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ACTION IS TAKEN TO GET OUT OF COUNTY

At a meeting of the Oak Grove Community club, held at the Oak Grove school house Monday night, a resolution was unanimously adopted favoring the annexation of the Oak Grove and Milwaukie territory to Multnomah county, according to information brought to Oregon City Tuesday by E. D. Olds, well known resident of that section. It is supposed the proposition will be submitted to the legislature, perhaps at the special session next January.

The people of that district are angry over the outcome of the recent road bond election, as they will have to help pay the principal and interest on bonds to the amount of \$1,700,000, though none of the roads will be laid in that district. The proponents of the bond measure believing the district, already well paved, had been assisted by taxpayers from every other section. Mr. Olds suggested that the county court appoint, at the January term, a deputy road master in that district who would attempt to reconcile the differences between that section and other parts of the county.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GOOD ROADS MEETS WITH COURT

Members of Advisory Body From All Parts of Clackamas County Meet Saturday Afternoon

Proceeding the dinner at the commercial club tendered the good roads enthusiasts of Clackamas county on Saturday night, the men composing the advisory committee of the eleven road districts of the county met with the county court at the court house and held a formal get together and get acquainted meeting. There were some 40 persons from all sections of the county in attendance at this meeting at which County Judge Anderson presided.

While no action taken at this meeting could in any sense be binding upon the county court, the meeting was of immense value to the court in getting a birdseye view of the consensus of opinion of the people of the county upon a number of important matters in connection with laying out the program of building some 144 miles of hard surfaced roads in this county as a result of the recent election in which the people voted to bond the county for \$1,700,000 for such purpose.

One of the provisions of the bond proposition was that after the election meetings should be held in each of the eleven road districts for the purpose of voting a special 10 mill tax levy to be used for preparing the base for the proposed system of hard surfaced highways and for the further purpose of appointing a committee of three men from each of the eleven districts to act in an advisory capacity with the county court during the building of the bonded highways. On the Saturday following the bond election these district meetings were held and the committees were appointed and the meeting on Saturday was the first meeting of these committees with the county court.

The meeting at the court house was held late in the afternoon and was the scene of much animated discussion. The principal thought seemed to be now that the bonds had been voted how soon would the people of the county be able to travel over the finished roads. Before the meeting adjourned the members of the committee realized fully that it would be several years before their desire could be consummated.

It was shown in the meeting by County Roadmaster Compton that no matter whether the county adopted bitulphic, asphalt or cement paving, the county would have to finish a number of paving plants and much other machinery, such as trucks, scrapers, gravel bunkers, rock crushers and smaller tools.

There was quite a divergence of opinion as to what with the finished highways should be. Some parts of the county were strong for 18 foot roadbed, while other sections were just as earnest in their desire for a roadbed of 10 feet.

Near the close of the meeting a vote was taken by roll call of the various districts as to the choice of the district committees with reference to the building of cement or asphalt pavement. Upon the announcement of the vote it was shown that out of 27 votes cast in the meeting 23 voted for cement pavement while three preferred the asphalt pavement.

U. S. Consular Agent and Penitentiary in Which Mexicans Held Him Prisoner



This photograph shows the federal penitentiary at Puebla, Mexico, where William O. Jenkins, United States consular agent, was imprisoned. In the insert is seen Jenkins, whose detention resulted in straining the relations of the United States and Mexico to the breaking point. Jenkins was held in a large room, formerly an office, on the second floor.

"SEND ME BACK," SAYS ESCAPED CONVICT TO SHERIFF WILSON

Man, Half-Frozen, Comes Into Sheriff's Office to Give Himself Up

Half frozen, hungry, and with a woe-begone look upon his face, John Tuel, escaped convict from the penitentiary wood camp near Aumsville, walked into Sheriff Wilson's office Tuesday afternoon and gave himself up.

Tuel escaped from the camp Monday morning, when the crew of 20 convicts started out for the day in the woods to cut timber. He claimed that the first day he got as far as New Era, where he laid out in the brush all day long without food or water.

The next night, he traveled for several hours towards this city, but was compelled to make so many detours, that he arrived here almost frozen Tuesday afternoon. His clothing was a mass of ice and snow, and the only coat he had on was that furnished by the state to convicts while working in the wood camps cutting wood.

"I suppose you have my picture handy," Tuel said, when he stepped into the sheriff's office. The sheriff looked around on the walls of the office, and spied Tuel's picture in the "art gallery" with a notice of \$50 re-

ward for the man. "Yes, I guess we are looking for you," replied the sheriff, as he led Tuel inside of the railing to get warm.

"Well, I thought there was no use in trying to get away in this weather," said Tuel, "so I thought I might as well give myself up now, rather than get caught later."

Tuel was sent up from Multnomah county on December 5, 1917, on the charge of burglary. He was sentenced from one to five years and at one time was paroled. He broke his parole by attempting to leave the state, and was sent back to the penitentiary.

Tuel claims that he is well acquainted with Ed Covall, who was given 20 years by Judge Campbell last summer for rape. Covall is working in the same wood camp as Tuel, who claims that Covall does more work in the camp with his mouth than with his hands.

Sheriff Wilson took the escaped prisoner out and gave him a big meal and had him shaved, before turning him over to the state officer from the penitentiary. He was sent back last night, and seemed to be contented with his lot.

Motor of Wrecked Airplane Salvaged in Mountains as Huge Rolling Snowball



When Lieutenant W. G. Goldsborough and Lieutenant Wales were flying over Wyoming their plane crashed high in the mountains. Although injured himself, Goldsborough struggled four miles through the snow covered wilderness to get aid for his companion, who was pinned down by the wreckage. This photograph shows the unique method employed to salvage the 1,500-pound motor. It would have been the work of days to cart or drag the heavy machinery down the mountains. Instead the motor was rolled about until it was heavily coated with snow and then the huge snowball was rolled down.

CLACKAMAS MAY HAVE TO ELECT SENATOR

Governor Olcott's action in announcing a special election of the Oregon legislature may precipitate a special election in Clackamas county for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the death of State Senator Walter A. Dimick.

Under ordinary conditions the place would have remained open, as the vacancy would have been filled at the general election in November of next year in time for the newly elected senator to take his seat in the legislature at the regular session in January, 1921.

The constitution provides that in the event of a vacancy in the legislature, the governor shall issue a writ to the district affected for a special election to fill such vacancy.

The governor said today over long distance telephone that his attention had been called to the matter and that he had given it no thought, and would later determine what course to pursue.

Should he call the special session upon 10 days notice, as was done by Governor Chamberlain, there would be no time to issue a call for a special election.

If the vacancy is not filled by a special election, however, Clackamas county will be without representation in the state senate at the coming special session, except such representation as is afforded by the senator who represents Clackamas and Multnomah jointly and who is a resident of Portland.

Representative Schuebel, in the event of a special election, will probably resign from the house and be a candidate for the senate, and Grant B. Dimick, a cousin of the late senator, is also expected to be a candidate. In the event of a special election, the vacancy in the house due to Mr. Schuebel's resignation, would also have to be filled.

WEST LINN FIRE LADDIES DEDICATE NEW FIRE HALL

Fire Companies 3 and 4 Hold House Warming Last Saturday and Have Fine Time

Numbers 3 and 4 fire companies of West Linn dedicated their fine new fire engine house on Sunset avenue, Hill section, of West Linn Saturday evening.

The building, of modern construction, is 26x56 feet, and of two stories, and this was well filled with a happy crowd of firemen and friends. The bright lights, the warm rooms and tables loaded with tempting viandas, made it a most attractive place to spend the evening.

The near coal famine, or the "H. C. L." were not taken seriously by the jolly crowd in attendance.

President M. E. Clancy, in a few well chosen remarks welcomed the guests after which cards and social conversation were enjoyed.

P. J. Winkle was master of ceremonies and during the evening Fireman Carl Buse, Toastmaster Ed. Friedrichs, Treasurer Harvey Farmer entertained the listeners with innumerable stories of some of their hunting and fishing expeditions, telling of many narrow escapes they had and of the fine strings of fish they caught. These men are experienced with hook and line and gun, and their stories were greatly appreciated.

Secretary Joe Munch acted as steward, while Jake Endres was the head chef.

Dick Bittner and Ed Moore looked after the welfare of the guests and insisted on everybody taking "just a little more."

Frank Miller with a quintet of excellent voices, and composed of young men from the finishing department of the paper mill, sang a number of selections of high class, and responded to many encores. The quintet was composed of Messrs. Huorth, Zirble, Bower, Zadiker and Fren Winkle.

The party lasted until shortly after midnight, when everybody, happy and blessed, departed, having a most enjoyable evening as guests of the fire department.

There are about 40 members belonging to these two departments, and are always ready to fight fire when their services are needed. The West Linn section is well equipped with fire apparatus, each company having about 400 feet of hose, and hydrants established at each block in the residence section.

Regular meetings are held each month, and all firemen take an active interest in these. No. 4 meets at the headquarters on the first Monday of each month and No. 3 the first Tuesday.

POINDEXTER IN RACE

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 9.—The name of Senator Miles PoinDEXTER of Washington will be on the primary ballot next March as a candidate for the presidential nomination this state.

Beautiful Snow

We may expect a rush of poetry to follow the most severe snow storm that Oregon City has experienced in four years. Spring poets and beautiful snow poets are ever with us, bless 'em, and they see light and all sorts of fantastic shapes in the whirling flakes.

There is a serious side to a snow storm, however, in the Willamette Valley, where snow is so unusual. In the East, where snow begins to fall in November and remains on the ground until March, people become accustomed to annual conditions that are a part of the winter. But out here, where snow is infrequent, there is no delight, except from the youngsters to whom snow is rare.

Unusually severe weather injures business, blocks traffic, keeps people from following their daily pursuits and tries the patience of the average westerner. He can stand a deluge of rain, because he is used to it, and if he is a true Oregonian, he feels better for it, but as for snow, he would have none of it.

In the winter of 1915-16 snow fell in Oregon City and stayed on the ground for about three weeks. Its coming was viewed with some apprehension and its disappearance caused general rejoicing, even though we waded through deep slush during the thawing period.

Snow may be termed beautiful by the poets, but a little of it goes a long way with us.

FEED BIRDS NOW; FARMERS FRIENDS NEED HELP DURING STORM

Feathered Creatures Are Nearly Up Against It in This Snow and Sady Need Help

It has been requested from the members of the Clackamas County Humane society and other lovers of birds that care be taken of the little creatures during the present weather conditions. Many have already become weakened from the lack of food, and a large number of housewives have placed out crumbs and grain.

At the Brady Mercantile company's store James Brady, the big hearted proprietor was heard saying on Tuesday to one of his employees: "Feed these poor little pigeons and other birds that are standing by the door, as there is plenty of grain in that bin for the little feathered creatures." The birds were fed, and even ate out of the proprietor's hand and were given a sufficiency.

This was witnessed by a member of the Humane society, and Brady did not know he was heard. Jim has made new friends in the city. A few days ago, before the snow made its appearance, a small bird belonging to the sparrow family made its appearance at the Brady store.

Hanging into the front door it "nested" customers and went to the rear of the counter where he secured an ample supply of bread crumbs. He has called each day and always gets his "fill."

Mrs. Garland Warner is another person who would make a good member of the Clackamas County Humane society. During Tuesday she had rescued a large number of little birds that had lost their way in the deep snow in the Warner yard. She carefully picked each one up, carried it to the house, where she has a large box, nice and warm with cotton batten as a bedding and plenty of good things to eat.

By evening she had gathered in a bunch of these birds which are perfectly contented, but will be given their release after the snow disappears.

Mrs. William Hammond, whose home is at Gladstone, and knows more about birds than any woman of Clackamas county, has arranged a feeding place for the birds.

This is protected from the storm, and the birds have again gathered at the Hammond home this winter, knowing that the big hearted woman is to look after their wants. Mrs. Hammond was among the women desiring to have mentioned the care of the little birds through the columns of the Enterprise.

If you have any love for the birds, just remember them on these stormy days and place food and water where they can get it. In the spring and summer you will be rewarded with their songs and cheer in your yard.

WOMEN ARE ARRESTED

Night Patrolman Ed Surfus, placed under arrest on Saturday three women on the charge of conducting a disorderly house. They were registered as Mrs. Lessier, Mrs. Alice Skeen and Elenora Doe.

They are to have their hearing before City Recorder John W. Loder at 2 p. m. on Tuesday. The complaining witnesses are Cap O'Donnell and the husband of the Skeen woman. They are charged with running a house of ill repute in a Main street rooming house.

On Sunday night Patrolman Surfus arrested two young men giving names of Heinz and Parsons on a charge of shooting craps in the Fifth street restaurant. They pleaded guilty and were released under a suspended sentence.

CHICAGO LEADS AS CHOICE OF G. O. P. MEETING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The place: Chicago. The time: June 8, 1920. This is the forecast for the holding of the republican national convention, based on the private opinions of republican leaders arriving in Washington for the meeting of the national committee tomorrow, which will decide the matter.

The choice lies between Chicago and St. Louis, with San Francisco and Ashbury Park, N. J., trying to horn in with allurements of ocean bathing and scenery en route as chief stock in trade.

GASOLINE ENOUGH TO BLOW UP THE CITY

The deputies from the state fire marshal's office who are here conducting a fire survey of this city, state that they have found some quite risky fire hazards, particularly in the matter of gasoline and electric hazards.

They say they have a number of cases where people are storing on their premises as much as 50 gallons of gasoline on top of the ground; whereas the state law will only permit the keeping of five gallons of gasoline in such exposed condition. They also state they have found a good many houses which are exposed to fire risk through faulty electric wiring.

In a number of cases the inspectors have notified the people of such risks and also the gasoline risk. Such notice gives people 90 days in which to comply with the laws after which time arrests may be made.

The deputies say they are progressing with their survey according to schedule and that they are being met with a hearty cooperation from the people. Deputy Harold Sykes is engaged in visiting the various school rooms of the city and giving talks to the children on fire protection and fire prevention.

As a result of this work, the high school has organized a fire team, as was announced by the Enterprise on Friday morning. This is said to be the third instance of fire teams organized in the schools in Oregon.

At the Catholic parochial school, the Benedictine sisters in charge have assured Mr. Sykes that they will incorporate in their sixth grade work a regular course of study on fire prevention.

Mr. Sykes gave out the following interview Friday covering conditions as he has found them:

"The worst hazard yet encountered is the defective electrical wiring, and the gasoline. In a number of cases enough gasoline is being kept above ground to blow the entire town up if exploded under favorable conditions.

These fire hazards are serious and must be removed if Oregon City is to be made anything like fire proof. In view of the present inefficient condition of the fire department it is to the interest of every person in the city for the sake of their own safety and that of their property to take every possible measure to prevent the occurrence of fires of any nature.

The representatives of the fire marshal's department are giving their services to the city absolutely without expense, and for the benefit of the city to discover and point out these hazards, and if the people will cooperate and assist the movement by removing them, they will be doing themselves a great service and also their neighbors.

No person has a right, or should be permitted to maintain on his premises any thing or condition that in any way endangers the property or lives of his neighbors. The golden rule should be strictly applied in this regard, and no one wants to be burned out by his neighbors' carelessness.

Oregon City is badly in need in every line of defense. The first line is the prevention. It needs to be strong, because the nature of the town, old frame structures, etc., if the enemy breaks through and the fire occurs, the reserve forces, which is the fire department, and fire fighting equipment, will have some fighting to save the day and save the town.

The reserve force for fighting the fire should be very much improved. It is time for Oregon City to throw off its swaddling clothes and install a real fire department. It is not logical to assume that because the town has been lucky in the past that it will continue to be. Under present conditions a fire not only may occur, but is likely to, that will wipe out the town.

SCOTT BREAKS BONES

E. W. Scott, a contractor, fell Tuesday morning on a slippery sidewalk on Fifth and Jackson streets and broke the bones of the left wrist. Dr. C. H. Meissner attended the injury.

The place where Mr. Scott fell was covered with ice from a small stream. This is the first accident reported during the snowy weather.

CANBY FUNERAL HELD

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Helen M. Smith, mother of Mrs. Charles V. Prouty, of Canby, were held Monday morning at 11 o'clock from the Prouty home. Rev. Edwards, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiated. The funeral services were largely attended.

TWO DEAD IN RAID

ORWELL, Ohio, Dec. 9.—In a gun battle early today, two robbers were killed, a third badly wounded.

DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHALS STILL HERE MAKING FIRE SURVEY

This Week Will Conclude Work of Fire Deputies Here Investigating Conditions

Horace Sykes, deputy state fire marshal, who has been for the past week visiting the various business houses and also schools, where he has inspected the buildings as to the condition to prevent any conflagration, returned to Oregon City Monday morning to resume his duties.

No business house is "passed up" and a number of interesting notes were dotted in the book and several of the proprietors advised of the dangerous condition in which the buildings have been kept. Much gasoline was found at the rear of several of the establishments, much more than was needed, and in other cases where debris had been carelessly thrown near the furnace.

It is the intention of Mr. Sykes to address the children of the schools of West Linn today, several of the rooms having been visited Monday, and on Wednesday he will address the children of the Gladstone school.

Mr. Sykes says "I am delighted to talk to the children on the 'safety first' in the schools and at their homes. With Christmas drawing near and many of the children have planned to have their Christmas trees brilliantly lighted with candles, many of these children have changed their plans owing to the great danger. The children of the public schools here have been greatly interested in these talks, and the addresses given by Mr. Sykes have done much towards informing them on the danger of fire.

Some of the owners objected and in giving addresses before the schools where he has visited, Mr. Sykes tells of instances where, if proper methods had been used, and a case of carelessness fires have originated causing much loss of life.

In a school recently visited, Mr. Sykes says a number of the boys and girls told him it was their plan to have Christmas trees, but believed their stockings were just as good, and held all the presents they were to get, and if they didn't hold all there was plenty of room on the table beside the stockings.

Mr. Sykes, Mr. Allen and Mr. Stokes will complete their work here the latter part of the week, and many other cities are to be visited after leaving here.

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