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BOND ISSUE DECLARED VALID BY HIGH COURT

Decision Handed Down from Supreme Bench Tuesday Assures Clackamas County of \$1,700,000 for Hard Surfaced Roads—\$250,000 Eliminated by the Decision.

By a ruling handed down by the supreme court Tuesday, the \$500,000 bond issue for Clackamas county was declared valid. This was brought about by the refusal of the purchaser of the bonds to accept the same until the court had declared them valid. The court's decision automatically made the Clackamas county issue valid. Some time ago, W. P. Hawley, Sr., brought suit to have the Clackamas county bonds declared valid, and at that time, the supreme court declared that the bonds were unconstitutional, and therefore were invalid. The Hawley interests here were ready to buy several thousand dollars worth of the bonds at that time. Union county bond purchasers, in entering their suit in the supreme court, asked for a final decision in the matter. The court, in rendering its verdict, declared that the bonds both in Union and Clackamas counties became valid without further legislation.

When the bond issue was first voted here, the county court segregated some eighty districts of the county into eleven districts, for the purpose of facilitating matters in building the highways with the money from the bond issue. Later, when the bonds were declared invalid by the supreme court, the county court rearranged the districts into some 40 odd. The districts named last by the county court will have to remain the same until next year, as the law reads that said districts can not be changed until the year following.

As has been stated before, the recent decision by the supreme court will put matters topsy turvy here until an intelligent interpretation of the conditions can be published by those in authority to speak. However, one fact stands out plainly—the bonds are valid, and Clackamas county will get what the people voted—\$1,700,000 worth of hard surfaced roads. Whether the county will get these roads this year or next, remains a question as to how fast the bonds will sell to prospective buyers, and how quick the county court will proceed with the program afterwards.

Bond issues affected in the different counties of the state include Union, Yamhill, Coos, Creek, Lane, Clackamas and Jackson counties.

WOMAN, SHOT BY HUSBAND, IS LOCATED HERE

Mrs. Mary Woods, who was shot five times in the body by her husband in Kitsap county, Wash., and after recovering, left the scene of the tragedy accompanied by her daughter, was detained by Sheriff Wilson near Macksburg Saturday afternoon and turned over to a deputy sheriff from Washington. Last summer, Woods shot his wife while in a rage and then turned the gun upon himself with suicidal intent. The bullets did not prove fatal, and he recovered under the care of physicians. A charge of manslaughter was placed against him by the Washington authorities, and in order to prosecute the case, Mrs. Woods' testimony was needed. She had left the state, and could not be found until Saturday when she was discovered working near Macksburg. She alleged that she did not want to testify against her husband at the trial, and so came to Clackamas county to escape the authorities. Her daughter, who accompanied her here, is a young lady. Both of them were taken back to the Washington town on the evening train Saturday, by a deputy sheriff from Kitsap county.

FIVE FARMS SOLD UNDER HAMMER HERE

The greatest number of farms ever sold under mortgage foreclosure proceedings in Clackamas county took place Saturday afternoon when Deputy Sheriff Hackett sold five farms in the county to the highest bidder. One tract, consisting of 160 acres near Molalla, was bought in by Sam Dillman, realtor of this city. The consideration was \$1900, and a few years ago the same farm sold for 4800. There were discussions of various points relative to the proposed exposition, and many propositions were held in abeyance pending the adoption of the articles of incorporation and the complete organization of the exposition company.—Telegram.

GOV. OLCOTT ON HIS WAY BACK HOME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Governor Olcott left today for home, going by way of Florida, where he will visit relatives for a day or two.

GROWERS ELECT FINNEGAN HEAD OF ASSOCIATION

The strawberry plant growers of this county met at Gladstone in the offices of O. E. Froystag last Saturday afternoon and organized what will be hereafter known as the Oregon Strawberry Plant Growers Association of Clackamas County. The meeting was attended by representative groups from Canby, Sunnyside, Oregon City and other districts in this territory. The object of the meeting was for the purpose of promoting the industry here, and for the protection and mutual benefit of the members. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected at the meeting:

A. H. Finnegan, Oregon City, president; W. W. Walker, vice-president; Mrs. G. H. Mitchell, secretary; J. W. Vinacke, treasurer; the latter three officers from Canby.

Charter members attending were: John Christiansen, C. H. Mitchell, Martin C. Gass, John R. Marks, J. W. Vinacke, H. C. Hartman, W. W. Walker, Mrs. G. H. Mitchell—all of Canby; A. H. Finnegan, Oregon City.

The following by-laws for the association were adopted: Article No. 1.—This organization shall be known as the Oregon Strawberry Plant Growers Association of Clackamas County.

Article No. 2.—The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and shall hold office until the first annual meeting and thereafter until a successor has been elected.

Article No. 3.—The purpose of this organization is to promote the interest of the industry and for the protection and mutual benefit of the members.

Article No. 4.—All members present at the Organization of this association shall be known as Charter Members.

Article No. 5.—Charter Members shall pay a fee of \$3, and members joining within one month of the date of this organization shall be admitted as charter members.

Article No. 6.—Applications for membership shall be voted on by the association and receiving a majority of the votes cast by those present shall become members and shall pay a membership fee of \$5.

Article No. 7.—It shall be the duty of each member of this association to conform to all the rules and regulations and requirements of the State Board of Horticulture and of these by-laws.

Article No. 8.—No alien who cannot become a citizen of the United States is eligible to membership.

Article No. 9.—The members of this association shall be bona-fide growers of strawberry plants and personally engaged in the occupation.

Article No. 10.—Any member violating any of the rules and regulations laid down in these by-laws, may be expelled from membership in the association by a two-third vote of the members.

Article No. 11.—Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Article No. 12.—Meetings shall be held on call of the president or vice president in the absence of the president, at time and place designated.

Article No. 13.—The annual meeting of this association shall be held at Canby, Oregon on the first Saturday in October.

Article No. 14.—These by-laws shall be subject to change and amendments by a two-third vote of the members.

Article No. 15.—Applications for membership shall be made to the secretary in writing.

A delegation from the local association will be present at the meeting held at Portland Friday, Dec. 17, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., room 152 at the Multnomah county courthouse, and will offer suggestion and plans for the betterment of the growers over the state of Oregon.

FINE CATTLE IMPORTED BY LOCAL MEN

Dr. O. A. Welsh, owner and L. R. Montgomery, manager of the Ravens View Dairy farm of West Linn, have just recently received a shipment of dairy cattle from California consisting of six 2 year old Ayrshire heifers, which were imported into California a few months ago. These heifers are of the Timekeeper blood strain, the best milking strain in Scotland, the home of the Ayrshires. Two or three weeks ago they received a young bull from Washington which was of the Robin Hood strain, the highest testing strain in America. They are crossing these and expect to have some of the very best pure blood Ayrshire cattle from this foundation herd. This herd is the first of registered Ayrshires in this part of the county, but as the breed is fast gaining in popularity it may not be long before they will be as common as the other dairy breeds.

Salary Inequalities

After drawing a salary of \$4500 per year for eight years from the state of Oregon as state treasurer, Thomas B. Kay, elected to the house of representatives from Marion county, is quoted in the press as urging a reduction of salaries of state and county officials, as a contributing element in restoring conditions to normal. Mr. Kay says labor has declined in value, but we see no great evidence of it in the Northwest. He asserts there are hundreds of thousands of men and women out of employment, and that may be true in many sections of the east, but it is not true in Oregon.

We agree with Mr. Kay that the legislature should do its part in restoring conditions to normal, but there are degrees of normalcy. But the normalcy of 1921 is not the normalcy of 1914. Things can never be just as they were before the great upheaval, and while we should restore normal principles, we must recognize the incessant advance of practices.

It is fundamentally a fact that we have no right to demand from our public servants that they work for less than is paid by private institutions for similar service. If a man is worth \$200 a month to a bank, that same man is worth it to a county or a state.

The practice of fixing salaries of county officials in Oregon is wholly wrong, and has resulted in gross inequalities. In scores of instances certain county officials have benefitted by having good and influential friends in the legislature and salaries have been increased without considering the size of the county affected, the amount of work and responsibility and the fees collected. For illustration we pay our county judge \$1600 per annum, yet the judges of Baker, Douglas, Linn, Malheur, Tillamook and Umatilla, all smaller counties than Clackamas, receive more. The county clerk in this county is paid \$1800, while the county clerks of Clatsop, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Klamath, Malheur, Morrow, and Umatilla get more. The sheriff of Clackamas receives \$2100, but in all but 12 counties of Oregon sheriffs are paid more, one Eastern Oregon county salary being \$4000. We see no reason why the assessors of Clatsop, Douglas, Harney, Linn, Malheur, Sherman and Tillamook counties should receive greater salaries than the Clackamas assessor; but it is so.

If Mr. Kay would use his brain and his time in smoothing out the county salary inequalities of Oregon, he would be performing a real public service for the state.

COUNTY LEADS WITH EXHIBIT AT POULTRY SHOW

On Monday morning, the eleventh annual poultry and rabbit show will open for the state of Oregon with one of the largest lists of entries ever recorded in the history of the state.

Clackamas county has more entries than any other county in the state, and the enthusiasm of the local exhibitors is attracting attention from the Oregon Poultry & Pst Stock association and general public. Milkwaikie leads, Oak Grove comes next and scattered entries from all over this section of the state will be exhibited.

Those who have exhibits at the show this year follow:

- Barred Plymouth Rocks—Mrs C. M. Coney, Milkwaikie.
- White Plymouth Rocks—C. C. Gustafson, Milkwaikie.
- S. C. Rhode Island Reds—C. R. Quinn, 516 Van Buren street, Oregon City; Charles J. Miller, Milkwaikie; Geo Davenport, Oak Grove.
- Anconas—Karl Broeder, Sherwood; C. M. Swiney, Hubbard.
- S. S. Black Minorcas—Mrs. A. F. Bryant, Milkwaikie; Geo. M. Speight, Hubbard; Charles J. Miller, Milkwaikie.
- Buff Orpingtons—O. C. Dunton, Sherwood; Harley Calcase, Oak Grove.
- S. C. Black Orpingtons—C. A. Lewis, Oak Grove.
- Black Langshans—E. J. Happ, Milkwaikie.
- Bantams—A. M. Hart, Oswego.
- Turkeys—W. S. Watson, Oregon City.
- Geese—Karl Broeder, Sherwood.
- Ducks—H. G. Lewis, Sherwood; KaKri Broeder, Sherwood.
- Commercial Breeders, Class—Laying Hens—McBae Poultry Farm, Milkwaikie; S. C. White Leghorns, S. C. Rhode Island Reds; George Davenport, Whites.
- port, Oak Grove, S. C. Rhode Island "New Zealand Rabbits—Yenarsley Rabbitry; Twin Holly Rabbitry; Oak Grove Rabbitry; Charley Calcase, all of Oak Grove.
- Flemish Rabbits—I. P. Senger, Oak Grove.
- Egg Show—O. C. Dunton, Sherwood; C. Gustafson, Milkwaikie; Karl Broeder, Sherwood; Mrs. H. C. Klein-smith, Hoff; D. T. Williams, Boring; MacBae Poultry Farm, Milkwaikie.

FARMER MUST BE HELPED IS WORD OF SECRETARY MERIDETH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—American farmers face a situation due to falling prices for farm products which should be dealt with as a national problem, Secretary Merideth declared in his first annual report made public today. On November 1 prices were 33 per cent below those prevailing at planting time, the secretary of agriculture said, adding:

"There is perhaps no single solution for the situation which the farmers are facing, but there are many steps which can and should be taken to place our agriculture on a more satisfactory basis and to stabilize the business of farming, not in the interest of the farmers alone but in the interest of the nation as a whole. A sober national thought with regard to the importance, the absolute necessity of a sustained agriculture in this country is imperative."

Several remedies were suggested, including extension of co-operative marketing and some means of aiding in carrying over to periods of low production the surplus of years of high production.

SEATTLE HAS HIGHEST DEATH RATE FROM AUTO ACCIDENTS

Seattle's automobile death rate for 1919 was the highest in the Pacific northwest and showed an increase of 19 deaths over 1918, according to announcement by the census bureau at Washington, D. C. Fifty persons met death in automobile accidents here, giving the city a death rate of 16 of every 100,000 of population.

Portlanders deaths from the same cause numbered 31, with a percentage rate of 12.1. A total of 3508 persons in the United States were killed in automobile accidents or died as a result of injuries therefrom, the census bureau announced. An automobile accident death rate of 14.1 out of every 100,000 of population was reported for 1919, an increase over every year since 1915, when the rate was 8.9, and an increase of 245 in the total number of deaths over 1918.

SPAIN AS A PRESENT AND FUTURE MARKET—ELECTRICAL GOODS

Spain is an important market for American electrical goods, but possibilities for future development are far greater interest to American electrical goods manufacturers than the present demand according to a special report entitled "Electrical Goods in Spain" just published by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of Oregon and Domestic Commerce report was prepared by Trade Commissioner Philip S. Smith, an expert in the electrical goods trade, who visited Spain to study the market on the ground.

"Spain, because of its ample water-power resources and the relatively small extent to which electricity has been used in the past by the masses of the people, is certain to experience a notable development along this line," states Mr. Smith.

The existing hydroelectric plant will, as Mr. Smith shows, be supplemented by new enterprises; there will be a constantly increasing use of power; the people will become familiar with the benefits and conveniences of electrical devices; and, in consequence, there will be greatly augmented demand for all kinds of equipment.

It is felt that American manufacturers should make an earnest effort to obtain their due share of the present and future trade. Certain manufacturing disadvantages are present in the situation, chief among which is the proximity of Spain to Europe manufacturing centers. To overcome such handicaps as exist, precise knowledge and adroit salesmanship are obviously necessary. To stimulate interest in this important field and provide the required data for its effective cultivation is the purpose of the report, copies of which can be purchased from: Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at 25 cents each. Copies are also on sale at the District and Co-operative offices of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

ACCURATE SPEEDOMETER COURT ROOM ESSENTIAL

Motorcycle officers of the New Police Squad have their speedometers checked frequently and they are usually right due to this inspection. Motorists should do the same in order to know they are right when they have a dispute with a motorcycle policeman either here in the city or in the country. Speedometers are often thrown off and fail to register accurately. Also remember that oversized tires reduce the registered speed several miles per hour.

MAN IS SLUGGED; 3 HOMES ROBBED SUNDAY NIGHT

One man lies seriously injured in the Sellwood hospital today, and three homes were robbed as the result of two years operating in the neighborhood of Milkwaikie between 10:00 and 11:00 o'clock Sunday night.

The robbers held up the cook and watchman at the Golf Links about 10:00 o'clock in the evening and at the point of a gun took away the cook's gold watch and about \$60 in money from the watchman. The cook in remonstrating with the robbers, received a blow on the head from the butt of a gun in the hands of one of the men, and is in a serious condition at the Sellwood hospital.

Later the same night, Mrs. C. E. Williams, living near Milkwaikie, was awakened by the presence of two men in her bed room. She feigned sleep, and after the robbers had left the room for the kitchen, she woke her husband and informed him of their presence. Before he could stop the robbers, they made their escape through the back door of the home. They secured a few articles of value.

The next house to be visited by the robbers was that of R. P. Killbrow, near Milkwaikie. Nothing of value was taken.

When the two yeggs entered the home of an Italian family a few minutes later, and upon discovering nothing of value, they moved a large trunk from the closet of the home out onto the highway and smashed it open. The trunk contained articles of clothing, which were scattered over the road in every direction. Sheriff Wilson was called to the scene of the holdup about 4:00 o'clock Sunday morning, and was hot upon the trail of the yeggs when they eluded him near the Multnomah county line. The sheriff notified the Portland police to be on the lookout. A description was obtained of the two yeggs from Mrs. Williams, who first saw them in her bed-room.

TERROR IN IRLAND LAID TO BRITISH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Charges that the British government has kept alive and continuously stirred religious hatred in Ireland and has brought through a "reign of terror" to starve that country into submission brought to the conclusion eight hours of testimony today by Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late lord mayor of Cork, before the commission from the committee of 100 investigating the Irish question.

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CHILDREN NEED HELP OR THEY WILL PERISH

The local committee of the Children's Relief Drive appointed officers and executive committee, and have begun plans to raise Clackamas County's quota of the nation wide drive for \$33,000,000 for the relief of the 3,450,000 suffering European children.

The drive is being made by the European Relief Commission of which Herbert Hoover is the chairman and Clackamas county's quota is \$6,000 of which Oregon City is asked to subscribe half, and the remaining \$3,000 is divided as follows: Canby, \$500; Estacada, \$500; Milkwaikie, \$600; Sandy, \$500; Molalla, \$500; Wilsonville, \$300. Chairmen for each of these districts are to be named later.

The money raised by this drive will be turned over to the American Relief Administration, European Children's fund, which in 1919 supplied some 4,000,000 starving European children with enough clothing and food to live. This winter again, according to Mr. Hoover, these children will need America's assistance, without if they will go hungry and cold.

Local officers for the drive are, E. E. Brodie, county chairman; M. D. Latourrette, county manager; Arthur C. Beattie, secretary; R. P. Canfield, treasurer; O. D. Eby, L. O. Harding, A. C. Howland, William Hammond, Dr. Frank Mount, Rev. H. G. Edgar, R. L. Shepard, John A. Reams, and John Collette, executive committee; and A. G. Rae, in charge of publicity. The drive will begin December 19th with headquarters in the Commercial Club parlors.

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A grand total of 18,445 arrests were made in the year of which only 1202 were women or girls. In 1919 there were 17,026 arrests and in 1914, which is the biggest year in the police annals there were 22,185.