastern Oregon have proven this to be a fact. The same can be done here.

Try it this year and convince yourself

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FATHER OF FORMER LOCAL DOCTOR DIES

BUFFALO, N. Y., Mar. 30.—(Special)—William H. Freeman, age 85 father of Dr. Francis Freeman, formerly of Oregon City but now located in Toronto, Ontario, after a brief illness, died at his home last night at Toronto.

Asquith Announces Plan.

LONDON, March 30.—After rejecting the many solutions of the government crisis which had been postponed and discussed, Premier Asquith announced a decision to the house of commons today which none of the prophets had expected or even suggested. The prime minister himself will assume the burden of the war office, in addition to his other and almost crushing duties. He will resign from the house at this critical stage, when the second reading of the home rule bill is about to be taken up, and will appeal for re-election to his constituents in East Fife, Scotland, within a few days.

PLAN LONG OCEAN RACES

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—A feature of the International regatta to be held in connection with the Panama-Pacific exposition next year will be a race for motor cruisers, from New York to San Francisco, for prizes aggregating \$10,000. Preliminary arrangements for the contest were announced by the exposition yesterday. The distance to be traversed is approximately 500 nautical miles and about one month will be required for the race. Deep-sea motor water-line and over will be the contestants. Two entries from New York have been announced.

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THOUSANDS WANT JOBS ON ALASKAN ROAD

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Thousands of letters are being received here by senators and representatives from men who are applying for positions on the Alaskan railway the government is going to build. Some members are receiving so many of these letters that they have resorted to a circular reply in answering them. It will be disappointing to these applicants that in all probability it will be several years before any position in their lines will be open in Alaska, if at all.

Before any construction work can be done in Alaska, surveys must be run—preliminary to definitely determine the course to be followed, and finally to locate the right-of-way. The shortness of the season and the character of the country will make this work proceed slowly. These surveys will need to be approved at Washington, after which it will be possible for exploration to begin. The estimates and specifications, if the work, in some under contract—as it is most likely to be—then the employing will be done by private contracts and not by the government.

The provisions of the Alaska railway bill make it optional whether the government shall operate or lease its road when constructed, and in the event the latter course is decided upon—as many believe will be done—even the hope of a job in the operating department will depend on private parties and not the government.

MODEL LAW FRAMED FOR PANAMA CANAL

WASHINGTON, March 27.—What is regarded as a model employers' liability law is embodied in an executive order made public today providing for the adjustment of claims arising out of personal injury to employees of the Panama canal and the Panama railroad. The order is the result of more than a year's study of the subject by Secretary Garrison, Major P. C. Boggs, chief of the Canal commission offices, and the law officers of the war department and is based upon a similar order issued by President Taft March 3, 1913. For lack of funds it was found necessary to withdraw the original order which was also regarded as defective in practical features. The new order, while framed with special reference to the conditions in the canal zone, is regarded as sufficiently comprehensive to serve as a pattern for executive action in the various states.

The total amount of compensation in case of death resulting in one year from the date of injury may not exceed \$500. A widow may receive 25 per cent of the wage of her former husband for a period of eight years, and if she has two dependent children there shall be allowed in addition 10 per cent for each child. Permanent total disability is to be compensated at the rate of 75 per cent of the monthly pay for the first three months and 50 per cent thereafter for a period of eight years.

Students Cut Out Frills.

MONMOUTH, Ore., March 28.—According to a ruling of the senior class of the Oregon Normal school, the material for the girls' graduating dresses must not exceed \$5, and the men's apparel must be proportionately reduced in cost.

TOLL EXEMPTION STIRS CONGRESS

PRESIDENT WILSON CALL CLASH "CROWNING INSULT OF MANY INSULTS"

FINAL VOTE SCHEDULED FOR TODAY

Enthusiasm Increases With Approach of End—Little Doubt is Expressed of Final Decision in Congress

WASHINGTON, March 28.—On the eve of the vote in the house on the repeal of American toll exemption in the Panama canal congress today was completely absorbed in the controversy.

While opposing forces were clashing in oratorical fight at the capitol, President Wilson took occasion to discuss the situation with railroads, expressing his regret that what had promised to be a dignified contest over principles had degenerated into a fight upon the administration. Mr. Wilson characterized as a crowning insult of a number of insults, in the debate, the declaration of Representative Knowland, of California, that the administration had made a deal to repeal the toll exemption with Sir Edward Grey, British secretary of foreign affairs.

With the final vote on the Sims repeal bill in the house scheduled for late tomorrow, interest in the controversy revived enthusiasm increasing with the approach of the end and the closing speech of Speaker Clark in opposition to the repeal serving as the chief objective point of attention.

Little doubt as to the result of the vote on the bill is entertained by anyone, the majority for the repeal being estimated at from 30 to 15 votes. All ears will be strained for the speaker tomorrow. There is much speculation on the course the date on the bill will take. His friends expect Democrats believe he will not retreat however, from allusions to political entanglements.

MIKE SHOWS THEM ALL A FEW THINGS

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 26.—Local advocates of eugenics are interested in the visit of Michael Donohue, of Oregon City. Mr. Donohue stands high among the students of physical betterment in that city and he gave a demonstration here last night. Mr. Donohue's programme for the evening follows: 10 p. m., one drink; 10:05 to 11:45 as many drinks as somebody else bought; 12, one night cap; 12:30 a. m., retired in open doorway; 1 a. m., registered at the Stevenson hotel.

Mr. Donohue will continue his lectures at the Stevenson until the end of the week.

Fire Damages Hotel.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 27.—The second fire to visit the Perkins hotel in a week did considerable damage to the hostelry between 11 and 12 o'clock yesterday.

THREE COURSES OPEN SAYS COMMISSIONER

CHAIRMAN GALLOWAY SAYS TAXPAYER MUST USE HIS OWN JUDGMENT

SALEM, Ore., March 26.—With all the uncertainty that has followed the decision of Judge Cleaton in Multnomah county granting an injunction against the county officials from collecting a penalty of one per cent a month on the second half of taxes not paid prior to April 1, the state tax commission is being besieged with the question: What shall the poor taxpayer do?

Chairman Charles V. Galloway of the tax commission, after conferring with other members of the commission, issued a written statement announcing that it was up to the taxpayer to be pleased, and take his own chance. Mr. Galloway said:

"In view of the present uncertainty in the situation, the final outcome of which the commission is entirely unable to foresee, the taxpayers must exercise their own judgment in making tax payments. Any one of the courses is now open to them.

"They can pay one-half of the tax charged against them before April 1 and take the chance on the final termination by the courts as to whether or not the penalties specified in the law will be collected on the second half to be paid prior to September 1.

"They can pay all their taxes prior to April 1 and remove all chances of penalties being charged.

"They can defer the payment of all their taxes, with the certainty of having to pay an additional one per cent for each month or part of a month the payment is deferred after April 1, and up to September 1.

"The commission is not advised whether an appeal from this decree will be taken by or on behalf of the county and is, of course, unable to anticipate what the final disposition of the matter may be in case it is presented to the supreme court for decision. Since this issue primarily affects Multnomah county it is one which proper officials of that county should settle in the first instance."

Miss Wilson Shops.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Miss Eleanor Wilson, daughter of the president, spent several hours today shopping in New York, making several purchases for her trousseau.

FREE HALF DOZEN BEAUTIFUL SPOONS FREE

To acquaint you with the very best daintiest, most deliciously flavored surprising attraction in confection "LA RITA" Chocolates, we will give absolutely free six beautiful "Cuban Pattern" Extra Crown Brand silver teaspoons. A fortunate purchaser of this celebrated silverware and our certainty that you'll buy our LA RITA Chocolates after our taste, prompts us to make this generous offer. LA RITA Chocolates after one taste, prompts us where.

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