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## HARD FIGHT FOR ROAD BILL LEAD BY GUY T. HUNT

MEASURE WOULD ALLOW CITIES TO AID IN COUNTRY HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

## DIMICK APPROVES CHANGE IN A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS

Duck Baiting Bill by Clackamas Senator Killed by Upper House After a Lively Discussion 16 to 14

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 4.—(Special)—Hunt, in the interest of the districts not on the state highways, was instrumental today in having re-referred to the house committee on roads and highways the house bill providing that towns and cities may raise money to aid in building or improving the state highways. He said the law should be broad enough to give them the right to aid any roads. He also opposed the provision that money should be turned over to the state highway department to expend, declaring that the counties should have supervision of the work.

Hunt said if the bill was amended, as he suggested, the road leading south from Estacada would be improved with the city aiding in the work and several towns and cities on the Molalla road would be willing to aid in improving that thoroughfare. He saw no reason why the bill should apply to adding only the trunk lines known as state highways.

Dimick today, while favoring the substitute to the resolution providing that the legislature memorialize congress to pass the Ferris land leasing bill, opposed the election of the delegates to attend the convention of delegates from eleven states to work out a plan for submission to congress for the development of water power by the house and the senate, insisting that they should be appointed by the governor. He said it was a slap at the executive. The substitute provides that the legislature invite 10 of the western states to send the delegates to a convention to be held in Portland next fall. Dimick thought that big business would stand less chance of controlling the Oregon delegates if they were appointed by the governor instead of the legislature.

Dimick's bill to prohibit the baiting of ducks in the ponds and lakes on the Columbia, was defeated in the senate, although the author made a gallant fight for it. He declared the ducks never reached Oregon City or other parts of the state because all were killed in the baited places. He said other people should have as much right to the sport as the "silk stocking" gent of Portland, who have more money than they know what to do with.

Two reports were made from the game committee on the bill and the majority in favor of the bill and the minority against it. The discussion came up on a motion to substitute the minority report, for the majority, and thereby killing the bill. The minority report was adopted by a vote of 16 to 14.

Dimick said a few rich men in Portland owned or leased the lakes and sloughs along the Columbia and poured tons of wheat into them, and then slaughtered the ducks by the thousands.

"We are getting tired of the game hogs down there feeding and slaughtering these ducks," he said. "We think a few of them should be allowed to come up the Willamette valley."

Senator Kiddle took a hand in the sport. "I cannot see any harm in feeding once in a while a poor hungry duck or a slender limbed chicken, whether it wears silk stockings or not," he said.

The vote was as follows: For the minority report and to kill the bill—Brigham, Butler, Clarke, Cusk, Day, Farrell, Kellaher, Kiddle, Languth, Leinweber, McBride, Moser, Perkins, Smith of Coos, Stewart, Mr. President.

Against the report—Harret, Bishop, Burgess, Dimick, Garland, Hawley, Hollis, La Pollett, Ragdale, Smith of Josephine, Strayer, Vinton, Von der Hellen, Wood.

## SCHOOL FILLED AT RALLY FOR PENNANT

The East Clackamas school was crowded Friday afternoon by students and parents when the school was presented with a standardization pennant by Superintendent Calavan and Supervisor Vedder. The rally is the first of a series which will last through the spring.

## COUNTIES MAY BE SPLIT WITHOUT VOTE OF PEOPLE

PETITION OF 55 PER CENT OF VOTERS IN SECEDING SECTION ALL REQUIRED

## ESTACADA AND COTTAGE GROVE MEN SAID TO BACK NEW PLAN

Senator Dimick Intends to Keep "Weather Eye" on Measure—Gus Moser Introduces Bill in Senate

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 10.—(Special)—A bill having for its primary purpose the creation of new counties from Clackamas and Lane counties was introduced in the senate today by Moser. It is said to have been written by E. W. Hartlett and J. W. Reed of Estacada, and Elbert Bede, of Cottage Grove.

If the measure becomes a law it will be a simple matter for the eastern section of Clackamas county and the southern section of Lane county to secede and form the proposed new counties of Cascade and NeSmith. Under the present law both sections have tried to secede, but fell far short of the required vote.

The present law provides that a part of a county to become a county of itself must be authorized by a majority vote of that section and a 35 per cent vote of the other part of the county. Under the proposed law no election is required, and residents of the section not a part of the proposed county have no say whatever. It is provided that the boundary of the proposed county shall not be within seven miles of the old county seat. New counties may be created from the old ones having populations of more than 25,000, assessed valuations of more than \$22,000,000 and areas of more than 200 square miles. There must remain with the old county not less than 400 square miles, 15,000 population and assessed valuations of \$15,000,000.

It is provided that when not less than 55 per cent of the local voters of the district desiring to secede file a petition with the governor, he shall appoint a commission of three members, one a circuit judge of a district not comprising either the old or the proposed county and others residents of their counties to make an investigation. Upon reporting that it is advisable to create a new county the governor must issue a proclamation creating it. No election shall be held to vote upon the proposal and residents of the other section of the county shall take no part whatever.

Clackamas county defeated by a large majority a plan to divide the county two years ago. It is understood the plan is to make Estacada the county seat if the new county is created from Clackamas and Cottage Grove from Lane.

Senator Dimick, when asked his attitude regarding the bill, said he had not read it carefully but intended "keeping his weather eye upon it."

## JAPANESE CRUISER WRECKED IN PACIFIC

ASAMA WITH CREW OF 500 IS AGROUND ON COAST OF LOWER CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 4.—The Japanese cruiser Asama, carrying a crew of 500 men, is reported wrecked near Turtle Bay, less than 40 miles from the place where the steamers Isthmia and Malakka went on the rocks December 18 off the western coast of Lower California. The Asama struck on or before Monday and is now a total wreck, although no lives are reported lost, according to report here today.

When the British collier Boyne arrived here Tuesday it had on board a Japanese naval officer, who refused to talk for publication. The Boyne's gangplank was not lowered while it was in the harbor and the vessel had no dealing with the American authorities other than what was required by law.

It is reported now that the Japanese officer came from the wrecked Asama and that he filed from her the official report of the wreck to his government. The presence of the Japanese officer was known to the American federal authorities here, but his business was not given.

It is said the Asama's wireless went out of commission instantly when the ship struck.

F. J. NELSON ILL  
Fred J. Nelson, who recently returned from San Francisco where he was to have joined the crew of the battleship Oregon in the cruise through the Panama canal, is ill with pneumonia at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. He was in a serious condition the first of the week but is better now.

## First Excursion Is Run Over The W. V. S. Scenery Along New Road Is Much Admired Excursionists Pay Short Visit To Mt. Angel

The first excursion for the general public over the newly completed railway line of the Willamette Valley Southern Railway company left Oregon City 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon with 150 enthusiastic excursionists. Three cars were required to accommodate the passengers, and the trip to Mt. Angel was made in excellent time. The excursionists were accompanied by Judge Grant B. Dimick, president of the company, and J. L. Stacer, superintendent. At every station, crowds greeted the excursion train, and at Mt. Angel the passengers were allowed some time to view the city.

water of the Clackamas river. The stations at Molalla and Mt. Angel are marked with structures of the California bungalow design. The Willamette Valley Southern railway line passes through one of the richest farming sections of Clackamas and Marion counties. The soil of this section is well adapted to the growing of grain and produce of various kinds. The livestock industry is occupying the attention of many of the farmers, with great success. Dairying is also carried on, especially at Molalla and Mt. Angel, where creameries have been established and are meeting with success.

has been in operation since 1851. After the death of Mr. Howard, his son, C. T. Howard, took possession. The capacity of this mill is 50 barrels per day. The farming section of Multnomah is desirable for raising of all kinds of produce. As Saturday, February 20, has been set aside by the Oregon City Commercial club as "Willamette Valley Southern Day" the visitors to this city on that day will be given a cordial welcome. Three bands are to be provided for the occasion, those of Molalla, Mt. Angel and the Moose band of Oregon City. The Molalla and Mt. Angel bands will accompany the ex-

NEWELL CREEK TRESTLE ON THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY SOUTHERN



This trestle, located about a mile out of Oregon City on the new electric line is probably the largest trestle in this part of the valley. It is 123 feet high and 792 feet long. It was built early in the history of the road.

The scenery from this city to Mt. Angel can be compared with any other electric carline. Deep ravines are crossed, and winding mountain streams greet the eye on every hand. The farming sections with the mountains in a distance makes a most attractive panorama. Huge forests are entered where hundreds of cords of wood are ready for shipment.

During the past year Molalla has taken on a rapid growth. A handsome high school was recently completed, besides a large hall, which is owned by the Molalla News association. Molalla has a first-class hotel, grange hall, several large business blocks, weekly newspaper, and during the past year many handsome dwellings have been erected.

Mulino, which is located near Molalla, will no doubt take on a rapid growth now, since the completion of the railway. Here are large saw and four mills, operated by water power from Mill Creek. The flouring mill, owned and operated by C. T. Howard,

## SCHUEBEL LEADS FIGHT FOR GIRLS INDUSTRIAL HOME

CLACKAMAS REPRESENTATIVE HOLDS FLOOR DESPITE RULING OF CHAIR

SENATE ADOPTS MEMORIAL BY DIMICK FOR RURAL CREDITS

Oregon City Lawmaker Presents Strong Case for Moser Bill Directing Liquor Prosecutions

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—(Special)—Representative Schuebel despite the ruling of the chair that he was out of order kept the floor today and probably prevented the abolition of the state industrial school for girls. The joint ways and means committee failed to report on the bill making an appropriation for the school, and Huston asked that the bill making the appropriation for the boys' industrial school be amended so as to provide \$49,000 for a girls' school.

Representative Porter in the chair ruled the motion out of order and Huston acquiesced. Schuebel insisted he was not out of order and finally the house decided to ask the joint ways and means committee to introduce a bill providing an appropriation for the girls' school without recommendation so the house could vote upon it. It is believed the measure will be passed by a small vote.

The Dimick memorial to congress asking that postal savings bank deposits be used as a basis for a rural credit system was adopted by the senate. It provides for an increase of interest to depositors from 2 to 3 per cent. All senators voted for the memorial, and it was declared by several to be the most feasible plan offered for establishing the system.

The Clackamas senator made a strong fight for the Moser bill, giving the governor the right to direct the attorney general to conduct prosecutions for violations of the prohibition law when it became apparent that district attorneys were not doing their duty. He said for the senate not to pass the measure would mean that it had withheld the vote of confidence of the governor. The bill was referred to the judiciary committee to determine its constitutionality.

## DATE FOR "W. V. S. DAY" IS CHANGED TO FEB. 20.

The "Willamette Valley Southern Day" will be held Saturday, February 20, instead of February 25. This decision was reached Friday by the committee of Commercial club members who believe that the event will meet with greater success if it is held on the weekend day. Subscriptions raised among business men have encouraged the committee.

## USE OF AMERICAN FLAG IS PROTESTED

WASHINGTON SENDS NOTES TO BOTH GERMANY AND GREAT BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The United States government today, sent a note to Great Britain, making friendly observations on the use by British ships of neutral flags, and at the same time dispatched a communication to Germany, inquiring what steps would be taken by German naval commanders to verify the identity of ships flying neutral flags in the recently proclaimed zones of war around England and Ireland.

While the Lusitania incident is not mentioned, the representations to Great Britain are based on the statement of the British foreign office, justifying the use of neutral flags by her merchantmen to escape capture. The American government points out how frequent and continued use of this stratagem might cast doubt on the character of vessels really entitled to fly the American flag and produce dangers to which neutral ships ought not to be subjected on the high seas and in unblocked waters.

The introduction of the submarine into warfare produces issues not covered by any existing declarations of international law, but the United States has made it clear, it is understood, that an attack on a vessel flying the American flag, without first ascertaining that such use was fictitious, could not but be viewed gravely by the American government and bring about serious complications.

Marion county authorities have proposed to other Willamette valley counties a plan to erect sign boards at the county lines to designate to tourists on the trains the location of the divisions in the Willamette valley.

## W. V. S. ADDS TO THE CHANCES OF OPENING SAWMILL

NEW ROAD BRINGS GREAT TRACT OF TIMBER IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH PLANT

## BANK, CONTROLLING PROPERTY, ATTEMPTS TO FIND A BUYER

Offers Received From Northwest Lumbermen—Suggestion Made to Use Sawlogs From Tillamook County

That the Greenpoint sawmill, formerly operated under the name of the Oregon City Lumber & Manufacturing company, may be operated before the end of the summer after four years of idleness, is evident from the developments of the last month.

The property, which has an inventory value of \$104,000, is controlled by the First National bank and F. J. Meyer, cashier of the bank, is trustee. The bank secured control of the mill through a chattel mortgage several years ago when it was closed for the last time.

The fact that the plant is located some distance from a large body of marketable timber has always been the principal hindrance to the operation of the plant, but with the completion of the Willamette Valley Southern, which taps the great forest belt in the eastern part of Clackamas and Marion counties, enough timber is within easy reach to keep the mill busy for an indefinite period in the opinion of those in touch with the situation. The terminal yards of the new electric line join the mill property.

Another suggestion has been made which, if carried into execution, would bring timber from Tillamook county to Oregon City. The extension of the Portland, Eugene and Eastern, completed last Saturday, which connects the local paper plants with Oswego, runs within a short distance of the Tillamook road. A branch to connect these two roads could be built easily and logs from the coast county could be dumped into the Willamette here at a comparatively small cost, say those interested in the local plant.

It is known that the First National bank has received several offers from northwest lumbermen during the month of January. The mill has been for sale for some time, but owing to the difficulty of obtaining a good quality of logs, prospective buyers have refused to take over the property. The price asked by the bank for the property has not been made public.

The property on which the mill is built is the property of the Crown Willamette Paper company but the mill holds a lease on the property. The mill has a long stretch of river frontage.

The equipment of the plan is considered as modern as any in the Willamette valley. It has a capacity of 75,000 feet a day and the wash and door factory in connection with the mill can turn out 500 doors daily. The machinery is valued over \$70,000.

The plan was built a number of years ago by local business men and ran five years steadily. With the Southern Pacific and the Portland Railway, Light & Power company on one side and the river on the other, a cheap and convenient road to a market in Portland was always found.

## OSWEGO WANTS IRON PLANT STARTED UP

COMMERCIAL CLUB ENDEAVORS TO SECURE REVIVAL OF INDUSTRY

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10.—So anxious are the people of Oswego for the enlivening of industry that the Commercial club of Oswego has written asking the Portland Commercial club to use its influence to induce the Oregon Iron & Steel company to submit the lowest bid for water pipe to be bought by the city, also to secure greater interest on the part of the people generally spending money for home products so that the cash will be kept at home.

## FINAL PROGRAM FOR W. V. S. DAY NOW COMPLETED

EVENTS OF DAY WILL BEGIN AT 10 A. M. AND END AT 4:15 P. M.

## MOLALLA MOOSE POSTPONE THE DATE OF DANCE FOR EVENT

Three Bands Secured From Oregon City, Molalla and Mt. Angel—Visits to Mills Are Planned

The program for the Willamette Valley Southern day, February 20, was completed by the Commercial club committee Wednesday. Minor changes may be made before the day of the event.

Present indications are that several thousand persons will probably join in the celebration, especially since the day has been thrown open to all residents of the county. The Molalla Moose, joining in the true spirit of the affair, has postponed the annual Moose dance to a later date.

The first trains over the Willamette Valley Southern will come in at 10 o'clock and will be met by the Oregon City Moose band and 100 business men. Mayor Jones will deliver a speech of welcome. The parade at 10:45 o'clock will be the feature of the morning session and the concerts and speaking in the afternoon.

Three bands have been secured; the Oregon City Moose band, the Molalla and the Mt. Angel organizations. The Willamette Navigation company, the woolen mills and the Hawley Pulp & Paper company have co-operated with the committee and the visitors will be conducted through the plans and given a ride to the falls. The formal events of the day will end at 4:15 o'clock in the afternoon when the farewell reception will be given at Fifteenth and Main streets.

The complete program follows:

- 10:00—Arrival trains over Willamette Valley railway.
- Address of welcome, by Mayor Jones.
- 10:30—President G. B. Dimick of Willamette Valley Southern railway will pull the gold spike at Fifteenth street, and present the same to the mayor of Mt. Angel.
- 10:45—Headed by Moose band parade will march as follows:
  - 1—Moose band.
  - 2—Autos with distinguished visitors.
  - 3—Oregon City business men.
  - 4—Mt. Angel band.
  - 5—Mt. Angel visitors.
  - 6—Molalla band.
  - 7—Molalla visitors.
  - 8—Clackamas county citizens, etc.
- Ending at Third and Main streets.
- 11:00—Lady and children guests with guides will inspect the properties of the Oregon City Woolen mill.
- 11:30—Guests will embark on steamers of Willamette Navigation company at O. R. N. dock and view the Willamette falls and river.
- 12:00—Steamers will land at Oregon City Transportation company dock at Eighth street.
- 1:00—Reception at Commercial club. Speeches, etc.
- 1:00 to 4:00—Band concerts, free. Free dance. Moving picture shows free to visitors. Special demonstrations at leading stores.
- 4:15—Farewell reception and band concerts at Fifteenth and Main streets.

## SUIT FOR \$10,000; JUDGMENT ONLY \$100

DISTRICT FIGHT AT WITCHITA ENDS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

John Gibson, a school director in the Wichita district near Milwaukie, won a judgment for only \$100 in his \$10,000 slander suit against Jerome Avery in the circuit court Saturday.

The suit grew out of a factional fight in the Wichita district. Avery, the leader in the fight against the school board, called Gibson, a director, a thief, according to testimony introduced by the latter.