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FOURRALLIESAND EIGHT BEES KEEP

WEEK NOW CLOSING, MARKS CLI-MAX OF YEAR'S SCHOOL WORK.

POPULAR INTEREST IN SPELLING MATCHES IS EVIDENT EVERYWHERE

Two Girls Spell Entire Spelling Book at Boring-Sandy School Standardized and Bee Held on Same Day.

Pour standardization railies and eight spelling bees keep County School Superintendent Calavan and Supervisors Brenton Vedder and E. S. McCormick busy 16 hours a day all this week. Priday night marked the passing of what has been probably the most active week of school work in the county this school year.

Superintendent Calavan spent the week in the eastern part of the county with Supervisor McCormick and Bergess Ford of the Estacada schools, while Superintendent Vedder conduct ed four spelling bees in his district un-

Supervisor Vedder and Superintend ent Calavan returned to Oregon City Friday in time to direct the spelling bee at Gladstone Friday afternoon stone, Jennings Lodge, Concord, Parkplace. West Linn, Bolton and Canemah schools were represented with teams. Miss Charlotte Huguenin, of West Linn, won first place in the first division, composed of the fourth and fifth grades, and Miss Zennah Lytscell of the same school, won second. Arlie Read, of Gladstone, won first in the second division, composed of the eighth grades, and Miss Lillian Sandstrom, of Concord, was second. One ing of the big lift at the Live Wire rested." He denied the existance of a hundred and ninety pages in the spelling book were covered in the second division before all the spellers were

Estacada, Springwater, Garfield, George Currinsville, Eagle Creek, Douglass Ridge and Tracy were rep-Tuesday. Hundreds from every part bonds and that the people are demandresented at the bee held at Estacada Miss Bertha Devore, of Estacada, and out further delay. Miss Mary Ely, of Estacada, won first Ernest Rynning of Estacada, and Annette Davis, of Garfield, in the sec-

The visit of Superintendent Cala policy, van, Principal Ford and Supervisor McCormick to Sandy Wednesday took on the nature of a double celebration for in the afternoon the school house at night the school was standardized. Many came in from the outlying country districts for the spelling bee and stayed over night so as to attend the standardization rally.

Sandy, Firwood, Kelso, Cotrell, Dover, Bohemia, Hill Crest, Cherryville, Bull Run, Marmot and Sandy Ridge took part in the spelling bee and Miss Elta Beers, of Cotrell, and Miss Helen Moulton, of Sandy, won in the first division. Miss Louise Goger, and Miss Mary Daniels, both of Sandy, took the honors in the upper classes.

F. E. Beckwith, clerk of the Sandy union high school presented a gold bracelet to Miss Beers, the winner of the first division, and a gold watch to Miss Louise Goger.

Damascus, Hills View, Union and Rock Creek were represented at the spelling bee at Boring. Miss Daisy V. Waddell, of Rock Creek, and Leslie Ochler, of Damascus, were the best spellers in the first division, and Miss Bertha Karlen, of Union, and Miss boards and commissions. Martha Abplanalp tied for first place in the second. Miss Karlan and Miss Abplanalp spelled every word in the book before the attempt to decide the winner was given up.

Whiskey Hill, Elliott Prairie, Meridian and Ninety-One were the contesting schools at Whiskey Hill schoolhouse Thursday afternoon. Ben Bisanz and Francis Bonn, of Meridian, were the winners in the first division

in the second. Tuesday at Maple Grove. Only three ville, and Miss Ada Sherman, of Maple iron is of a fair quality. Grove, were the winners in the first division, and Alfred Boyles and Vera

Fiske, of Russelville, in the second. usually well attended, teams from Mulino, Liberal, Union Mills and Oak Grove, taking part. Mary Trullinger, of Union Mills, Mason Honeyman, of Liberal, Miss Margaret Donnelly, of Liberal, and Miss Mildred Maple, of Mulino, winning.

quam, Oak Lawn and Yoder competed of not guilty in the circuit court Tues-Wednesday at Monte Christo and the day afternoon. They were bound over Patton, a deputy game warden of Es- compared to what Italy would accept ery day when the sun is out. winners were Hazel Rexford, of Yo- at the last session of the grand jury tacada, for malicious prosecution was that an understanding seems hope

Creek, Boring and Sandy and each one will be tried April 36. The other two resented the warden and George C. was attended by Superintendent Calmen are charged with statutory Brownell the plaintiff.

avan, Supervisor McCormick and Bercrimes. Curtis will be taken before Nicoli was arrested last November supper was served.

ACCOUNTANTS DO NOT ACCEPT COURT'S OFFER

A representative from E. H. Col-& company, the Portland account ants, who experted the county's books last fall, Priday refused a warrant for \$623.85, the aum allowed by the county court for the work.

Collis & company presented a bill for \$1923 which the court refused to pay on the grounds that it was exhorbitant. The bill was checked over, certain items reduced and others climi nated and a warrant for \$623.85 or tered drawn. The accountants refuse to take the warrant as full payment or their claim, although they are willing to take it if it is understood that it is for part payment.

RECALL IS PRY TO FORCE ELEVATOR

BE OPERATED AT LIVE WIRE LUNCHEON.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE COMMITTEE

D. Eby, W. A. Huntley and A. C. Howland Will Work With West Linn Body.

ouncil should be recalled if they persist in their neglect to put the public the second division, composed of the teams from the sixth, seventh and elevator into operation, George Ran-charges were false and that he "would dall made an earnest plea for the start- make the bank sorry that I am ar-Inncheon Tuesday noon.

He recited that the people of Oreelevator running from the level of

Miss Mary Ely, of Estacada, won first able interest, but O. D. Eby comselled venture at McMinnville. He was acthe water would be settled within a J. Levitt, of the Regal shoe store in the county jail until this morning. few months, and he advised a waiting Portland, and a party of other Port- when Murdock, who will be held by

Huntley, A. C. Howland,

Dye discussed briefly the matter of answer not guilty. sion as a base. Mr. Dye said the rate will be tried April 24. of 15 cents between Oregon City and
Oak Grove for five miles was disleading merchant in this city, is now criminatory, in that the rate between out under \$4000 bonds, furnished by Portland and Oak Grove for eight Portland friends. miles is 10 cents.

Charles Parker and E. Kenneth take up the road olling question.

It was announced that on the first Tuesday in April Guy T. Hunt, a mein ber of the legislature from Clackamas county, would be present and talk on the proposed consolidation of various

IN SPAN HERE SOUND

and Miss Ruth Barnes, of Elliott Prai- the Oregon Agricultural college at Cor- ation to Baker's bridge, on Clackamas rie, and Walter Scott, of Ninety-One, vallis a report on the condition of the river, on or about July 1. cables and bars of the suspension Russelville took three of the four bridge, which, some had though, might leading places in the spelling bee have been weakened by electrolysis. schools took part, the third being Bea- from the bridge there is no evidence teenth street in Portland, will depend ver Lake. Hampton Viske, of Russel- of crystaline structure and that the

The bee at Mulino Monday was un-

Martin Parsich, J. W. Curtis and Monte Christo, Glad Tidings, Mar Jimmy Buderich each entered a plea

der, Miss Edna Hays, of Monte Chris- but their arraignment was postponed. thrown out of the circuit court Thurs- less. to, and Misses Dorria McRoberts and Parsich is charged with assult and day when Judge Campbell instructed is one of the Slavonian woodchoppers the jury to return a verdict of not Rallies were held at Kelso. Rock arrested March 6 near Tualatin. He guilty. District Attorney Hedges rep-

JAKE LEVITT IS HELD TO ANSWER SERIOUS CHARGE

OBTAINING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES ALLEGED IN INDICTMENT.

ARREST, MADE IN M'MINNVILLE IS SURPRISE TO MERCHANT

Portland Friends Quickly Raise \$4,000 Bonds-Charge Based on Alleged Loan of \$5,000 in August, 1910.

Jake Levitt, for the last 10 years INFORMATION CONCERNING SHIPowner of a clothing store here and at present proprietor of an establishment at McMinnville, was arrested Thursday morning at McMinnville by heriff Wilson on a charge of obtain ing \$5,000 from the First National bank of this city under false pretenses. RANDALL DEMANDS BIG HOIST He was released late Thursday after noon under \$4,000 bonds furnished by J. Weinstein, 550 Front street, Port land, and H. Fendel, 691 Corbett street

The arrest was made following a se cret indictment returned by the grand jury at the session that ended Wednesday. It is alleged that Mr. Levitt NAMD BY MAIN TRUNK LINEE went to the bank and borrowed \$5,000 representing that he was worth \$17, 500, it is charged. The state claims one of the largest of the week. Glad Dr. L. L. Pickens, Dr. H. S. Mount, O. that he had a financial statement with him at the time the loan was made, showing the value of his stock, the attle, and his secretary, S. M. Schulz. amount of cash capital on hand, his nature that were manufactured for the occasion. Shortly after the loan ing to influence corruptly John Murwas alleged to have been negotiated in dock, an employe of the Scattle Con-Declaring that members of the city August, 1910, he went into bankru tcy. struction & Drydock company, by in-At the courthouse Thursday afternoon, Mr. Levitt declared that the

Mr. Levitt came to Oregon City gon City had voted \$12,000 several about 1905 and engaged in business at years ago for the construction of the a south Main street location. Later he moved to the corner of Seventh and Main street to the bluff; that the lift Main streets, considered one of the has been completed for a long while; best business locations in the city. that the city is paying interest on the Several months ago he sold his busiof the Estacada section turned out ing that the elevator be operated within Astoria until a few months ago Mr. Randall's talk caused consider when he entered his latest business

lowing committee to promote the pro- Minnville he was taken to Portland Muller and his secretary were served posed new bridge across the Willam- where several friends discussed the on the mthrough their counsel. was crowded at the spelling bee and by Many O. D. Why W. A. matter with him and offered to go his Dr. Hugh S. Mount, O. D. Eby, W. A. bonds. He will be taken before Circuit Judge Campbell today to enter a the plant of the Seattle Construction T. W. Sullivan, L. Adams and C. H. plea. He said last night that he would & Drydock company for the past two FIELD WORKER OF STATE NOR

rates on the Portland Railway, Light | Jake Levitt, arrested Thursday & Power Co. between Oregon City and morning at his store at McMinnville Oak Grove, but no definite action was by Sheriff Wilson on a charge of obtaken. Mr. Sullivan, who is connect- taining \$5000 from the First National by Consul Muller were still pending ed with the company, explained that bank of this city under false pretenses, when Murdock was arrested. He had the rates were not based on mileage entered a plea of not guilty Friday altogether, and that Portland was morning in the circuit court through used by the State Railroad commis- his attorney, George C. Brownell. He

Stanton were named a committee to take up the road oiling question. It was appropried that on the first

Construction on the Portland & Oregon City railway has been progressing through Milwaukie and tween Milwaukie and Ardenwald through the Scott place.

Through Milwaukle the grading has been completed and most of the track has been laid. Between Milwaukie and Clackamas grading has been finished and the bridges have been built. The county court has received from It is expected the cars will be in oper-

bridge would be as far as the line tria-Hungary. would be built this year. Whether The report says that in pieces taken the track will be laid on East Sevenon the outcome of the referendum. trance near the Southern Pacific

AND CURTIS PLEAD SUIT AGAINST GAME WARDEN IS DISMISSED

hunting without a license.

NEW PIANO IS PUT TO USE BY CANEMAH LEAGUE

The Ellers plane, presented by the Enterprise at the close of the Shower of Gold campaign to the Canemah Progressive league, well-attended dance was given at Stoke's hall. A number tested the plano at its trial at a ? public entertalmment and all said * that it was well worth the time + 4 and energy required to secure it.

CONSPIRACY, THE **CHARGE AGAINST WILLIAM MULLER**

PING OF BUBMARINES WAS SOUGHT.

CONSUL'S SECRETARY AND FREE LANCE DETECTIVE ALSO HELD

to \$1000-Nine Bills of Lading Found in Bed of Shipping Clerk,

SEATTLE, March 17 .- Dr. William Muller, imperial German consul at Sewere served with notice of arrest to charged with conspiracy in attemptducing him to sell business secrets of his employers.

Consul Muller and his secretary are cash consideration to furnish them information bearing out Ambassador month. Bernstorff's charge that the Scattle submarines to the British government via British Columbia.

The information against the Ger man representatives, filed by County Prosecuting Attorney Lundin, jointly free-lance detective, with conspiracy

Murdock and the detective were ar rested last night on a joint grand larmoderation and said he was sure that companied Thursday by his brother, S. ceny complaint and were detained at Main Trunk Line Osmund announced the appointment of the following committee to promote the pro-

> Murdock, 22 years old, has been employed as assistant shipping clerk at years. In a statement to the prosecuting attorney the youth says the negotiations for the delivery of the in formation said to have been sought originally demanded \$1500 for his state normal school, arrived in Oregon work, he said, but had subsequently City Monday. He will spend a week agreed to accept \$1000. He declared with County Superintendent Calavan ual work is begun, when a checking of that, although he had some of the in- and talk at many schools. formation ready for delivery at a conference held at the consulate last evening, there was a hitch when he refused to deliver this until the money was forthcoming.

Nine original bills of lading were also found there.

THE CARVER ROAD MAILS TO AUSTRIA FROM ITALY STOPPED

FRANCIS JOSEPH DISCUSSES DE-FENSE WITH MINISTER OF WAR.

ROME, March 15,-The Italian minlster of posts and telegraphs today issued orders suspending the exchange Stephen Carver stated that Baker's of telegraphic money orders with Aus-

the traveling postoffice on trains bound for the Austrian frontier. According to a dispatch from Vien- that are being received here from ev The company has right of way for en- na to the Messagero, Emperior Francis ery section of the county. Joseph today had an extended conversation with General Ritter von Kro-vantage of cheaper labor afforded dur- en practical lessons in their study un-

The report in Rome that Francis Jo-ty. This is particularly true in the seph absolutely rejected the idea of Macksburg district. The building of close June 11 for the summer vacamy territorial concessions to Italy has the Willamette Valley Southern has tion been given authoritative denial. The probably stimulated this work. situation in this regard seems to be that the little Austria is reluctantly of the spring crops are now in the The suit of T. Nicoli against Ben disposed to concede is so inadequate ground and the farmers are busy ev

LOCAL COUPLE WEDS.

Stelle Kellogy and A. C. Rosenberg, County Judge Anderson.

DECISION OF HIGH COURT SAVES THE COUNTY \$50,000

WEST LINN LOSES ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ROAD TAX FROM CLACKAMAIL

ACTIONS BY OTHER TOWNS WILL

Plan of Special Charter Here to Enast Clause Directing Payment of Road Tax Is Killed By Ruling.

A saving for the county of \$50.00 was made Tuesday when the suprem court ruled for the county in the West Linn road case. The opinion practically denies the cities of the state the right to legislate county taxes collected within their boundaries. Distric Attorney Hedges with the assistance

The ruling, it is thought, will end at once the suits against the county by West Linn, Milwaukie, Gladstone Alleged Bribe, Originally \$1500, Cut and Canby and the threatened suit of Oswego. It will glao probably put to an end the movement in Oregon City for a charter amendment directing that the county shall pay 100 per cent of the road money collected within the city to the city.

The West Linn suit saked for al the taxes collected within the town South Fork Commission Will Open Of since it was corporated. The towns of the county now receive a percentage indebtedness and other items of like day at the consulate. They were of the road money collected within their boundaries, so the town across the river asked for the difference b tween the percentage received and the amount collected.

> Judge Campbell here and the town Fork pipeline by the substitution of won. The county promptly filed a steel for wood, according to the estiaccused of offering Murdock a large notice of appeal and the case was mates of Engineer H. A. Rands. argued before the higher court last

corporation was shipping knock-down Milwaukie put in a claim for road engineering party under S. A. Cobb thrown into the well in order to make Oregon City many favored a special known. Hedges Tuesday afternoon,

MAL WILL VISIT MANY OF COUNTY'S SCHOOLS.

M. S. Pittman, field worker for the

This morning he will appear at the Gladstone school and shortly before noon at the high school here, in afternoon he will accompany Superintendent Calavan to Maple Lane where a be in charge of Engineer H. A. Rands spelling bee will be held and Wednesday he will go to Milwaukle. On their way to the north Ciackamas town, Mr. finished for the use of the commis-Pittman and Superintendent Calavan will visit a number of schools.

Mr. Pittman visited Stone school yesterday afternoon with Superintendent Calavan and was favorably imressed with the spelling bee held there. It was Mr. Pittman's first experience with a systematic schedule of spelling bees.

CLEARED ACREAGE IN COUNTY IS INCREASED

With the end of winter and the com-Orders also were issued suppressing ing the spring, there is a notable increase in the acreage of cleared land night by the school board. in the county, according to reports

batin, the Austro-Hungarian minister ing the winter, just closed, and have der the direction of Instructor James of war, on the subject of the defense prepared large stretches of "jungle" H. West. Vegetables will be planted of the dual monarchy on the Italian for planting of wheat, potatoes, oats at once. and other crops common to the coun-

With a week of clear weather, many

LEWELLEN ESTATE PROBATED.

he pioneer merchant of Springwater, was probated in the county cense from County Clerk Harrington len, his widow. The estate is valued land March 4.

SPECIAL ELECTION SOON ALMOST SURE

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 12-Possi lities that a special election will be eld next fall to consider some of the easures passed by the recent legisature seem to be increasing.

It is apparent that various groups of interested persons are planning to in voke the referendum against several of the bills that the lawmakers passed But no one wants to take the respon sibility of putting the taxpayers of the state to the expense of \$100,000, which would be the price of a special elec-

Among the measures prominently onsidered as subject for the referen dum are the juvenile court bill and the highway engineer bill.

STEEL MAKES CUT OF 2000 FEET IN

of B. N. Hicks represented the county. SAVING IN LINN'S MILL DISTRICT IS OVER 1100 FEET, SAYS

fices in Masonic Building Before the End of This

A total saving of at least 2006 feet The case was first tried before has been made possible in the South

The largest cut is in the Linn's Mill district where 1140 feet will be saved Soon after West Linn filed its suit, in the canyon of the Abernathy. An was robbed and Mrs. Armstrong money. Then came Gladstone and was put in the field the first of last it safe for the robber. However, there Canby. Oswego has been considering week but it was not until recently that filing a suit against the county and in the full extent of the saving became

Owing to the fact that a steel lin directing that all road money collect- is capable of standing much higher ed in the city be turned over to the pressure than wood and the fact that city. The total of claims of this na- the original survey was based on the ture is about \$50,000, according to a consideration that a wood line would home at 9 o'clock Monday morning rough estimate of District Attorney be used, the careful attention to and found Mrs. Armstrong in an apgrades and pressure is not necessary parently normal condition, he said at and instead of following the sides of the inquest. the canyon in order to gain elevation. the route now goes directly down the Miss Minnie K. Bierman, and was 25 canyon and up the other side.

substitution of steel for wood. A party is now busy in the Clear Creek canyon where a cut-off of several hundred feet is possible, and several other points along the line will be resurveyed before the end of the month The use of steel also makes unneces sary, the construction of several

The careful hunt for cut-offs made by Engineer Rands is taken to show the caution being exercised before act the survey would be almost impos-

Before the end of the week, the offices of the South Fork commission on the second floor of the Masonic building will be opened. They will and Fred Greenman, clerk of the commission. The rooms have been re-

STUDENTS TO BECOME PRACTICAL FARMERS

LOT ACROSS STREET FROM HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE USED FOR GARDENS.

for the local schools to be used in connection with classes in agriculture, according to action taken Thursday

Mr. Barnholzer has offered the use of a lot across the street from the high school for the use of the pupils Many farmers have taken the ad- The classes in agriculture will be giv-

Spring vacation begins April 5 and

Bids will be asked for leveling the high school grounds.

J. W. ALBERT TAKEN TO SALEM. J. W. Albert, a resident of Oregon Beaver Creek were represented. The estate of William J. Lewelleh, porting his children who are living and Gertrude Pohlander, of Beaver Albert came to Oregon City with his were the winners in the second. of this city, received a marriage II- Thursday by Mrs. Martha Jane Lewel- two oldest children after he and his a local mill.

IN WELL ON FARM

COMPLETE MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH OF WOMAN AT LOWER LOGAN.

NEITHER SUICIDE NOR FOUL PLAY THEORIES ARE CERTAIN

Motives for Self-eDetruction Are Lacking, While Body Has No Bruise or Mark to Indicate

Murder.

Complete mystery surrounds the inding of the body of Mrs. Minnie K. Armstrong, a bride of a month, Montay noon at her farm home in the Garheld district, four miles from Estaca-

ome the probable cause of her death. have not been found, while there is no marks on her body that would lead to a murder theory. Her husband left home at 8 o'clock Monday morning for the field and returned at 11 o'clock to find his wife absent. After searching through the house and yard, he dis covered that the lid of an old well or the back porch was off and a earch revealed the fact that his wife's

ody was at the bottom Neighbors were called and Acting Coroner John Sievers and Attorne Charles Sievers were notified. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the woman "came to her death by drowning from causes unknown." further investigation will be conducted as quickly as possible. The coroner's party returned to Oregon City early

Tuesday morning. One hundred and fifty dollars, left in the house by the husband was not found up to 9 o'clock Monday night when Coroner Sievers left. The the ory has been advanced that the house is no sign of violence in or around the house and the body of Mrs. Armstrong

The last person to see Mrs. Armstrong alive is J. W. Hailie, a driver on a milk route out of Estacada. He made his usual call at the Armstrong

Mrs. Armstrong's maiden name was years old. She was the daughter of Other cut-offs than the saving in a prosperous Lower Logan farmer and Abernathy canyon are possible by the was well known in that section of the county, where she spent the greater part of her life.

> The finding of \$150, hid by Mrs. Minnie K. Armstrong before her death Monday morning, Wednesday weakened considerably the theory that she met with foul play and strengthened the belief of Sheriff Wilson and Acting Coroner Sievers that the woman committed suicide. The finding of the money, securely hid, followed a search that began Monday afternoon and lasted almost continuously until Wednesday morning when the husband with the aid of neighbors located the

Several days before Mrs. Armstrong's death, Mr. Armstrong gave her \$150 to put away. After her body was found at the bottom of a 40-foot well Monday morning, the husband with the help of others including Coroner Sievers, began a search. The theory was advanced that she had been shoved down the well and that her assailant had escaped with the money. The search was renewed Tuesday with vigor and lasted until late that night, but still with no result, but Mr. Armstrong, determined to settle the robbery theory, began again his hunt Wednesday morning to be

At no time did Sheriff Wilson or Coroner Sievers take much stock in the murder theory and the finding of the money confirms their belief. The lack of scars on the body and the fact that there were no signs of struggle School gardents will be established around the well or in the house, together with the finding of the money is now taken as almost conclusive evidence that Mrs. Armstrong took her own life by the officials.

CLAIRMONT SCHOOL WINS HONORS AT BEE

Both first and second places in the first division were captured by pupils from the Clairmont school at the spelling bee held at the Maple Lane chool Tuesday afternoon. Maple Lane Clairmont, Mt. Pleasant, Henrici and

Neva Loney and Unice Proffit were lem Wednesday by Constable E. E. the pupils who won first and second Cooper, to face a charge of not sup-places at the bee in the first division, in the capital city with their mother. Creek, and Myrtle Muralt, of Henrici,

County School Superintendt Cals wife had reached an agreement to van and M. S. Pittman of the state avan, Supervisor McCormick and Bell and reached an agreement to van and M. S. Pittman, of the state gess Ford. At the Boring rally, a the court April 27 and Buderich, April and tried in Estacada on a charge of Wednesday. They were married by at \$10,000. Mr. Lewellen died in Port, live apart. He has been employed in normal school, were at the bee. Mr. Pittman made a short talk.