FREE WILLAMETTE, HOPE OF 50 YEARS, AN ACTUAL FACT

PAYMENT OF \$375,000 IB FOL-LOWED IMMEDIATELY BY TRANSFER OF CANAL.

N. R. LANG, CAPTAIN GORDON, IS FIRST BOAT THROUGH PASSAGE

John Chambers, Who Was Foreman of Construction and Was Locktender for 43 Years, Operates Lift for Steamer.

realizing the ambition of Williamette VETERAN LOCKTENDER, JOHN the last half century, the Oregon City locks were taken over by the federal government at 11 o'clock Monday

The payment of \$375,000, the purchase price of the property, was made a few minutes before 11 o'clock, Monday morning. Major H. C. Jewett, Uni ted States engineering corps, made the payment to Franklin T, Griffith, presi dent of the Portland Railway Light & Power company. The transaction was concluded in the office of District At torney Reames, who was represented by Everett A. Johnson, his first as-

As soon as the Portland Railway the money, the locks became the property of the government and T. W. Sullivan, of this city, hydraulic engineer. of the power company, was notified by telephone from the office of Mr. Grif-He, in turn, sent word to John Chambers, the lock tender, that every boat passing through the locks after that hour would go without tolis.

Lang First Boat Through.

The N. R. Lang, of the fleet of the Willamette Navigtation company, was the first boat to go through at 11:40 a. Captain Gordon piloted the craft. Included among those on board were Captain Young, port captain of the Willamette Navigation company: T. W. Sullivan, president of the Oregon City Commercial club; O. D. Eby, chairman of publicity committee of the Commercial club; M. D. Latourette, secretary of the Commercial club: E. Kenneth Stanton, mill secretary of the Crown Willamette Paper company: and Harold Swafford, auditor of the Willamette Navigtation company. The rest of the party was composed of office employes of the Crown Williamette

The Lang was in the upper river when the news was received that the payment had been made in Portland. Captain Gordon immediately sent word to Mr. Sullivan and the Crown Willamette office that he would go through the locks at once so that he could claim the honor of being the first to use the canal under federal control.

Oregona Pays Tolls.

The Oregona, of the fleet of the Oregon City Transportation company, was the last boat to use the canal under private ownership and, consequently, the last ship to pay tolls. Captain Baabe commands the Oregona which was bound from Portland up the river. During the afternoon Monday the Annie Cummins, the George Burton, the Ruth and the Grahamona passed through the locks.

John Chambers, who has been retained by the government as lockmaster, and his son, George Chambers, the celebration at Portland. who will act as locktender under the new ownership, operated the locks for the Lang Monday morning. Mr. Chambers Sr., was foreman during the last two years of the construction of the locks and for the 45 years they were controlled by private interests was in charge of their operation. He was here when the first boat was escorted through the canal in January, 1873.

Reconstruction Plans Made,

Four years ago the Oregon legislature appropriated \$300 000, to be used with a like sum appropriated by con gress, for the purchase and reconstruc tion of the locks. Two years ago the legislature passed an act relinquishing state title or claim to the locks in favor of the government.

It is estimated that about \$200,000 will be necessary for the reconstruction of the locks. The government engineers have their plans complete. The work will be in charge of Engineer Thompson, who was present at Monday morning's transaction.

Besides the rebuilding of the locks, third wall will be built, so that the Portland Railway, Light & Power company will have a separate canal to through to the river and was badly ing in. Accompanied by the Moose convey water to its power plant. The | damaged. low water depth in the locks will be in-

WILLAMETTE HOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

A fire partially destroyed the house of J. R. Hunt on the outskirts of Willamette between 6:30 and 7 o'clock Thursday night.

The blaze was put out before much lamette fire department arrived. The bouse caught fire from brush that was

M'BAIN ADMIRAL OF CELEBRATION

OFFICERS OF FLEET ANNOUNCED AT WEEKLY MEETING OF LIVE WIRES.

CHAMBERS, IS VICE-ADMIRAL

Steamers Ruth and Lang Secured to Take Party of Visitors and Prominent Residents from Here to Portland.

ll. T. Mcliain, mill manager of the Crown Willamette Paper company, has been appointed admiral of the fleet at the approaching celebration of The Dalles-Celtlo Canal-Oregon City Light & Power company had received locks in this city May 6. The announcement was made Tuesday at the weekly luncheon of the Live Wires by T. W. Sullivan, president of the Commercial club and chairman of the cele-

> Mr. McItain has made the following appointments of Willamette valley citizens to act as his aides during the cele- lumbia and Willamette rivers, Governbration here:

Vice-Admirals-E. Kenneth Stanton. H. A. Stafford, E. Burslem Thompson Joseph N. Teal, John Chambers, R. J.

Rear Admirals-O. D. Eby, J. E ledges, T. W. Sullivan, G. B. Dimick, George C. Brownell, W. A. Dimick, Charles W. Risley, C. Schuebel, Linu E. Jones, John Lewthwaite Sr., W. L. Mulvey, Gordon E. Hayes, Gilbert L. Hedges, M. D. Latourette. W. R. Logus, Franklin T. Griffith, A. J. Lewthwaite W. P. Hawley, A. R. Jacobs. T. A. Pope, W. E. Pratt. Charles H. Cauffeld, C. D. Latourette. George A. Harding, H. S. Anderson, John B. Lewthwaite, J. W. Draper, F. W. Hild, Governor Ernest Lister of Washington, United States Senator Brady of Idaho. Governor Alexander of J. Walsh of Montana, Congressman Humphrey of Washington, O. B. Coldwell. Wallace R. Struble, Governor James Withycombe of Oregon. State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay, Secretary bury of McMinville, W. P. Macy, H. O. White, W. M. Hamilton, J. U. Campbell, Frank Busch. W. A. Huntley, Charles H. Dye, E. R. Brown, T. Osmund. C. G. Huntley, H. E. Cross. R. A.

Captains-Alex Gordon. O. M. Hegdale, W. E. Inman.

The steamers Ruth and Lang of Ore gon City have been secured through the courtesy of the Willamette Navigation company to take distinguished visitors and prominent residents of Oregon City to Portland early in the afternoon of May 6 to participate in

LOSES SUIT HERE

AUTOMOBILE COMPANY WINS \$2000 JUDGMENT FOR LOSS OF TRUCK.

The White Company won a judgment for \$2000 against Multnomah county Wednesday afternoon in the circuit court for the loss of an automobile truck on "Good Roads Day," 1914. The jury was out from 11:30 m. to 2:45 o'clock.

The automobile company donated the use of an automobile truck to hau! gravel for use on roads in the eastern part of the county. While crossing a bridge across the Sandy river near the automobile clubhouse, the car fell

J. W. Sawyer, a civil engineer, was the only witness put on the stand Wednesday. He testified that the county had not been warned that the bridge was dangerous. Deputy District Atfor the county.

R. M. LEHMANN CAPTURED.

R. M. Lehmann, who escaped from the state hospital for the insane at Salem the fore part of the week, was distinguished guests. captured near Willamette Saturday morning by Sheriff Wilson and returned to Salem that afternoon. He is Bain at Eighth and Main streets. not violent and offered no resistance. nomah county and at one time was manager of the Pacific hotel, Port Dalles and participate in the Portland alleged, the fence is almost in the Hedges further stated that Mr. Lev-

PROMINENT MEN OF FOUR STATES ARE ON PROGRAM

CONGRESSMEN, GOVERNORS AND SENATORS WILL BE IN OREGON CITY, MAY 6.

HERE ON MAY 6 STEAMERS, RUTH AND LANG,

Railroads Make Rates from All Wil lamette Valley Points and Excursions Are Planned From

Towns on River.

States senators and prominent citizens from the three northwestern states will be in Oregon City on the morning of May 6 to take part in The Dalles-Celilo Canal-Oregon City Locks celebration. The final detailed program was completed Wednesday afternoon by T. W. Sullivan and M. D. Latourette, the committee in charge of the event.

8:30 o'clock in the morning and ends tof under the most favorable circumat 1:30 when the steamers, Buth and Lang, of the fleet of the Willamette Navigation company, will take the visitors and local prominent citizens to Portland to take part in the celebration in that city in the afternoon and

Many Officials to Come. The principal event on the program is the speaking and ceremonies from the grandstand, which will probably be the courthouse steps. In case o rain, the speaking will be in Busch's hall, Eleventh and Main streets. The 42 sponsors of tributaries of the Co or Lister of Washington, Governor Alexander of Idaho, Senator Walsh of Montana, Senator Brady of Idaho, Congressman Humphrey of Washington Congressman Hawley of Oregon and Senator Chamberlain are among those who will take part in the program. At noon there will be a luncheon at the Commercial club to the sponsors, the speakers, the board of governors of the Commercial club and other guests The solemn ceremony of the transfer Light & Power company to the governthe feature of the morning. The locks

Roads Give Rates.

will be formally delivered by Franklin

T. Griffith of the power company to

the United States war department

through Colonel C. H. McKinstry.

Colonel McKinstry, in turn, will pre-

sent the property to the public and

The Southern Pacific will give ex other valley points. The Willamette foot of Eighth street by Dave Williams. Valley Southern will probably give rates from Mt. Angel and Molalla,

The complete program follows: 8:30 to 9:15 a. m.-Band concert at Seventh and Main streets by the Oregon City band. 9 to 9:30 a. m.—Assembling of hosts

land and other Oregon towns. 9:45 a m -Arrival of the 42 queens as representatives of the tributaries of the Willamette and Columbia rivers. 10 a. m .- Monster automobile, vehicle and foot parade, which will begin at Fourteenth and Main streets, move south to Second street on Main street

and return to grandstand. 10:45 a. m .- The following program will be given at the grandstand with T. W. Sullivan, president of the Commercial club as master of ceremonies:

Formal Presentation of Locks. Address of welcome by Mayor Jones and response by mayors of Willamette

Formal delivery of Oregon City locks by Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway Light & Power company, to the United States war de partment through Colonel C. H. Mc-

Kinstry, United States engineer. Formal presentation of the Oregon City locks to the public by Colonel Mc-Kinstry.

Response by Governor Withycombe Arrival of maids with vessels of water from the Willamette river above the falls and empting into lower river, Meeting of the waters, presided over by Miss Satie Sullivan, queen of the Willamette.

Song, "America," led by Oscar Lawrence Woodfin with the audience join-

Address by T. N. Teal. Solo by Oscar Lawrence Woodfin. Addresses by Governor Lister of Washington, Governor Alexander of Idaho, Senator Brady of Idaho, Repretorney Pierce appeared in the matter sentative Humphrey of Washington, Representative Hawley of Oregon, Senator Chamberlain. Prominent local ing liquor on Sunday.

citizens will talk. 12:30 p. m .- Luncheon at Commer cial club to queens, speakers, board of governors of the Commercial club and

1:30 p. m .- Embark on Willamette river fleet in charge of Admiral Mc Fleet will proceed to Portland to meet is coming down from Cellio and The the county road. At one place, it is refused to draw the warrant.

WORK ON LOCKS MAY BE BEGUN AT ONCE

ENGINEERS PROPOSE TO BUS PEND OPERATIONS UNTIL WALL IS COMPLETED.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 26,-Plans for changes in the canal and locks through which navigation is possible around the falls of the Willamette at Oregon City are being considered since the title to the waterway actually passed to the war department today from the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. A scheme under consideration is for a suspension of all traffic, so that a big concrete wall, which will separate the upper basin from the forebay of corporations which derive water power from above, can be constructed without delay.

To bring that about companies using water power at the falls are to be conferred with to ascertain if they would he willing to operate their plants by steam for the time required to erect the dividing wall above a point that might be reached by any high water experienced in the upper river during the coming season. Consent to the move, which is regarded as one of mutual benefit, will pave the way for an early start. In building the wall under those conditions all water would be drained from the upper basin so The program of the day begins at the work could be started on the bot-

350,000 SALMON FRY LIBERATED IN

350 CANS, EACH WITH ABOUT 1000 FISH, BROUGHT IN CAR.

SHIPMENT IS MADE FROM

Fry Will Stay in River Here Until They Are Six Inches Long, Say Those in Charge of Big Shipment.

Three hundred and fifty thousand salmon fry were placed in the Willam- court knew. ette river Friday under the direction Governor Withycombe will deliver the of the state fish and game commission

The fish were brought here from the Bonniville hatchery in 10-gallon cans. The car of the fish and game commiscursion rates on the fifth and sixth sion, Rainbow, was used to transport of the month as far south as Eugene the fish. Each can contained about of State Ben W. Olcott, Mayor C. Til- and special excursions will be run 1000 fish. They were hauled to the Sheriff Mass, whom the witness testifrom McMinnville, Dayton, Salem and Oregon City transportation dock at the

In the opinion of the men who directed the distribution of the fish. they have reached the size and age that they will not be devoured by larger fish. The fry are between two and a half and three inches long and are several months old.

The fish will stay in the Willamette from all Willamette valley cities, Port- until they become about six inches long and then they will leave for the sea, not returning until they have reached full size. Every one of the fish liberated Friday will return to the the murder. He further stated in his Willamette, say state fish wardens.

The large shipment of fish put in the river Friday is the first for the last year. In 1914 several hundred thousand fish were brought here in the Rainbow and liberated near the falls.

KEEPERS OF FRIARS' **CLUB SUED BY LAWYER**

FORMER HEAD OF RESORT SEEKS TO COLLECT ATTORNEY'S FEF FROM WILBURS.

John Ditchburn, a Portland attorn iev with offices in the Stock Exchange building, who defended Willie Wilbur lic at the trial, had been turned over and Julius Wilbur ,proprietors of the to District Attorney Hedges. He stated Friars' club at Milwaukie, has filed a that he had worked on the case almost suit in the circuit court against the Wilbur's for \$405. He alleged that he is entitled to \$300 for attorney's fees not as a hired detective and that prior and \$105 for money loaned them.

Friars' club and alone defended the Milwankie resort during the two prosecutions in the circuit court here. The first charge brought against the proprietors of the place, which was formerly the Milwaukie Tavern, was selling liquor to miners, and the second charge, which followed a sensa tional raid by Sheriff Mass, was self-

The suit is taken to indicate that the once friendly connection between the Wilburs and Ditchburn has been broken up.

FENCE MUST BE MOVED The county court has ordered S. A. Miller, a farmer in the Needy district, to rebuild a quarter of a mile of fence

middle of the road.

ECHOES OF HILL MURDER HEARD IN SUIT BY LEVINGS

ACTION INSTITUTED BY DETEC-TIVE AGAINST COUNTY MAY GO TO JURY TODAY.

EVIDENCE SECURED UNDER PACT GIVEN TO KEDGES, HE TESTIFIES

District Attorney on Stand Says Investigator Accepted Contract Only After Matter Had Been Presented Many Times

HILLSBORO, Or., April 26 .- (Special to The Enterprise) -A Multnomah county plaintiff, suing a Clackamas court, before a Washington county jury and a Clatsop county judge, was the interesting situation arising here today from the \$2000 suit brought by L. L. Levings, a Multnomah county detective, against Clackamas county for alleged services.

Judge Eakin presided. Clackamas county, by its judge and commissioners, H. S. Anderson, W. J. Smith and W. H. Mattoon, were defendants, the alleged contract having been made during the time Mr. Smith was in office. The drawing of the jury and the witnesses for the plaintiff consumed the entire day and it is doubtful if the case will reach the jury before Tuesday evening.

Incidentally echoes of the Hill murleast bit of surprising testimony was place next Wednesday. But it demthat of Plaintiff Levings who, on cross-examination by Grant B. Dimick of the United States army engineers alleged that he had secured some statements, which if corroborated, igation that the Celilo waterway now would amount to practically a confession. The details of this disclosure were not made public.

The action is the outgrowth of the Clackamas court's refusal to pay a bill presented by Levings last fall for detective services performed according to the terms of an alleged contract which it is claimed he made with the county in July, 1914. This contract, Mr. Levings contends, calls for an investigation of the Hill tragedy be tween 23rd day of July and the first day of November, 1914, in which the sum of \$2000 and his expenses was to be paid Mr. Levings for his labors. The bill was finally disallowed by the county on the ground that no work had been done, as far as the county

Levings on Stand 3 Hours. own behalf almost three hours this afternoon. He testified that he had made this contract reluctantly with the county, only after solicitation had been made by District Attorney Hedges and fied, were anxious for assistance in carrying on the work of investigating the now famous Ardenwald tragedy. That he had finely consented to dis cuss the matter with the county court, and that eventually the contract was made, alleged Mr. Levings. He further stated that he had not guaranteed the court or promised them at any time that he would find the murderer or bring about an indictment in connection with the crime, but that he had simply promised his best efforts as an experienced detective, in investigating testimony, that he had told the court it was his own judgment in the matter that he could not secure an indict ment.

The price for the work was agreed to he \$2000 and expenses, according to Mr. Levings. That owing to the necessity of avoiding notoriety in the conducting of the investigation, it was agreed that the expense money should be presented to the court for allowance by Sheriff Mass at various times under the heading. "For investigating crime," and that no record of the trans-

action would be made public, as a pub-

Notoriety 1s Avoided.

greatly lessen the chances of success against the murderer. The detective claimed that he had spent between \$200 and \$300 in the case as expenses, and that the results of his work, which were not made pubcontinuously from the date of the murder, on the score of citizenship and to his employment by Clackamas coun-Mr. Ditchburn was president of the ty he had spent approximately \$2500 on the case of his own money.

Hedges Is Put on Stand. District Attorney Gilbert Hedges, of Clackamas county, testified for the plaintiff that it was his first duty immediately after going in office in 1913, to go carefully over all the records relative to the Hill murder trial. That | highway engineer's salary was not re. | some statement of the work he had ache investigated Levings, found him reliable and responsible and endeavored to secure his service in an effort to work out the Hill tragedy. That the court agreed with him that outside assistance should be employed and that Levings was finally hired in order to make a thorough, painstaking in vestigation and to get all the evidence anywhere obtainable to solve the mystery. That later he "O. K.'d' damage was done and before the Wil- Lehmann was committed from Mult- the upper Columbia river fleet, which, the court claims, is partially on Levings bill but that Mr. Mulvey had Mr

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VERDICT REACHED AGAINST **COUNTY IN 15 MINUTES**

CANAL AT CELILO IS OPENED; FIRST SHIPS MAKE TRIP

CROWDS ON BANKS GO WILD AS TWO VESSELS MEET IN THE LOCKS.

BUILDER IS ABOARD OF FIRST SHIP TO MAKE JOURNEY THROUGH

Prominent in Open River Plans Canal Is \$5,000,000

THE DALLES, Ore., April 28.-Unterrupted navigation between the more than 500 miles inland, has been established.

The Celilo canal, which has been ten rears in building and upon which Uncle Sam has expended \$5,060,000, has been opened.

Today's opening, though, was wholly informal. It was merely preliminary er case were brought out and not the | to the formal opening, which will take onstarted to the utmost satisfaction and to the advocates of open-river navis ready to receive traffic moving in development of the Columbia river basin, which has been retarded by the

To the steamer Inland Empire. one of the original open-river fleet, was given the honor of leading the way through the canal She passed down the river, from east to west. The J. N. Teal, of the same fleet, went up the river, from west to east

To all outward appearances and for all practical purposes the canal was It took approximately three hours for the Inland Empire to pass from the entrance above to the exit below.

evident case and with utmost preci-stand that the contract had been n sion. Captain David Smith was at the wheel. He guided the ship through the narrow channel as if he had been at the task all his life.

On the main forward deck stood Colonel Jay J. Morrow, the United States engineer who has had charge of construction work Others in the group on board were Joseph N. Teal, frequently referred to as "the father of the open river," on account of his persistent efforts on behalf of the work; Representative Sinnott, of the Second Oregon Congressional district; Wallace R. Stuble, secretary of the bration next week; Captain W. P. Gray, admiral of the fleet that will officiate at next week's exercises, and many others.

MISTAKE DOUBLES **ENGINEER'S SALARY**

SPEED IN LEGISLATIVE WORK, RESULTS IN ERROR IN CHANGING LAW.

SALEM, Ore., April 23.-By means of an error made by the last legislalie knowledge of such a contract would ture the salary of John H. Lewis, state engineer, is doubled and if Mr. Lewis desires he will have a right to draw \$6000 annually.

> The mistake occurred through the hasty methods employed during the closing hours of the legislature in passing the bill consolidating the office of state highway engineer with that of the state engineer.

> In jamming the measure through before adjournment a clause was inserted to the effect that wherever in any law the name of the state highway engineer appeared, the name "state engineer" should be placed. No exception was made to the provision in the old highway commission act which places the salary of the state highway engineer at \$3000 a year.

> Attorneys say this section fixing the pealed and therefore if the other provision of the new law is followed changing the name of state highway engineer to state engineer, Mr. Lewi would be entitled to draw this additional salary.

> In the consolidation bill provision is made that the deputy engineer to be receive \$3000 annually.

A bride in Korea must not speak may give free reign to her tongue.

COURT DENIES MOTION OF DE FENDANT FOR INSTRUCTED

JUDGE ANDERSON AND JAMES

Members of Court Testify Detective Made No Report of Work on Murder-Judge Dimick Addresses Jury.

HILLSBORO, Ore. April 27,-(Spe ial to The Enterprise.) -A verdict for \$2000 was returned for L. L. Levings and against Clackamas county tonight in the suit of the former for pay for alleged detective services in the Hill murder case.

Judge Eakin's charge to the je ended at 7 o'clock tonight and at 7:15 the jury came in with a verdict. The court instructed the jury to recognize the contract and to determine whether its provisions had been fulfilled by

the plaintiff. A five hours' legal battle featured the last chapter of the trial, when the case finally reached the argument stage. Judge Eakin denied plaintiff's motion for an instructed verdict, following an hour's quibbling by the attorneys and ruled that the jury should be the judges as to whether Levings had fully performed his contract, in order to support a judgment in his

Judge Dimick Addresses Jury Attorney Fitzgerald opened argument for the plaintiff, followed Dimick for the defendant. The latter made an eloquent defense for the coun ty, and bitterly criticizing the Clackamas officials and Mr. Levings for not naural obstructions in the river, can presenting the evidence which they claimed to have secured, and which in the opinion of ex-Sheriff Mass was sufficient to secure an indictment. He strongly sustained the court's action as agents and custodian of the public fund of the taxpayers of the county, in refusing to pay the bill presented by

Levings. Honorable George Bagley, of this city, recently appointed circuit judge for Levings and what probably was his final appearance as a trial lawyer in the Washington county circuit court rang true with appealing argument sustaining the plaintiff. He took the and ratified by the court. that Levings had performed all the duties required thereby and that he was therefore en-

titled to a complete verdict. Judge Anderson on Stand The morning session was devoted entirely to the examination of County Judge Anderson and Commissioner Smith. Their testimony was in many respects contradictory to that of Mr. Levings and District Attorney Hedges given yesterday. Judge Anderson testified that the agreement was made with Mr. Levings to investigate the Hill case, on the earnest recommendation of Mr. Hedges and Mr. Mass, and that while it was not distinctly provided as to just what extent the work would go, it was his, Mr. Anderson's opinion and impression that an indictment or a conviction was to be se-

He stated that he had met Mr. Mass and Mr. Levings at a date subsequent to the agreement and had asked as to what progress was being made. They told him, said Mr. Anderson, that progress had been made but seemed reluc tant about going into detail. Asked what provision had been made as to expenses, Judge Anderson replied:

Evidence Is Not Produced. "The county court was to pay \$2000. I did not understand that the county

was to pay expenses." As to his motive in refusing to pay the bill Mr. Anderson stated it was be cause of a lack of evidence that anything had been done. No report was ever made to the court of the progress of the work, according to Judge Anderson, who stated: "It was a fact we did not know what we were paying for; that no report was ever made to us which would justify such an ex-

penditure."

Commissioner Smith when called to the stand said: "My impression was, and is yet, that he was to find the guilty party, and that if at the expiration of three months, he had not secured a conviction or an indictment, he would continue the work."

The testimony of Commissioner Matton corroborated in the main, that of Judge Anderson and Commissioner Smith, and he further stated that he had personally asked Levings to make complished.

MRS. A. E. KELSO SEEKS DIVORCE.

After almost 20 years of married against Tyra M. Kelso, making the general charge of cruel and inhuman appointed, which is now Cantine shall treatment. She alleges that besides heaping many abuses upon her, he orced her to earn a living for their family. They have four children: during the first day of her married Marie, Torie, Lorie and Florie Kelso life; the next morning, however, she The couple was married October 13, 185, in Hillsboro, Washington county.