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DIVISION PLAN IS VIGOROUSLY FOUGHT BY O. C.

COMMITTEE WILL GO TO SALEM TO OPPOSE SCHEME

RESOLUTION PASSED AT LIVELY MEETING HELD IN COMMERCIAL CLUB ROOMS.

$50,000 WILL BE SPENT IN 1917 ON NORTH-AND-SOUTH HIGHWAY

B. T. McBain Says Route of Pacific Highway Changed, Leaving Oregon City Off Road—Cascade County Not Favored.

The state legislature will not be permitted to enact measures creating Cascade county out of the eastern portion of Clackamas, or to annex 13 square miles of territory embracing the town of Oswego, to Multnomah county, without a strenuous protest from residents of the county, who propose to make a vigorous fight when the measures are considered before the senate and house committees. O. D. Eby, C. Schuebel, C. G. Huntley, Judge H. S. Anderson and B. T. McBain were appointed a committee, under a resolution adopted at a mass meeting Monday night by a unanimous vote, to carry the protest to Salem.

The resolution follows:

"WHEREAS an organized effort is now being made by certain people residing in Oswego, Clackamas county, Oregon, and in the territory adjacent thereto with the avowed purpose of securing action by the present legislature of Oregon now in session, which will take from Clackamas county about 12 or 13 sections of land including Oswego and territory adjacent thereto and annex the same to Multnomah county through legislation changing the boundary line between said counties.

Road Work Promised.

And, WHEREAS the leaders of said movement have at various and divers times and places stated that such action is taken on their behalf for the reason that in the past the said portion of Clackamas county has not secured its proper portion of the road funds of said county and by reason thereof have been unable to construct and maintain roads adequate for transportation and in particular have complained of such lack of road improvement on the main road leading from Oswego to Portland.

And WHEREAS the county court of Clackamas county, Oregon, has indicated its purpose to co-operate with the State Highway commission of Oregon and through said State Highway commission with the federal government, with the idea of having that said portion of the Oswego road included and embraced in the Pacific Highway thereby insuring a permanently constructed highway upon grades to be located through said State Highway commission, and the said court is now working with that end in view.

And WHEREAS the said court has indicated its purpose to return to the said road districts or road district with in which said portion of highway is located the full 100 per cent of all road money raised therein during the year 1917 and is willing that the same may be expended where the proper road authorities of said district shall designate.

Court's Plan Favored.

"Now THEREFORE be it RESOLVED by this meeting of taxpayers assembled that we believe the action of the county court relative to the expenditure of money for road purposes in the said districts effected is just and fair and we commend the action of our county court in relation thereto and be it further,

"RESOLVED that we are opposed to the change of the boundary line or to any other change of said boundary line effecting said territory and that the chairman of this meeting appoint a committee of five citizens and taxpayers of Clackamas county to take charge of a campaign in opposition to such proposed change and that said committee be and hereby is empowered to raise funds and to carry said fight to the said legislative session of Oregon if necessary in order to defeat the bill which has been prepared for the change of said boundary line."

The committee was also authorized to make a fight against the creation of Cascade county, as well as to voice its protest against the annnexation plan affecting Oswego.

$50,000 Project Adopted.

The feature of the meeting was the statement by County Judge Anderson, talking in behalf of the county court, with Commissioners Knight and Proctor present, that the court proposed to spend $50,000 this year on a road running north and south through Clackamas county, providing state and federal aid could be secured, and that such aid had already been sought. This statement elicited cheers, and a formal motion promising the cooperation of the members of the Commercial club, was adopted.

Judge Anderson believes that two-thirds of the people living along the western boundary of the proposed new county are opposed to the division of Clackamas, and Commissioners Knight and Proctor agreed with him. The judge advised that a remonstrance against the annexation scheme be circulated in the Oswego district.

Mr. Schuebel admitted that under some proper territorial division for the creation of a new county, there might be reason for the suggestion, but he argued that the lines proposed were not proper. He said that Multnomah county had too much political power now.

The discussion covered the road question in many particulars and B. T. McBain stated that a new map of the Pacific Highway had been issued by the State Highway commission, and that the line of the highway ran west of the Willamette, leaving Oregon City and other towns between this city and Salem along the east side if the Willamette river, off the route of the Pacific highway. He declared it was high time the people of this section should be up and doing in order to preserve the advantages of this road. Brief talks were made by O. D. Eby, J. E. Jack, George Randall, J. J. Cooke, Mr. Miller and others.

MAN WITHOUT UNIFORM NOT POPULAR IN CANADA, FINDS KENT WILSON AFTER VISIT

A young man without a uniform in Canada has about as much chance winning the heart of a girl as an iceberg has of long life in the tropics, opined Kent Wilson, son of Sheriff and Mrs. W. J. Wilson, of this city, and University of Oregon track star, who Thursday night returned from Vancouver, B. C.

"The girls up there in Vancouver do not even seem to see a fellow without a uniform," he said Friday "and the man with a uniform is popular everywhere. I suppose they figure that a man without a uniform is a coward, and that the minute a man puts on one of the government suits he instantly becomes a hero."

Mr. Wilson finds that Vancouver, although separated from Europe by several thousand miles of land and sea, is just as much at war with the Central Powers as London or Paris. Troops are everywhere on the streets, military grounds surround the city, signboard and newspapers appeal to the people to support the army and contribute to various funds used for red cross purposes or to aid war widows and interest in the war is tense.

"The Canadian newspapers refer to the Germans as the 'Huns' always," said Mr. Wilson, "and they cannot print anything strong enough to express their opinion of them."

Mr. Wilson saw 1200 troops leave for England while he was in Vancouver. He visited the military training grounds and talked with both men and officers. The pecular vanity of the recruit impressed Mr. Wilson. "The Scottish regiments, or Kilties, as they are known in Vancouver, seem to be the most popular among the recruits, because of the attractive uniforms."

Mr. Wilson was on the Mexican border, attached to the hospital corps of the Third Oregon, and while in Vancouver he paid particular attention to the Red Cross work, hospital service and the handling of the men. He noticed that after a few months of military training a stoop shouldered, delicate youth would be transformed into a strudy, broad shouldered man. He watched recruits charge, with fixed bayonets, into figures made of bags of straw, and shoot from trenches dug along the lines of the trenches in Europe. Mr. Wilson visited the Vancouver general hospital, in which 300 convalsent soldiers are confined with Dr. Nicholson.

BROWNELL, ALSO, HAS PLAN TO CUT USELESS BOARDS

CLACKAMAS COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE INTRODUCES RESOLUTION IN THE HOUSE.

HIGH STATE TAX IS DEPLORED, PRACTICAL REMEDY IS SOUGHT

In the Senate, Dimick's Resolution for a Joint Committee to Investigate Boards Is Adopted By Unanimous Vote.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Jan. 10.—Deploring the high state tax Representative George C. Brownell today introduced a resolution in the house providing that the house committee on the revision of laws and the attorney general shall constitute a committee to investigate a suitable plan for the abolition and consolidation of commissions. The resolution says:

"Whereas in the political campaign of two years ago and in the campaign of this year and in newspapers generally the abolishment or consolidation of some of the commissions now in use in this state was declared necessary, and advocated by candidates of both parties, and

"WHEREAS the tax rate is high and is retarding the development of many material interests of the state and is keeping capitol from its proper investment in the state, and

"WHEREAS the taxpayers and the people generally of the state are looking and expecting some real reform in the reduction of taxes and expenses in maintaining different institutions in this state.

Clerk Hire Provided.

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the house of representatives of the Oregon legislature, that the committee on revision of laws of this house together with the attorney general of this state be and hereby are instructed to investigate this proposition and prepare suitable lews and legislation to meet the demands of the people of the state and report such legislation or bills to this house, said committees are hereby empowered to select such clerks or assistants as may be required and necessary to carry into effect object and purpose of this resolution."

In the senate this morning Senator Walter A. Dimick's resolution for a joint committee from the senate and the house to investigate the work of of the various boards and commissions and to work out a plan to consolidate or abolish several of them, was passed by a unaminous vote.

Early Report Is Provided.

This joint committee will study plans for eliminating needless commissions and public offices and get a program of retrenchment well under way in the early days of the session, without delaying until bills and

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CAMPAIGNS FOR ROAD SUPERVISOR JOBS ON NOW AT FULL BLAST

COUNTY COURT WILL SET A DAY LATE IN MONTH FOR APPOINTMENT OF 56 MEN.

Pity the county court.

That group of hard working individuals—Judge Anderson and Commissioners Knight and Proctor— are being pestered from morning until night by would-be road bosses for that season of the year is now at hand when road supervisors are named.

The court met Wednesday, with Commissioner Prostor, recently elected taking his seat for the first time, and organized. Almost the entire day was spent listening to candidates for road supervisor or their friends. Many of the campaigns are being conducted along lines that would put the ordinary political campaign to shame for muckraking.

"Tom James comes in and tells us that Bill Smith, the supervisor in his district, is no good, that he wastes the district's money, that he don't know how to build roads, but that he, Jones, would make an ideal supervisor" observed one person who had heard a number of these candidates for supervisor deliver a tirade against the incumbent supervisor and present his own merits.

Besides the candidates who have appeared before the court in person, many have sent in written petitions.

The county court, said Judge Anderson yesterday, will set a special day for the appointment of road supervisors later in the month. A supervisor will be named for each of the 56 road districts in the county.

COURT HOLDS REPAIRS PART OF SCHOOL COST

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—The supreme court, in an opinion by Justice McBride today, held that counties are not liable under the county high school tuition fund law to pay school districts for cost of depreciation of the high school building, or for interest on amounts previously invested in constructing such building, but also hold that an item for repairs should be paid to the districts.

29TH SESSION OF LEGISLATURE ON; SENATE IS BUSY

PRESIDENT MOSER AND SPEAKER STANFIELD HEAD GROUPS OF LAWMAKERS.

SENATOR DIMICK INTRODUCES 4 RESOLUTIONS AND ONE BILL

Representative Brownell Makes Seconding Speech When R. N. Stanfield Is Nominated for Speaker of the House.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—With peace and harmony on every hand the 29th session of the Oregon state legislature opened this morning. With speed which breaks all records, the senate organized, electing Senator Gus Moser, of Multnomah county its president, completed organization and began business.

President Moser was escorted to the chair by Senators Wood and Olson and made a brief address. In the house, Robert N. Stanfield was named speaker. Both President Moser and Speaker Stanfield were selected unanimously. Representative George C. Brownell, of Clackamas county, made one of the seconding speeches after Stanfield had been nominated.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—(Special)—While Clackamas county members of the legislature in the house were awaiting the appointment of committees tomorrow and for that body to get under way with actual business, Senator Walter A. Dimick, of Clackamas, began cutting a wide swath in the senate when he landed as chairman of the resolutions committee and on the judiciary, industries, printing and county committees; introduced two senate resolutions, two joint resolutions and one bill, and called his committee together and reported favorably on two resolutions of his own and several others.

One of his senate resolutions provides that no bills shall be introduced after the 30th day of the session and the other that the ways and means committee must have all its appropriation bills prepared and on the desks of the members by the 30th day of the session. One of the joint resolutions calls for a committee of three from the senate and four from the house to investigate the question of the consolidation and elimination of boards and commission and gives the joint committee sweeping power to hire clerks, subpoena witnesses and make a general investigation of all unnecessary and duplicated work and recommend a general wiping out of useless commissions and consolidation of duplications.

Senator Dimick also introduced senate bill No. 4, making it a felony for a drunken automobile driver to kill or injure any person or to damage property and misdemeanor to drive a car while intoxicated and forbidding any person or firm from employing a habitual drinker as an automobile driver and providing punishment for an employer who persists in employing a drunken driver.

The Clackamas county senator stated today that he will make no effort this session to abolish the Oregon naval militia. For the last six years, through three sessions, he had attacked that organization, once carrying the bill through the senate.

Miss Eva L. Moulton, of Oregon City, is Senator Dimick's secretary.

Members of the house are awaiting a report of the committee on rules before they will know whether they will be forced to hire private clerks or entitled to stenographers.

E. James Jones, editor of the Oswego Times, was defeated by Charles Erskine in the race for calendar clerk of the house, when southern Oregon and Multnomah county swung together against Jones.

BOY HAS FATHER ARRESTED.

On complaint of his own son, B. M. Keele, aged 45 years, a woodcutter of Barton, was arrested yesterday by Constable Frost and Sheriff Wilson. He is charged with threatening to take the life of members of his family. He will be given a preliminary hearing today.

EASTERN PART OF COUNTY SPLIT ON DIVISION SCHEME

HIGHER TAXES DUE TO EXPENSE OF ANOTHER COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS CAUSE.

REMONSTRANCE TO LEGISLATURE IS BEING PUT IN CIRCULATION

Cascade County, if Created, Will Get Appropriation of County's Property and Equipment, and Take Over Share of the Debt.

An insurrection against Estacda's plan to create Cascade county has arisen in the district affected by taxpayers who feel that county division, making two county governments necessary, will result in an increase in taxes.

A. D. Burnett, of Eagle Creek, was in Oregon City Wednesday. He said that all the people of his community were opposed to county division, which they were certain would raise their taxes.

The following remonstrance to the legislature was put into circulation in the eastern part of Clackamas county, from which Cascade county would be carved, Wednesday:

"We, the undersigned, legal voters residing in the vicinity of _____ and in that part of Clackamas county, Oregon, from which it is proposed to create the county of Cascade, do hereby most respectfully remonstrate against such action, for the reason that we are satisfied with our present county government, and believe that it is for the best interest of ourselves and of all concerned that said proposed county be not created."

New County Must Share Debt.

Cascade county, if created by the legislature, will get a share of the accumulated property of the county and equipment and must shoulder its share of the county's debt, the proportion being based on the ratio between the assessed valuation of the new county and of the old. In this case, for instance, Clackamas county's assessed valuation is about $28,700,000, of which $4,578,201.80 is in the bounds of the proposed new county. Cascade county would be entitled to a little over one-sixth of the county's property.

The new county promoters employed J. E. Jack, former county assessor, to gather these figures. He compiled the valuation of the proposed new county Wednesday. Cascade county would have 1530 children of school age, and a population of about 4800. During 1916, $24,334.35 was spent from the general road fund in the district which would make up the new county.

Mr. Jack found that the net indebtedness of the county the first of this year was $102,300.19, and that the

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CARVER TRUST DEED IS FILED, BONDS WILL BE ISSUED FOR EXTENSION

PAPERS DECLARE MONEY WILL BE USED TO BUILD HIGHLAND AND OREGON CITY ROADS

A trust deed was filed Thursday conveying the property of the Portland & Oregon City Railway company to the Security Savings & Trust company, of Portland, as trustee, preliminary to the issuance of $350,000 in bonds which will be used to complete the line from Bakers' bridge, or Carver station, on the Clackamas river to Highland.

The bonds will be issued in denominations of $500 and $1000 and will draw 6 per cent interest. They will mature in 1946. The issue was authorized by the directors of the road in September, 1915, but the actual issuance of the bonds was delayed.

The trust deed declares is the purpose of the company to build a road from Portland to the Highland district, about eight miles from the present terminus of the road, and from Portland to Oregon City. It is generally understood that a branch will be built from Dedman station in the Clackamas district to Oregon City, a distance of about five miles, ultimately. This branch will give the Carver line a road connecting Portland with Oregon City, about half a mile longer than the line of the Portland Railway Light & Power company, but shorter than the Southern Pacific.

The Portland & Oregon City Railroad company now has about 15 miles miles of rails laid and is operating trains. Stephen Carver, president of the company, has applied for a franchise from Oregon City to operate jitneys between Oregon City and Dedman until the branch rail line is built so that the county seat town will be connected with his road. He is also securing jitney grants from the city of Portland.

RIGHTS OF WAY THROUGH WEST LINN SOLD S. P.

DIMICK LEADING FIGHT ON STATE'S USELESS BOARDS

SENATE COMMITTEE FAVORS HIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOINT COMMITTEE.

BROWNELL, STEPHENS AND DEDMAN EACH HEAD COMMITTEE IN HOUSE

Representative Brownell Introduces Several Bills, Including One to Raise Salary of County School Superintendent.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 9.—(Special)—The resolutions committee of the senate late this afternoon voted to report favorably on Senator Dimick's resolution for a joint committee to investigate the abolition and consolidation of boards and commissions. The Clackamas county senator is leading the fight here for a reduction in the number of boards and commissions.

The resolution will be taken before the senate tomorrow, and it is thought that it has a good chance for passage in the upper house.

Each member of the house from Clackamas county was awarded the chairmanship of a committee today when speaker Standfield placed George C. Brownell at the head of citys and towns, Dr. H. A. Dedman, labor and industries and H. C. Stephens, counties. Brownell also will serve on immigration and judiciary committees; Dedman, livestock, medicine, pharmacy and dentistry and banking and Stephens, banking and ways and means.

Representative Brownell introduced a number of bills including one repealing the old fishing treaty between Oregon and Washington; another fixing the salary of the supreme court justices at $4500 a year as full pay for services; another increasing the limitation of employes' salary under garnishment from $75 to $100 per month and one fixing the salary of the Clackamas county school superintendent at $1500 instead of $1000 annually, with $300 traveling expenses annually. Representative Brownell named Mrs. Malva Bolle, Oregon City, as his secretary.

The Clackamas members in the house have seats adjacent in the center of the back row on the east side of the house, while Senator Dimick has the same seat he had for many ses-

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ROAD EXPECTED TO TAKE UP OLD WEST SIDE PLAN

CONSTRUCTION OF LINE UP VALLEY ON WEST BANK OF WILLAMETTE IS FORECASTED

COMPLETION OF WORK IN TWO YEARS AND HALF IS PREDICTED

Southern Pacific Acquires Title to Rights of Way Through West Linn From Moody Investiment Company for $1.

The construction at a not far distant date of a two or four-track railroad down the west side of the Willamette river from Portland to Salem by the Southern Pacific—a plan once adopted by that company but later postponed—was forecasted Saturday by the filing in the office of County Recorder D. C. Boyles of a deed conveying rights of way through West Linn from the Moody Investment company to the Southern Pacific and a partial release of mortgage held by the Bankers' Trust company on the property involved.

It is understood here from an authorative source that the Moody Investment company gave the deed with the understanding that the Southern Pacific would complete the line within the next two years and a half. The consideration is given in the deed as $1

With the rights of way through West Linn acquired by the Southern Pacific Saturday the company now has title to practically all of the property needed for the line between the Clackamas-Multnomah county line and the point where the survey crosses the Willamette. The Southern Pacific bought several years ago the Willamette Falls Railway.

The east side line operated by the Southern Pacific is far from straight and has several bad grades. Four years ago the company announced that it would build a four-track road up the west side of the river, two tracks being for electric and two for steam trains. The matter was allowed to drop, however, and the filing of the deeds here Saturday comes as the first intimation that the company is preparing to resume its plan, although it is not known here whether the company will follow the original survey.

The deed provides that the Southern Pacific shall maintain at all times sidewalks and streets in West Linn over which the road shall run or cross. It Leiter & Allen, of Portland.

LEGISLATORS FAVORING THE CREATING OF NEW COUNTIES UNITE, ACCORDING TO REPORT

If the efforts of the people of Oswego, some of whom are trying to induce the legislature to authorize the annexation of 13 square miles of Clackamas county terirtory are successful, and the people of Estocada succeed in having the new county of Cascade carved out of Clackamas, this county will assume will be in a somewhat amputated condition.

It was reported here Monday that the effort to secure the creation of the new county of Cascade will have the backing of delegations from a half dozen other counties, where similar schemes have been hatched and that the promoters of all of the county division and annexation plans in Oregon will work in close harmony for a common end.

The proposal to create Cascade county was placed before the people of Oregon under the initiative six years ago but failed to secure a sufficient number of votes. The people living within the boundaries of the proposed county failed to indorse the measure, through the opposition of residents of Boring and Sandy, some of whom were jealous of the ambition of Estacada to obtain the county seat and others for the reason that it is their ultimate expectation that at some time territory will be carved from Clackamas and Multnomah and a new county created, with a county seat at Gresham, providing the oft mentioned plan of creating a city and county of Portland is adopted.

In the proposed county of Cascade there will be about 600 square miles, with a population of 4500, and an assessed valuation of more than $6,000,000. The district has 17 townships, more than half of which are in the forest reserve and seven of these townships are unsurveyed.

The lines do not include Boring and Sandy. The promoters of the plan propose to start at the northwest corner of section 10, township 2 south, range 3 east, and run south on the township line to and including Colton, running east from that point to the forest reserve line and south to the boundary line of Clackamas county. The line of the proposed county runs east of the Highland store, which is not included, but the Highland school is within the boundaries of the proposed county. The dividing line in a general way is the watershed between the Clackamas and the Molalla rivers and between the Sandy and the Clackamas rivers. Part of the upper Logan territory is taken in, but none of the lower Logan district. Kelso is just outside, but the towns of Firwood, Cherryville and Springwater are in the new county. The east line runs to the summit of the Cascades, the present boundary between Clackamas and Hood River counties. The boundaries give the people interested a valley county along the Clackamas river up to a point west and near Barton.

It is understood that two of the three Clackamas members of the house have promised to support the measure. No effort has been made here to resist the creation of the new county.