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\$1,500 PUBLICITY FUND IS RAISED BY COMMERCIAL CLUB

Announcement that a \$1,500 publicity fund had been raised by the Oregon City Commercial club to be spent during the next year was made by President O. D. Eby in his annual address. He said Monday that a meeting of those who subscribed to this fund would be held at an early date, and plans discussed to spend it.

Mr. Eby's annual message follows, in part:

"During the year your board of governors has endeavored to work in co-operation with the county court of Clackamas county, and with the farming communities in an endeavor to bring about a permanent system of road construction and in this connection have co-operated with the Portland Automobile club and other Progressive clubs and organizations along these lines with the result that we have been in touch with the modern road movements of Multnomah county, which have brought about the construction of the Columbia Highway, and thereby are in a better position to comprehend the road situation and to take advantage of modern thought and experiment in bringing this system of good permanent roads, which is evident to all thinking persons is near at hand, and your committee are now engaged in an earnest effort to establish the permanent location of the Pacific Highway on the east side of the river from Salem to Oregon City and then to Portland on the west side through Oswego, and through the aid of our county court and our State Highway commission both largely assisted by federal aid it is hoped that within the near future a permanent hard surface road will be constructed over this route. In connection with this permit me to say, that our club has co-operated with the county court in securing two additional mills for permanent road work this year, and in addition to what has been said concerning the Pacific Highway we earnestly hope that our court will be able to construct some permanent roads on the main highway leading into the interior of the county.

"On May 27, 1916, the annual Booster day event was held under the auspices of the publicity committee of the club at Oregon City, but this year we took a wider view of the situation and invited our Portland friends, who took advantage of the invitation and athletic clubs and organizations, including the Royal Rosarians in uniform with their band who were appropriately entertained at luncheon, making the day both in gaily appearance and in co-operation results the best ever held.

"As president of your club, it affords me pleasure to report to you that arrangements have just been completed whereby the publicity committee of our club have again secured the co-operation of our business people with contributions with which to carry on the work for the coming year, and that more than \$1500 has been subscribed for this purpose, thus securing a more active program of publicity and in connection therewith a greater opportunity for co-operation with our neighboring counties and cities in securing improvements and legislation to our mutual interest and benefit.

"Within the last ten days matters of local interest to us have transpired in rapid succession and among these things I mention the following:

"Last week a bill was introduced in Congress by Representative Hawley of this district appropriating the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of deepening the government locks at our falls, and considering the fact that the dredging of the lower river has brought about the condition requiring this deepening, it seems impossible that such appropriation should not be made.

"Only yesterday the bill appropriating \$70,000 by our National Congress for a public building at Oregon City passed the House and we are informed that it will encounter little difficulty in the Senate, and it seems that our long continued effort for a public building will at last be crowned with success.

"At our present session of the Oregon legislature an effort is being made to annex Oswego including 13 sections of land, to Multnomah county, and another effort is being made by certain citizens of Estacada to form Cascade county out of the eastern portion of Clackamas county.

"Our club has stood behind the organized effort to oppose these measures, and on the 18th inst., a special train of about 75 citizens of Oregon City and Clackamas county was taken to Salem where a public hearing before the proper committee was had.

"Taking the situation as a whole we feel that our club and our city and county should face the future with optimism. As shown there has been a substantial growth of our business industries which has brought about a corresponding growth and increased demand for residence property with the results that rents have been increased, more new residences are being constructed resulting in a substantial increase of real estate values, and in addition new business structures are in contemplation along Main street and there exists a general condition of business prosperity and I feel safe in saying that Oregon City is by far the best city of its size on the coast.

"I desire at this time to recommend for the consideration of the members of this club, the following:

SENATOR DIMICK LEADS FIGHT ON ANNEXATION BILL

COMMITTEE RETURNS TWO REPORTS WITH MAJORITY OPPOSING BOUNDARY CHANGE

CASCADE COUNTY SCHEME STILL IS PENDING BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Another Excursion to Salem Thursday to Present Facts and Figures Concerning New County Plan May Be Made.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—(Special to the Enterprise)—Following an attack of over an hour's duration led by Senator Walter A. Dimick on the Lewis Bill to annex the Oswego district to Multnomah county, the senate today defeated the measure by an overwhelming majority. The bill came from the committee with two reports, Chairman Orton, of Multnomah county, favoring the passage of the bill, and Dimick and Lieneweber opposing it.

The final vote was 25 against the bill and 3 for it. With Olson and Bingham absent, only Moser, Orton and Lewis voted for it.

Senator Dimick made a strong plea against the measure, and obtained an attentive hearing. Three members of the Multnomah county delegation voted in favor of the Clackamas senator's attitude.

Following the defeat of the Oswego annexation plan in the senate, the Oregon City Commercial club and all others opposed to a split of the county are now centering their efforts on Estacada's proposal to create Cascade county out of the eastern part of Clackamas.

"We have still one fight before us, even though we have defeated the Oswego annexation plan," said O. D. Eby, president of the Commercial club, Monday. "The members of the Clackamas delegation in the legislature who are opposed to a split of the county told me over the telephone today that we should not relax our efforts. It is needless for me to say that we are much pleased with the senate's vote."

The bill to create Cascade county has been introduced in the house and is now before the committee on counties. A crowd of anti-divisionists will probably go to Salem Thursday to attend a meeting of the committee.

SENATE BACKS DIMICK'S PLAN TO CUT NUMBER OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

SENATORS CLIMB ON BAND WAGON WHEN THEY SEE EVIDENT TREND OF EVENTS.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—(Special to the Enterprise)—The bill drawn by Senator Dimick's consolidation committee to consolidate the tax commission and the public service commission was jammed through the senate by Dimick this afternoon despite considerable early opposition.

As the senators saw the evident trend of events they began to climb on the band wagon and the bill finally carried with almost a solid vote.

Senator Dimick announced tonight that the bill consolidating the state land board and the desert land board will come from his committee tomorrow.

GRAYS CROSSING ROAD WORK TO BE COMPLETED

COUNTY JUDGE SAYS HARD SURFACE PLANT WILL START UP NEXT MAY.

County paving will probably begin in May at the point on the Eighty-second street road where work was stopped early last fall, said County Judge H. S. Anderson Wednesday.

The county improved between one and two miles of the Eighty-second or Grays Crossing road leading south out of Portland when money appropriated for this purpose was exhausted and work stopped. The plant is located at the Willis gravel pit near the Clackamas-Multnomah county line.

AUTO LICENSES BRING \$4000 TO THIS COUNTY

COUNTY TREASURER DUNN RECEIVES MONEY FROM SECRETARY OF STATE AT SALEM

County Treasurer M. E. Dunn Tuesday received \$4,000.88 from Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott, this county's share of money collected by the state from the sale of motor vehicle and chauffeur license during 1916.

A statement prepared by the secretary of state shows that the total receipts from this county was \$4,875, of which \$874.92 was used to buy license plates and to pay office expenses, Clackamas county is sixth of the counties of the state in the amount of money raised by the sale of automobiles and chauffeur licenses.

STEPHENS APPROVES 6 PER CENT LIMITATION ON TAXES OF ALL KINDS

REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDS ALL MEETINGS OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20.—(Special to the Enterprise)—After two weeks in the joint ways and means committee wrestling with fiscal affairs of the state, Representative H. A. Stephens, of Clackamas county, declared himself highly satisfied with the six per cent limitation amendment passed by the people at the last general election and asserted it would result in many beneficial aspects to the state.

"While it limits the expenses of the state and at first glance may have seemed to many as imposing a hardship on some of the institutions a hard-satisfied it will not have that effect," said Stephens today.

"I find that it will not put the state up against any harder proposition than that experienced by the individual in his own private business who every year or so is required to call a halt, take an inventory, inspect his business affairs and readjust himself to meet the conditions. The legislature is called upon, and future legislatures will be called upon to do that very thing under the amendment and I believe it will have a salutary effect."

"The amendment will tend to do away with needless appropriations, cause decreases in salaries and require institution heads and officials to scan their estimates carefully before they place them before the legislature for final action."

Representative Stephens, a member of the ways and means committee, has visited about half of the state institutions now and has gone over them carefully, not only inspecting them as to their condition, their sanitary surroundings and investigating their needs and betterments, but also as to the financial aspect of their affairs.

Representative Stephens so far has satisfied himself with introducing the bill to create Cascade county in his endeavors along actual lawmaking lines and states he does not expect to introduce many more bills than that. Perhaps the one bill may be the limit for him this session.

As chairman of the committee on counties he may have some rather heavy weight as far as his Cascade county bill is concerned, particularly in speaking it before the house.

Speaking of his plans as a member of the ways and means committee he declared himself favorable to giving to the institutions all that they need to properly care for the wards of the state but he will insist on seeing that estimates which may be considered for unnecessary and useless expenses be pared to the bone. Representative Stephens has a 100 per cent attendance record at ways and means committee meetings being one of the very few members of the joint committee that has attended every session and he states he plans to keep that record immaculate during the balance of the session.

FIVE FIELD DEPUTIES ARE NAMED BY ASSESSOR

GRANGERS IN FAVOR OF INDUSTRIAL CLUB WORK

At the meeting of the Milwaukie Grange No. 265 held at the Milwaukie Grange hall Saturday, the following resolutions were passed:

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Milwaukie Grange No. 268, in regular session assembled on the 20th day of January, 1917, believing it to be for the best interest of the state, do most respectfully request the honorable legislature of the state of Oregon to make adequate provision for the maintenance of the industrial field work, which has been carried on for several years past through the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

TWO CLACKAMAS OFFICIALS GET A RISE UNDER BILL

COUNTY JUDGE'S SALARY WOULD BE FIXED AT \$1800, COUNTY TREASURER'S, \$1400.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BUDGET MEETING ARE CARRIED OUT

Senator Dimick Introduces Measure to Provide for Taxpayers' Committee To Be Appointed Annually to Study County Expenses.

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WOMAN OCCUPIES CHAIR OF THE LOWER HOUSE

SPEAKER STANFIELD CALLS MRS. ALEXANDER THOMPSON TO PLACE OF AUTHORITY.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—Woman has come into her own in the Oregon legislature. For the first time since that ancient and honorable body began to worry the days and nights of the capital city, a member of the gentle sex ascended the speaker's desk this morning and wielded the gavel over the usually turbulent and unruly membership of the lower house.

Speaker Stanfield, who is always chivalrous and who just now has developed a sore throat trying to keep the house business running smoothly, called Mrs. Alexander Thompson of The Dalles, the lone woman member of the assembly to the chair, trusted the gavel over to her and entrusted the business of legislation to her feminine sway soon after the house began its morning grind.

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36 MILES OF TELEPHONE LINE INVOLVED IN SUIT

WESTERN IRRIGATION POWER & LUMBER COMPANY CLAIMS LABOR LIEN FAULTY.

Thirty-six miles of telephone line between Handy and Government Camp at the base of Mount Hood are involved in the suit of the Western Irrigation Power & Lumber company against the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company tried before Judge Campbell in the Circuit court Monday. All the testimony was introduced and the case will be argued Saturday.

The line was built by the Western Irrigation Power & Lumber company and sold on a labor lien, the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company taking over the property in 1912. The plaintiff claims that the lien was faulty.

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First Consolidation Bill Passes Senate on Second Reading—Brownell Makes Vitriolic Attack on Fish, Game Commission.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—(Special)—Representative H. C. Stephens today introduced in the house Bill No. 165, creating Cascade county out of a portion of Clackamas county. Under the description in the bill the dividing line between Cascade and Clackamas counties runs one mile east of upper Colton, one mile east of the Highland school, one mile west and one mile north of Barton.

Estacada will be the largest town in the new county which also will include Highland. Representative Stephens estimates its population at 5500 with a voting strength of 1200 and the proposed county includes 600 square miles approximately. Should the bill become an act the law is so changed that all temporary officers of the county shall be appointed by the governor. The temporary county seat will be Estacada, and the question of the permanent county seat will be submitted at the next legal election when, if a majority of all voters favor Estacada the county seat shall be so adjudged, but if not the question then shall be submitted at the following general election when the decision shall be between the two points receiving the highest number of votes.

Cascade county shall be in the 16th representative district and the 12th senatorial district, these being the representative and senatorial districts formerly constituted by Clackamas county alone. The records are to be delivered to Cascade county by Clackamas officials within 30 days after the laws go into effect.

Cascade county will be attached to the fifth judicial district, and the terms of court are to be the third Monday in March and the first Monday in October of each year.

Salaries Are Fixed. The salaries of the officers follow: County judge, \$600; county clerk and recorder, \$1000; deputies \$600; sheriff, \$1000; deputies, \$800; county assessor, \$900; deputy, \$400; county school superintendent, \$1000; county treasurer, \$250; coroner to be also county physician and health officer, \$750; surveyor \$5 for each day actually employed; county commissioners, \$3 a day and 10 cents mileage; district attorney for 1917 and 1918, \$900 and thereafter unless changed by law; \$600.

The county judge shall contract with the lowest of the best bidders the work of transcribing all the records of Clackamas county affecting real estate in Cascade county, provided that Cascade county shall be allowed to bid upon such work.

The county judges of Clackamas and Cascade counties with a third person mutually agreed upon are to be a board of commissioners to determine the value of the county buildings of Clackamas county and the amount of money to be due to Cascade from Clackamas as its share in such buildings. In case of a vacancy on such commission the governor shall appoint a third member. Either county may appeal from the decision of such board to the Clackamas county circuit court.

Defeat Is Forecasted. Senator W. A. Dimick stated today that the Oswego bill would come from the committee Monday, probably with an adverse report. He declared, however, he was satisfied that the senate will defeat the bill after ascertaining the general feeling among members.

SON OF PROMINENT MILWAUKEE, WIS., ATTORNEY IS HERE, PROBABLY INSANE

Harry I. Morse, a member of a prominent Milwaukee, Wis., family, was taken into custody by Sheriff Wilson Saturday and his sister, Miss Marion Ester Morse, and his father, Henry Pratt Morse, will come to Oregon City as soon as possible. Young Morse's mind evidently is unbalanced, evidently caused by a nervous breakdown.

Morse wandered into the office of District Attorney Hedges Saturday morning. "I want to take up with you the matter of school lands at Drain" he said.

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