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NEW FEDERAL OFFICEHOLDER IS NATIVE OF THIS COUNTY

JOHN J. COOKE, A MEMBER OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY ALL HIS LIFE.

APPOINTEE WILL PROBABLY NOT ASSUME DUTIES FOR MONTH

T. P. Randall Will Leave Position After 12 Years—Many Changes Made During Incumbent's Term.

John J. Cooke, a native of Clackamas county and a member of the Democratic party since his first vote was cast, has been named postmaster to succeed T. P. Randall, according to word received here Tuesday.

Mr. Cooke was named over ex-Sheriff E. T. Mass, Charles Kelley, Leighton Kelly and Mrs. Phalle L. Nash all of whom were active applicants for the position. The appointment of Mr. Cooke came as a surprise to many, it being considered likely that Mr. Mass, who secured the endorsement of many of the most prominent Democrats in the state, would be named.

Mr. Cooke has not yet received his formal appointment and will probably not assume his new duties for a month or more. His bonds must be approved at Washington and other necessary steps taken before the office will change hands.

Mr. Cooke was born in Damascus district in 1859 and has lived in Oregon City for the last 35 years. His occupations have been many for in his life in Oregon City he has engaged in the blacksmith, livery, and the hardware business. For several years he was connected with the sheriff's office as paid deputy. For the last 24 years he has been in the hardware business with Robert Wilson under the firm name Wilson & Cooke.

The new postmaster has always been actively engaged in politics, his last venture being last fall when he headed the county Democratic ticket. He has been in the race for a number of other county offices and has always been active in Democratic campaigns.

T. P. Randall, the retiring postmaster, has held the position for 12 years, being appointed during the administration of Roosevelt. During his connection with the office he has seen the town grow and incidentally the volume of business in the local postoffice has doubled. When Mr. Randall was first appointed there were three clerks in the office and neither rural or city carriers. Now the office has seven rural routes, five carriers and five clerks besides the assistant postmaster. The postoffice moved its location twice during the 12 years, the last time into the permanent location on Main street between Eighth and Ninth streets.

WILLAMETTE PUPILS APPEAR IN COMEDY

A comedy, "A Case of Suspicion," was produced at the Willamette school Friday night under the direction of Principal Frank I. Paul by the first year class of the high school.

The play was staged in the assembly room and on a stage constructed by the manual training class under the direction of P. D. Forbes. An orchestra, composed of Frank Paul, J. W. Volp, Misses May Waldron, Minnie Patterson, Nellie Capen and Clifford DeBok, furnished the music. The orchestra was organized by Principal Paul, who plays first violin.

MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL IS NOW STANDARD

The Meadowbrook school was standardized Thursday night by Superintendent Calavan, assisted by Supervisors McCormick and Vedder.

ROAD AT MITCHELL'S POINT IS ORDERED

SALEM, Ore., March 22.—After announcing that the stretch of the Columbia highway at Mitchell's Point, Hood River county, would be built with state funds in accordance with a decision reached last July, the state highway commission today awarded the contract for the work to the Standard, Clarkson company, of Portland, the lowest bidder.

OREGON CITY MAN THOUGHT VICTIM OF GUN TRAGEDY

AUGUST F. FRIEDRICH LIES IN CRITICAL CONDITION AT WEAVERVILLE, CAL.

MINE MECHANIC SHOOTS AT WOMAN WHO REFUSES HIS ADVANCES

When She is Missed, Crazy Man Turns Weapon on Self and Fires Three Shots; One Takes Effect.

WEAVERVILLE, Cal., Mar. 22.—August F. Friedrich, who gives Oregon City as his home town, lies in a critical condition at a local hospital following an attempt to kill Mrs. Minnie Davis, with whom he is said to have become infatuated, and shot himself. The shooting occurred today.

Friedrich is employed as a mechanic in the Lorenzo mine near this city. This morning he left the mine for town, went directly to the home of Charles Testy, with whom Mrs. Davis boards, asked for Mrs. Davis and shot at her when she came to the door. The woman slammed the door shut as soon as the shot, which missed her, was fired and ran. He then turned the gun upon himself and fired three shots. The first two missed but the third lodged in his neck.

He was taken to a hospital where he is in a critical condition. He says he is 39 years old and that his home is in Oregon City. He has been employed in local mines for the last two years, but it is understood that he has been in this part of the state for a longer period than that.

MAIN STREET BRICKS MAY BE PUT ON ROAD

SUGGESTION MADE STREET IMPROVED.

The improvement of the Singer hill road with the best of the bricks taken from Main street is a project that was started Thursday and suggested to Mayor Jones and several of the councilmen.

Many of the bricks near the curbs and on the southern section of the street are still capable of withstanding much traffic. These bricks could be taken up, cleaned and replaced on Singer hill, giving that thoroughfare a permanent surface. The bricks, being rough, would afford a secure footing for horses and make a safe street for automobile traffic. Such is the argument of those who favor the plan.

BIG BODY OF TIMBER TO BE REACHED BY NEWEST LINE

D. L. TRULLINGER BACKS PROJECT TO BUILD ROAD UP MILL CREEK.

ROUTE IS NOW SURVEYED

Line Will Connect With Willamette Valley Southern at Mullino—Other Feeders to Timber Belts Suggested.

The first feeder of the Willamette Valley Southern will be built three miles up Mill Creek from Mullino probably this summer by D. L. Trullinger. This was the announcement of Judge Grant H. Dimick, president of the Willamette Valley Southern Wednesday.

The road as planned now will be a private line, built, owned and operated by D. L. Trullinger of the Union Mills district. The road will be primarily to haul logs and timber to the Oregon City and to the sawmill belonging to Mr. Trullinger at Union Mills. Mr. Trullinger is heavily interested in timber on upper Mill Creek.

The Trullinger road is the first of several feeders that will probably be built soon. One into the Willhoit district has been suggested to reach the great body of timber in the eastern part of the county. It is known that the Willamette Valley Southern will make every effort to secure large shipments of logs.

When asked concerning the rumor in Salem that the Willamette Valley Southern may build to that city, Judge Dimick said Wednesday that no extension was planned at the present time.

ALL-COUNTY BEE NOW RESTS WITH TEACHERS

CALAVAN SEEKS OPINION OF INSTRUCTORS IN REGARD TO FINAL CONTEST.

Superintendent Calavan will leave the question of an all-county spelling bee to the teachers of the county. This was his announcement Monday night when he said that he would send letters to all the teachers at once, asking their advice.

Mr. Calavan, himself, is not favorably impressed with the idea of an all-county bee to determine the best spellers in the county. "We have accomplished the purpose of our schedule already in that interest in spelling has been stimulated," he said. "A spelling bee in Oregon City or any other town, for that matter, would cause considerable expense to both teachers and pupils."

An all-county bee was held last year in the Oregon City high school and was considered a decided success. Mr. Calavan believes that by Saturday he will have received enough letters to reach a decision.

JUDGE ANDERSON DOUBTS FAIRNESS OF STATEMENT.

The statement to the Seattle Automobile club that the Pacific highway through the Willamette valley is not in good condition any time in the year and passable only in the summer, made by State Highway Engineer Bowby, is not considered fair by County Judge Anderson.

"The remarks made by Engineer Bowby are apt to make people think that the valley roads are much worse than they really are," said Judge Anderson. "After one reads his letter, the conclusion is natural that our highways are filled with mud all the time."

GOVERNMENT NOW CONTROLS LOCKS AND SHIP CANAL

AFTER FOUR YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, DEED IS FILED WITH RECORDER.

DETAILED PROVISIONS PROTECT ALL THE INTERESTS CONCERNED

Work of the Reconstruction Will Begin at Low Water Stage This Coming Summer, Believes T. W. Sullivan.

\$375 STAMP TAX SAVED IN TRANSFER.

The deed to the Oregon City locks is the largest instrument of its kind recorded in Clackamas county since the so-called war tax became effective. An internal revenue stamp is not necessary on deeds conveying property to the government or R. A. Letter would have been forced to cover the document with \$375 in stamps when he filed it. The filing fee was \$15.

The Oregon City locks and ship canal are now the property of the United States of America.

The deed, transferring the property from the Portland Railway Light & Power company to the government, was filed at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon with Recorder Dedman by R. A. Letter, of Griffith, Letter & Allen. The formal transfer was made in Portland Saturday, although one agreement included with the deed was not signed until Tuesday of last week.

In cases where property is transferred to the government, deed to the property must be recorded before the payment is made.

Private Rights Protected. The agreements, restrictions and provisions, all of which go into great detail, protect every interest of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, the paper companies located near the property and the government. The electric company, whose generating plant is located near the head of the canal, reserved the rights to string wires across the canal or erect poles on the government property, providing the wires do not interfere with the usage of the canal; and to allow employees to pass over the locks at will. The Willamette Pulp & Paper company and the Crown Columbia Paper company, now consolidated as the Crown Willamette Paper company, are protected by clauses giving them the right to build bridges over and under the canal, to transfer electricity across it, and to take all the water from the canal granted by their leases with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company and the General Electric company.

The government, however, at the end of the deed makes a sweeping provision that gives the government the right to take all the water necessary for the operation of the canal and locks.

The last agreement was signed in Portland, March 16, 1915, and is the last point which held up the transfer. The eastern wall of the canal, as now situated, is not on government property at one point and in this agreement, the electric company guarantees to maintain the wall until the government completes the changes now proposed.

Many Sign Documents. The deed, agreements and various other documents include a number of signatures, including Franklin T. Griffith, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

RUNAWAY GIRLS FROM TRAINING SCHOOL CAUGHT

CHIEF SHAW, WITH MARION COUNTY OFFICIALS BLOCK SCHEME TO ESCAPE.

MALE ACCOMPLICE PUTS UP FIGHT WHEN HE IS ARRESTED

Automobile Dash Across Two Counties Ends in Capture at Oregon City—Escape Made By Trick.

Three runaway girls from the state training school seven miles south of Salem were arrested here Tuesday night by Chief of Police Shaw along with James Lagrand, who, it is alleged, aided the three to escape. The girls are Opal Lattin, Minnie Elwell and Vergie Legrand.

Monday afternoon, the three asked the matron of the training school if they could leave the building and walk in the grounds of the institution. About 5 o'clock it was noticed that the girls had disappeared but a search on the part of the training school authorities failed to reveal their location.

Word was sent to Chief of Police T. Welsh, of Salem. Tuesday morning the Salem police received word that three girls answering the description of the runaways were at Waconda, a station on the Oregon Electric about 10 miles from Salem and 17 miles from the state training school.

Chief of Police Shaw received the information that the girls would pass through Oregon City, probably early in the evening and he waited for them on the South End road. About 7:15 o'clock the arrest was made.

Lagrand attempted to fight Chief Shaw who hit the man with his fist and fractured his jaw. Dr. Strickland was called late Tuesday night to attend Lagrand in the city jail.

PIONEER OF 1851 WOULD BE PRESIDENT

H. F. NELSON, FORMERLY OF OREGON CITY, NOW SEEKING CAMPAIGN MANAGER.

No less a position than the presidency of the United States is the ambition of H. F. Nelson, of Brownsville, and formerly of this city, who was in this county recently.

At present Mr. Nelson is looking for a bright campaign manager as he expects strong competition for the office on the part of Woodrow Wilson and others. Instead of touring the country, he will soon leave for San Francisco. The entire county is going to the fair, he believes, and it is easier to see them there than to travel to their homes.

Mr. Nelson came to Oregon by ox team in 1851 from Illinois, where he was born in 1829 of Scotch, Irish and English parentage. His trades are many, as he has been a miner, printer, farmer, teacher and an express agent.

"I will run on a Golden Rule platform," Mr. Nelson says. "I believe in woman suffrage first and prohibition second. As to the tariff, I am a medium. I don't want free trade and I don't want high tariff. I believe in getting only what is needed for the support of the government."

"I believe in peace, where peace is possible; but I would defend the nation if necessary. Mr. Wilson's policy has been good so far. I won't interfere much in Mexico. Let them govern themselves if they can, but foreign nations must keep out. I would maintain the Monroe doctrine."

MOLALLA WILL USE ELECTRICITY SOON

Within the next two weeks, Molalla will be supplied with electricity and the streets of the town well lighted by a system of street lights that are now being installed.

LIVE WIRES TALK PLANS FOR ROAD OILING IN 1915

SULPHITE LIQUID IS DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY AT WEEKLY LUNCHEON.

STOCK CLACKAMAS RIVER WITH SMELT URGES M. A. MAGONE

Civic Improvement Committee of 1914 Is Reappointed—T. W. Sullivan Talks on Transfer of the Locks.

Road oiling was the principal matter discussed at the weekly luncheon of the Live Wires Tuesday noon. Each year the wires have raised money to oil the most traveled roads near Oregon City, but last year the money was raised too late for effective oiling and was returned.

The waste liquid from the local paper mills was suggested as a substitute for oil. L. L. Pickens, of West Linn, declared that from personal observation of the sample applied across the river, the sulphite liquid was worthless to keep down dust, although it had merit as a binder. It was also suggested that the cost of the liquid would be greater than oil owing to the lack of equipment to handle it. The matter was referred to a committee composed of Charles Parker and Kenneth Stanton.

M. A. Magone talked on the smelt industry and said that in his opinion the Clackamas river should be stocked with the fish. The Clackamas, he declared, was as good a stream as any along the Columbia in which smelt are found.

The civic improvement committee of the Live Wires, composed of Dr. J. A. Van Brakle, Dr. L. A. Morris and Dr. Clyde Mount, was reappointed to consider plans this year that were carried into successful execution a year ago.

SECOND PETITION IS FILED IN WINES ESTATE

The second petition asking that an administrator be appointed for the estate of Mrs. Katie Wines was filed in the probate department of the county court Thursday by C. Schuebel. He asks that William Grissenwalthe be named administrator, while the first petition, filed through the office of Dimick & Dimick, prays that Mrs. E. B. Anderson be appointed.

The petitions filed Thursday puts the value of the estate at \$2,000, while the first one makes the estimate \$3000. Eight heirs are mentioned, the only one living on the Pacific coast being Mrs. Helen Elchisel, of Portland, a cousin of the dead woman. Mrs. Anderson's petition does not name a surviving relative.

MILWAUKIE HOME BURNS.

A house belonging to David P. Mathews at Milwaukie, was completely destroyed Saturday morning by a fire which is thought to have been caused by sparks from a construction engine on the Portland & Oregon City railroad. The road, commonly known as the Carver road, is building near the Mathews house.

ERICKSON FINED \$10.

Louis Erickson, of the Clackamas Heights district, who was convicted in the justice court Monday on a charge of assault, was fined \$10 and costs by Justice Slevers Tuesday.

EXPERTS SAY LEGAL POINT MAKES VOTE ON LINE VOID

CASE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO STATE SUPREME COURT AT ONCE.

SCHUEBEL, STIPP AND ANDRESEN PREDICT A FAVORABLE DECISION

Attorneys Now Hard at Work Preparing Briefs For High Tribunal—Commission Hints Grudge Caused Action.

A question that may make necessary a second election in Oregon City to vote on the South Fork water project has been raised by Storey, Thorndyke, Palmer & Dodge, Boston based experts, who were employed by the council to clear all legal obstacles. The question, which is technical in its nature, will be submitted to the state supreme court in briefs, probably before the end of the week and a decision is expected either next Tuesday or in the week following.

The question concerns the construction of a clause in an ordinance passed last summer which provides that a special election may be called within 21 days. The Boston experts have raised the question that 21 should have elapsed between the date of the final passage of the charter amendment by the council and the date of the election. The language of the amendment, however, provides that the election may be held within 21 days from the date of the filing of the ordinance and the record shows that the ordinance was filed under orders of the council of February 8 and the date of the election was March 3.

It is contended, however, by the eastern attorneys, that the date of the final passage of the amendment in the council was February 19 and that it could not be legally filed until that date.

C. Schuebel and L. Stipp, attorneys for the South Fork Water commission, are now working on briefs which will be completed before the end of this week. Mr. Schuebel said that as soon as the briefs were ready he would file them with the supreme court.

Neither the attorneys nor William Andresen, chairman of the South Fork commission, doubt the success of the contention of the city in the courts. "It is merely a question of whether this clause means what it says or something else," said Mr. Schuebel Tuesday in referring to the part of the ordinance in question.

Mr. Andresen is inclined to believe that the opinion of the eastern experts is merely an expression of a grudge against the commission on the part of Morris Bros. who submitted the lowest bid for the \$375,000 bond issue Monday. Storey, Thorndyke, Palmer & Dodge were employed through Morris Bros. by the council and the greater part of the relations between the commission and the eastern attorneys was carried on through the Portland house. Morris Bros. made a serious attempt to obtain the issue, according to Mr. Andresen, but on finding their bid the lowest, he believes the firm has taken this means of blocking the sale.

The South Fork commission will probably meet today to consider further the sale of the issue.

VISITING FINANCIER HAS WORDS OF PRAISE

C. M. CLARK, HEAVILY INTERESTED IN P. R., L. & P. INSPECTS NEW ELECTRIC LINE.

"If my home and all my connections were not in the east, I would move to this part of Oregon and select a home such as I have seen since my arrival here." Such was the compliment paid to Clackamas county Tuesday by C. M. Clark, prominent Philadelphia banker and heavy stockholder in the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, who made a trip over the Willamette Valley Southern. Judge Grant B. Dimick, president of the new road, Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company and F. I. Fuller, of the same company, completed the party.

Mr. Clark declared himself delighted with Clackamas county in particular and the Willamette valley in general. The broad stretches of level fertile land, the view of the snow-capped peaks of the Cascades, and the mild bright days of spring left a deep impression on the visiting financier.

The party spent the noon hour at Mt. Angel, the southern terminus of the road where they had dinner.