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OREGON INDUSTRY AIDED BY CHOICE

OREGON ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY'S BID OF \$315,000 SELECTED

BOND ISSUE WOULD BE \$375,000

Committee Picks Pipe With Life of 50 Years—Coating of Burlap Dipped in Tar and Asphalt Adds to Service

Oregon industries received a substantial boost Monday, Prosperity day, when the south fork water committee announced that the Oregon Engineering & Construction company, a local firm, was selected to build the pipe to the south fork of the Clackamas with the understanding that the Willamette Iron & Steel company, of Portland, would make the pipe. If the voters approve the bonds at a special city election, which will be held at an early date.

Riveted steel with a coating of burlap dipped in coal tar and hot asphalt was selected by the committee as the best for the money. The Oregon Engineering & Construction company's bid for the line is \$315,000. The Willamette Iron & Steel company is backing the local contractors and will guarantee to the committee the carrying out of the contract.

Bond Issue \$375,000.

The water committee, composed of William Anderson, M. D. Latourrette and W. A. Long made the announcement Monday night after a meeting which lasted the greater part of the afternoon. The selection of riveted steel was endorsed by B. T. McLean and L. L. Porter, representing West Linn. The committee was united in the decision.

The committee is guaranteed 50 cents on the dollar for the bonds and in case they can be sold for a higher figure, the city will benefit.

The total bond issue will be \$375,000 to allow a proper margin for purchasing right-of-ways and engineering the project. If West Linn enters the project, as is planned, the town across the river will turn over to Oregon City \$125,000 worth of bonds and take one-third of the water delivered in the reservoir at the end of the pipeline. West Linn will construct its line from the main pipe to its reservoir on the west side of the river. Oregon City will hold the bonds, receive interest and principal from West Linn under the plan.

Pipe Selected Serviceable.

Although bids were received for the construction of a reservoir, the committee decided that with the selection of a steel pipe, a new reservoir was not necessary. Proposals were opened for the construction of both opened and closed reservoirs.

The riveted steel pipe with the burlap coating such as selected by the committee will have a life of at least 50 years, according to the statement of engineers. The coating of burlap is dipped in coal tar and hot asphalt and is said to add 10 to 20 years to the life of the pipe. The first pipe laid from Portland to Bull Run, which is riveted steel, although not coated, has been in the ground 25 years.

The competition between the contractors and the pipe manufacturers was very strong. The water committee held a meeting almost every day last week and at each session representatives of contractors and pipe-makers were present. Every effort was brought to bear on the committee to force the selection of a wood pipe. The influence of Portland papers was even focused on the committee.

Will Draft Amendment at Once.

Robert Wakefield withdrew his bid of \$285,000 for the construction of a lapweld pipe Monday and left the committee with a choice of three propositions: the Pacific Bridge company, wood pipe, \$210,000; Oregon Engineering & Construction company, riveted steel with national coating, \$315,000; and Boyajohn-Arnold company, lapweld, \$350,000.

With City Attorney Schuebel, the committee will draft the proposed amendment to the city charter authorizing the construction of the line and the issuance of the bonds at an early date. The council can call a special election in 21 days to refer the project to the voters and it is probable that the date will be set early in January. Mayor Jones and a large majority of the members of the council favor the construction of the line.

A spirited campaign is being planned by the Pure Mountain Water league, which has fostered the plan from the beginning. It will probably begin as soon as the date for the election is known.

DECREE IS MODIFIED

Circuit Judge Campbell signed an order modifying the decree of divorce of Florence Stevens and Orville A. Stevens, of Portland, Monday. The custody of their two children, Marion and Harriet, was given to the mother and the father was ordered to pay a monthly alimony of \$12 for their support. The decree was signed several weeks ago.

HIGH COURT HEARS VAN BRAKLE CASE

The Van Brakle case was argued before the state supreme court at Salem Thursday on appeal from the decision of Circuit Judge Campbell. C. Schuebel and L. Stipp represented Dr. J. A. Van Brakle and C. D. Latourrette the state board of health. A decision is expected within the next three weeks. The effect of the findings of the high court on County Health Officer Van Brakle is important. If the decision of the lower court is reversed, he will be removed. The legality of the order early last summer issued by the board in an attempt to oust Dr. Van Brakle is the question before the court.

SELLING PLEADS FOR UNFORTUNATE

PORTLAND MERCHANT MAKES AFFECTIVE TALK BEFORE THE LIVE WIRES

WORK IN HIS HOME CITY IS TOLD

Philanthropist Serves 800 Meals a Day at Five Cents Each to Poor—Join Belgian Relief Plan Is Advice

Ben Selling, millionaire merchant and philanthropist, brought tears to the eyes of the men around the luncheon tables at the meeting of the Live Wires in the Commercial club Tuesday, when he told of the suffering families in the countries devastated by the European war.

While he was invited to come to Oregon City to tell of the plans he had worked out in Portland to feed and house the unemployed, he could not refrain from switching about and pouring forth an impassioned, but touching plea for the starving Belgians. T. W. Sullivan had just read a letter addressed to him as president of the Commercial club by Theodore B. Wilcox, of Portland, who is aiding the movement to send a ship load of non-perishable food from Oregon and Washington to Europe, and Mr. Sullivan and J. E. Hedges had been named as a committee to make an investigation locally and determine the feasibility of a plan to raise funds here.

There was little enthusiasm apparent until Mr. Selling manufactured it. When he had concluded there was a great deal, and it is expected the result will be fruitful.

Mr. Selling, in a brief, but very interesting talk, explained his plan of housing and feeding the unemployed men, that has worked out so successfully at Portland. He said he was serving 800 meals a day at five cents per meal, and several hundred beds at 10 cents per night had been found in 15 lodging houses. He was given a vote of thanks at the close of his talk. E. R. Brown was chairman for the day.

The suggestion has been made that every person in Oregon City, who has it within his means, give a sack of flour to be sent to Belgium. There seems to be a strong probability that several hundred sacks of flour could be sent from Oregon City, and those who are willing to contribute are asked to communicate with Mr. Sullivan or Mr. Hedges, who form the relief committee.

L. Adams, A. C. Howland and E. R. Brown were named by F. A. Olmsted as a committee to promote the purchase of Oregon made products.

The Live Wires will not meet again until after the holidays, the first Tuesday in January being the date. W. L. Mulvey will be chairman for the day's program.

The following menu was served:

- Bull Run
- Chicken Fricassee
- Green Peas
- Maashed Potatoes
- Combination Salad
- Hot Rolls
- Whipped Cream
- Apple Pie
- Coffee

SAFE IS BLOWN IN STORE AT MONITOR

Burglars entered the store of Gregerson & Co., at Monitor early Friday morning and blew the safe but obtained only a small amount of money.

JOE GOULD FACES FEDERAL CHARGE

BAKER'S BRIDGE LABORER TAKEN TO PORTLAND BY SECRET SERVICE DETECTIVE

OPERATIONS THOUGHT EXTENSIVE

Arrest Follows Statements Made to Constable Frost by Charles A. Rogers, Held Here for Forgery

Joe Gould, who, the officers believe, has been connected with forging operations in Clackamas county for some time was arrested Friday afternoon near Baker's bridge by William H. Glover, secret service operator, Sheriff E. T. Mass and Constable D. E. Frost. Information against Gould was secured through the efforts of Constable Frost who has devoted a large part of his time to the case during the last two weeks.

When the officers approached Gould he was working on a fence by the road near Baker's bridge. He offered no resistance to the arrest. A melting pot, batteries and other parts of a counterfeiting equipment, excepting the dies, were found near Gould's cabin by the Clackamas river, and are now held by Sheriff Mass as evidence.

Gould was taken to Portland by Operator Glover on a late afternoon car and will face a charge in the federal court. A number of coins said to have been made by Gould are held as evidence. Each coin constitutes a separate count and the federal law prescribes a 10-year penalty for each count on conviction.

Those who investigated the case are of the opinion that the 18 counterfeit coins found late in October on the Southern Pacific right-of-way which were reported to Chief of Police Shaw were manufactured by Gould. The coins which were a poor imitation of \$5 gold pieces, were sent to the secret service operators in Portland.

It is thought that Gould has been making counterfeit coins in Clackamas county for a number of years. He is thought to have confined his efforts in the past to silver money in which he is said to have reached a degree of proficiency.

Constable Frost first became acquainted with the case about three weeks ago when he was bringing Charles A. Rogers, a brother-in-law of Gould, to Oregon City from Chehalis to answer a charge of forgery. Rogers knew a good part of the alleged operations of his relative and gave Frost enough facts to open the case against Gould. Rogers is now in the county jail here, having been bound over to the grand jury in the court of Justice Slevers.

It is thought that Rogers and Gould were associated in forging operations in Gladstone and Parkplace. Four checks were cashed in the two towns early in the fall and in the opinion of Constable Frost, one of the checks was cashed by Gould and three by Rogers. Further investigation will be made before the end of the week.

TWO SCHOOLS ARE STANDARD

Oak Grove and Lower Colton schools have met the 12 rigid requirements of the state board of education and this week received the pennants awarded to a standard school. Superintendent Calavan examined the Oak Grove school and Supervisor McCormack the Lower Colton building.

Superintendent Calavan is urging every school district in the county to take up the standardization plan and many have responded. Molalla, Canby, Kendall station, Butteville, Union, Wilsonville, Corral Creek and Union Hill have notified Mr. Calavan of their intention of making application for the standardization pennant and they will probably be visited early next year.

44 TAKE TESTS FOR CERTIFICATES HERE

Forty-four candidates for teaching certificates took the first day's examinations Wednesday under the supervision of Superintendent Calavan and Supervisors Voddler and McCormack. The examinations are held in the Masonic building.

The program follows: Wednesday—Writing, U. S. history, physiology, physical geography, reading, composition, methods in reading, methods in arithmetic. Thursday—Arithmetic, history of education, psychology, methods in geography, grammar, geography, American literature, physics, methods in language thesis for primary certificate. Friday—Theory and practice orthography, English literature, chemistry, school law, geology, algebra, civil government. Saturday—Geometry, botany, general history, bookkeeping.

AID IS APPRECIATED

MILWAUKIE, Dec. 14, 1914.—(Mr. E. E. Brodie, Oregon City, Oregon.)—On behalf of the Good Government League of Milwaukie, I wish to tender to you and the Oregon City Enterprise, the sincere thanks and appreciation of the league, of your splendid support in the late local campaign in Milwaukie.

It is indeed gratifying to us to find that a newspaper of the standing and circulation of your paper, published in another town, is sufficiently interested in municipal decency in our town, to do what you did to help along the cause of civic cleanliness. With your aid, we won a decisive victory.

We feel that the policies of the present administration have been emphatically disapproved by the people, and that this is the beginning of a new era in the public affairs of our little town. You have greatly increased the number of your friends in Milwaukie and vicinity.

Yours sincerely,
B. G. SKULASON,
President.

ACCOUNTING BILL IS NOT ALLOWED

COUNTY COURT REFUSES TO SANCTION ITEM FOR MEALS AND CARFARE

COLLIS & CO. ASKS FOR \$1054.65

Recommendation Is Made to Consolidate County Recorder With Clerk—E. P. Dedman Commended for System

Objecting to an item for \$23.65 for meals and carfare, the county court has refused to allow the bill of E. H. Collis & Co. for \$1054.65 for expediting the county's books under the new uniform accounting law.

"I do not live in Oregon City, yet I do not expect the taxpayers to give me money to pay my meals and carfare," said County Judge H. S. Anderson Saturday. "The court strongly objects to the item. There is no reason why the county should pay the living expenses of the accountants merely because they live in Portland."

Following the recommendation of the accountants that all bills brought before the county court be itemized, the bill of Collis & Co. was submitted to the court with practically no items mentioned. The number of men employed, the number of days, the rate per diem, and other details were omitted altogether. It simply charged the county with \$940 for auditing the books. The accountants chided the clerk's office for filing bills which were not thoroughly itemized.

The consolidation of the office of county clerk with county recorder was recommended. The accountants also advised that no other persons than county employees be allowed in the vaults. Such a ruling would affect attorneys and abstractors who are now in the habit of looking up their own records. County Recorder Dedman was commended for the manner in which his records were kept.

STOCKHOLDERS OF W. V. S. MEET HERE

Two hundred thousand dollars of preferred stock was authorized at the meeting of the stockholders of the Willamette Valley Southern held at the company's offices in Oregon City Saturday afternoon.

The money derived from the sale of a part of the stock will be used to pay for improvements on the line between this city and Mt. Angel. It is not probable that all of the stock authorized will be sold.

The directors who have served during the last year were re-elected. They are: William Sheahan, B. T. McLean, George A. Harding, Frank Busch, E. E. Burnham, Oliver Robbins, O. D. Eby, W. A. Huntley and Judge Grant B. Dimick.

A large majority of the stock of the company was represented.

PRIZEFIGHTING BARRED

That there will be no prizefighting in Clackamas county has been the answer of District Attorney Gilbert Hedges to fight promoters who have come up from Portland to ask for permission to stage fights in Milwaukie or Oregon City.

Promoters who have been staging fights in and near St. Helens have approached Mr. Hedges on the subject several times but the answer has always been that there will be no prizefighting in Clackamas county. Amateur bouts only are permitted.

NEW LAW REDUCES TOTAL VALUATION

DESPISE RISE IN REALTY VALUES CLACKAMAS ASSESSMENT IS CUT \$146,172

P. R. L. & P. LARGEST TAXPAYER

Electric Company Is Valued at \$4,541,546.28—Other Public Service Corporations are Assessed by State

Although there has been a general rise in realty values in every part of the county, the total assessed valuation on which will be based the 1915 taxes, will be \$146,172.31 less than the valuation for this year's levy.

The loss is due to the law passed by the recent legislature which takes the assessment of bridges from the hands of the county assessor and turns them over to the state tax commission. The Oswego and the Willamette bridges, both across the Willamette river and both within Clackamas county, are not assessed with property in the county but with the general valuation of the Oregon and California Railroad company.

Assessor J. E. Jack received the assessment of public service corporations from the state commission Monday. The total assessed valuation of all taxable property in the county is \$30,375.81 against \$30,521,729.81 for 1913.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company is the largest individual taxpayer in the county. Almost one-sixth of the taxes in the county will be paid by the electric company next year. The total assessed valuation of property owned by the company is \$4,541,546.28, which is divided as follows: Oregon City division, \$334,265.60; Portland-Casadero division, \$788,892.50; Bull Run division, \$87,874.90; water rights and power development at Oregon City, \$1,257,440; water rights and power developments at Casadero, \$248,000; water rights and power development at River Mill, \$164,000; water rights and power development at Bull Run, \$246,500; and wires and power lines (758.226 miles), \$1,011,473.48.

Other large taxpayers assessed by the state tax commission are: Portland, Eugene & Eastern, Willamette Falls railway, \$33,555.90 and Canby-Molalla line, \$31,176.

Postal Telegraph & Cable company, \$2,679.50.

Western Union Telegraph company, \$11,134.96.

Oregon City and Farmers Independent company, \$11,943.36.

Oregon & California Railroad company, east side division \$885,349.12; Yamhill division, \$111,186; and Beaverton and Willaburg division, \$64,860.

Oregon Electric Railroad company, main line, \$120,338.40; transmission line, \$4,988.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, \$75,002.12.

CONVENTION GIVES MATTOON POSITION

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—After making recommendations to the coming legislature on matters of legislation and electing officers for the ensuing year the fifth annual convention of the Oregon State Association of County Judges and Commissioners adjourned today to meet again December 8, 1915, at 10 a. m. in the Multnomah county courthouse in Portland.

The following officers were elected unanimously to head the association during the coming year: President, Edwin C. Judd, judge of Clatsop county; vice president, Helms W. Thompson, judge of Lane county; secretary, Philo Holbrook, commissioner of Multnomah county re-elected; treasurer, W. H. Mattoon, commissioner of Clackamas county, re-elected.

MT. PLEASANT CLUB AIDS IN ROAD WORK

At the regular meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Civic Improvement club, the road committee, consisting of J. M. Warnock, J. A. Roman and A. C. Warner, reported the road opposite the Mt. Pleasant school in excellent shape.

L. Mattoon, road supervisor of district No. 15, had charge of the work and all work was donated. This piece of road connects the Central Point road with New Era, and has long since needed repairing. When it was learned that the court had no funds for this work the Improvement club committee began soliciting teams and labor and had no trouble in getting plenty of help although this particular piece of road is in road district No. 44.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 12.—Charles Washington and Beard Henderson, negroes accused of robbing and killing Cyrus Hotckin, white, were lynched.

2 IN KELSO ROBBERY PAROLED CONVICTS

Of the three men who broke into the Carl store at Kelso last month, two were paroled convicts and the third an ex-convict. Sheriff Mass has received the records of two of the three from state officials.

Ben Thompson, believed to be one of the three, was paroled September 8, 1911, when he had 11 years of a 20-year sentence yet to serve. "Dutch" Sterl, who has been connected with the attempted burglary according to the county officials, has several years yet to serve and is now in the penitentiary. Jack Castor is the other one in the trio and has completed a two term after being convicted in Douglas county on a charge of burglary.

LEGISLATIVE ACT FOR LINE PLANNED

REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT SCHUEBEL WILL INTRODUCE MEASURE EARLY IN SESSION

EMERGENCY CLAUSE IS FEATURE

Inactment of Bill is Necessary to Make Joint Ownership of Line to South Fork Legal, Claim Bond Attorneys

A special act of the legislature will be necessary to make the joint ownership of the pipeline to the South Fork of the Clackamas by Oregon City and West Linn legal, according to authorities on bonds.

L. Stipp prepared such a bill Wednesday which C. Schuebel will submit to the house of representatives early in the session. The bill has an emergency clause so that the act could take effect as soon as it was passed.

"The bill follows: 'To authorize incorporated cities and towns to construct, own or operate jointly in such proportion as they may agree, water works, water pipelines, water rights or water, or to purchase one from the other, or others, any interest therein, and to issue, sell or otherwise dispose of bonds or other securities of such city or town for such purpose.'

"Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon:

"Section 1. All or any of the incorporated cities or towns within the state of Oregon are hereby authorized to construct, own or operate jointly, in such proportion as they may agree or to purchase one from the other or others, waterworks, water pipelines, water rights or water or any interest therein or in either of them and to provide joint or other commissions or agencies for the construction, operation or control thereof and to issue, sell or otherwise dispose of bonds or other securities of such city or town for the purpose of carrying out any of the foregoing provisions.

"Section 2. WHEREAS a great many of the cities and towns of Oregon are without an adequate supply of pure and wholesome water and are unable alone to secure such supply, and

"WHEREAS the health and safety of the people of such cities and towns and the state of Oregon is thereby endangered, and

"WHEREAS there is now no authority for cities and towns to enter into or carry out the provisions of section one of this act, and it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the health and safety of the people of the state of Oregon that such authority be immediately given, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its approval by the governor."

MINERAL LANDS LEASED BY STATE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 15.—With the leasing today by the state land board of Summer and Albert Lakes, which contain rich deposits of salts, to Jason C. Moore, head of a New York syndicate, the development of another of Oregon's remarkable resources seems near.

What the value of the output of the lakes annually will be is problematic, but Mr. Moore declared that he and his associates would expend at least \$6,000,000 in equipment and development within the next two years. He thought that from 3500 to 6000 men would be employed.

Engineers would be put to work at once, but because of a reservation of the board that the legislature must pass upon the proposition, the work of building a plant and laying pipelines will not be started until that is done.

TAXPAYERS CUT BUDGET \$18,935

NEW JAIL COSTING \$15,000 IS TURNED DOWN BY DECISIVE VOTE AT MEETING

COUNTY ROAD LEVY WILL BE 8 MILLS

Taxpayers Leave Office of Road Engineer With County Court—Judge Anderson Reports Progress

CHANGES MADE AT TAXPAYERS MEETING

	Original Budget	Second Budget
County voters-		
narian	\$ 600*	
County sealer ..	500	\$ 200
Health officer ..	1,175	1,000
New jail	15,900	
Care prisoners ..	1,200	1,900
County poor	10,900	7,500
Stock inspector ..	400*	
Road engineer ..	2,510**	
Poor farm		2,500
Auditing books ..	150	500
Totals	\$31,635	\$12,700
Total cut		\$18,935

* Choice between these two offices left with county court.

** To be paid from county road fund and not from general fund.

Cuts wherever possible were made in the county budget prepared by the county court at the taxpayers' meeting which was held in the circuit court room at the courthouse from 10 o'clock Tuesday morning to 5 o'clock that afternoon.

By a vote of 10 to one, the taxpayers took a stand against the proposed county jail, reduced the \$10,000 item for the care of the county poor to \$7,500 and voted their recommendation to the county court to spend \$2,500 as first payment on a county poor farm of at least 40 acres. In each of these three recommendations, which were probably the most important changes made in the budget drafted by the court, the taxpayers were almost united.

An attempt of Harvey E. Cross to reduce the county road tax to 5 mills and the plan of Harvey Starkweather to raise it to 10 mills both met with failure and the recommendation of the county court, 8 mills, was adopted.

The vote on the road tax was taken shortly before the meeting adjourned and there was only 23 persons in the room. A number of road supervisors were present and availing their influence against the five mill vote proposed by Mr. Cross. Mr. Starkweather's proposal of a 10-mill levy received but little endorsement.

The largest single item dispensed with was the construction of the county jail. A committee headed by J. O. Staats, and representing the Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial club, recommended the construction of a new jail and the project found several advocates among the taxpayers but the vote against the item was large.

Several speakers attempted to work the prohibition amendment into the issue by declaring that with a dry state there would be no need of a county jail. Their efforts were met with laughter from a large part of the crowd.

Only one item was raised, for auditing the county's books under the uniform accounting law although the taxpayers did recommend to the court that \$2,500 be appropriated for a county poor farm, an item which was not in the original budget.

Road Engineer Left With Court.

Whether or not Clackamas county will have a county road engineer next year was left with the county court. The taxpayers did, however, recommend that his salary and expenses be taken from the general road fund and not from the general county fund.

As the taxpayers checked over the budget, the office of veterinarian was abolished and later the office of stock inspector was done away with. A few minutes before the close of the meeting, the discovery was made that both offices had been abolished and the motion was made and carried to recommend to the county court that only one of the two offices be done away with.

The action of the taxpayers in making recommendations to the county court does not compel the court to recognize their wish but it is generally understood that the commissioners will adopt a budget based on their advice. Last year the recommendations of the taxpayers was followed out.

Resolutions Passed. County Judge Anderson acted as chairman, and Harvey G. Starkweather as secretary. Harry Cross took a prominent part in the discussion, always standing for reduction in the county's expenses. Others who spoke several times are: George Randall, Charles Spence, J. O. Staats, John Riley, Charles Risley and E. C. Hackett.

The only reduction made in any of the offices in the courthouse was a reduction of the force in the tax collecting department. One clerk allowed

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