

## TWO-DAY ROAD CONGRESS CALLED FOR MARCH 7-8

Probably the biggest thing of its kind ever attempted in Clackamas county will be the coming road congress or convention, which will be held in this city for two days—March 7 and 8. Through the efforts of County Judge Cross, Commissioners Proctor and Harris, the entire organization of road foremen of the county will assemble on the above date and discuss ways and means to make the road building program for Clackamas efficient.

The Commercial club and Live Wires are cooperating in the affair, and some of the best road and bridge builders in this territory will address the meetings. Not only that, but road men from Multnomah and other counties are scheduled to give experiences and data, and the entire program perfected deals with the fundamentals of road construction and bridge building.

Accommodations in the different homes of the city will be given to the visitors during their two-days' stay here, and those in charge of the event feel that after the convention adjourns, the road work in the different districts in the county will receive impetus and become more efficient. Following is the program for the two-days' session:

### MONDAY, MARCH 7th.

10:00 a. m.—Session convenes. Address of welcome, O. D. Eby, Oregon City; response, Asa Thomas, Bull Run; roll call and introduction of road foremen.

11:00 a. m.—"The old vs. the new, are we making progress," Judge J. U. Campbell; general discussion; reminiscences.

### AFTERNOON.

2:00 p. m.—Topic, making roads; location and drainage, W. F. Baker; discussion, 15 minutes.

2:30 p. m.—Making the grade; use of modern equipment, E. L. Palfrey, Molalla; Dug. Dimick, Canby; discussion 15 minutes.

3:15 p. m.—Source, quality, availability and cost of gravel; R. H. Walls, Smith Turner, M. H. Wheeler, Chas. R. Livesay; discussion 15 minutes.

4:00 p. m.—How to make a gravel road; Albert Kitching, Estacada; discussion, 15 minutes.

4:30 p. m.—A good foreman; efficiency; Nat Scribner, Herman Siebert, Abe Johnson; announcement, Chris. Schuebel.

7:00 p. m.—Wages and men; general discussion.

7:30 p. m.—Market roads, Livy Stipp, district attorney.

8:30 p. m.—Efficiency of modern road machinery; Mr. W. A. Etchell, road master, Multnomah county.

8:30 p. m.—The care and repair of road equipment.

9:00 p. m.—Engineering; when does it pay and when not; H. H. Johnson, civil engineer; discussion; adjournment.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8th.

9:30 a. m.—Rock crushers; number and location; W. A. Proctor, commissioner; Rock crushers; efficiency; Abe Gilbert, Supt. of rock crushers; general discussion, 15 minutes.

10:30 a. m.—How to make a macadam road, Henry Cromer of Logan; discussion, 20 minutes.

11:15 a. m.—When and how to repair a macadam road, Herman Fisher, Carus; discussion, 15 minutes.

1:30 p. m.—When, how and cost of repairing a gravel road, Rudolph Klaus, Mackburg; discussion, 15 minutes.

2:00 p. m.—Keeping roads in continuous repair; is it practical or desirable, and how, Roy Riding, William Daniels, P. T. Monroe, Adolph Miller, Charles Duncan; general discussion, 20 minutes.

3:00 p. m.—Systematic bridge building and repairs, John Heft, bridge foreman, E. D. Olds; discussion, 15 minutes.

3:45 p. m.—Visit to Crown-Willamette Paper Mills.

7:30 p. m.—Keeping cost, Jack Moffitt.

8:00 p. m.—Efficiency of Portland paving plant, commissioner A. L. Barber.

8:30 p. m.—Clackamas county and its experience in paving, W. H. Counsell, E. D. Olds, Henry Henric; general discussion.

9:15 p. m.—Facing the future, County Judge H. E. Cross; adjournment.

### EXECUTIVES:

Harvey E. Cross, county judge; W. A. Proctor, commissioner; W. F. Harris, commissioner; Abe Gilbert, superintendent; John Heft, bridge foreman.

### ROAD FOREMEN:

Frank Whitten, Oregon City; R. H. Wales, Sherwood; Sam Moser, Oregon City; W. F. Baker, Milwaukie; Robert Rosenau, Clackamas; J. DeYoung, Boring; A. Worthington, Oswego; Smith Turner, Sherwood; Paul Roethe, Milwaukie; H. W. Kanne, Leota; Herbert Seibert, Boring; W. H. Wheeler, Boring; E. R. Brook, Boring; Asa Thomas, Bull Run; W. A. Stone, Cherryville; Chas. Krebs, Boring; Albert Kitching, Estacada; W. E. Mumpower, Oregon City; William Daniels, Oregon City; E. J. Linkins, Estacada; C. G. Wetmore, Oregon City; P. T. Monroe, Estacada; Adolph Miller, George; M. D. Chidman.

gren, Molalla; E. L. Palfrey, Molalla; Herman Fisher, Oregon City; Fred W. Sohn, Aurora; R. F. Watts, Woodburn; G. E. Wyland, Hubbard; Roy Ridings, Marquam; J. J. Eisner, Bull Run; Dave Douglas, Cherryville; Wm. Bosholtz, Boring; D. L. Erdman, Boring; Henry Swales, Oregon City; Charles R. Livesay, Oregon City; Wm. Brantz, Oregon City; Nat Scribner, Oregon City; John Putz, Colton; Charles Duncan, Estacada; H. H. Uzell, Eagle Creek; G. E. Feyrer, Molalla; V. G. Randall, Oregon City; Abe Johnson, Canby; L. A. Rahl, Woodburn; Rudolph Klaus, Aurora; Frank Johnson, Hubbard; Ed. Johnson.

## WIRE MEN WILL GIVE SILENT TO AD MEN

Plans for active participation in the road institute being sponsored by the county court for the 7th and 8th of this month were laid by the Live Wires of the Commercial club at their Tuesday noon luncheon, and a committee of five has been selected to arrange for an evening dinner and entertainment for the delegates to the sessions.

At the meeting, which will cover a three day period, will be road supervisors from every district in the county, and a splendid program of instructive entertainment has been planned by Judge Harvey E. Cross, and commissioners W. F. Harris and W. A. Proctor, who will be in charge of the meeting. Members of the Live Wires are to provide accommodations for about half of the supervisors while they are in the city.

## EDUCATORS IN CONVENTION AT WILSONVILLE

Consolidation of rural schools, standardization and methods of modern health crusades will be the main topics of discussion at a meeting called to take place at Wilsonville on Friday, March 12. The meeting has been called by Brenton Vedder, county school superintendent, and the entire rural organization of school teachers and directors of the county has been invited to attend.

Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, will be one of the principal speakers of the day, and other prominent educators of the state will address the assembly. Representatives from school districts No. 23, 82, 67, 41, 60, 37, 309, 306, 305, 100 and 96 have been urged to attend the affair, and wide interest is already evidenced among the county school organization in the coming event.

Following is the program, which will take place in the Wilsonville school house on the above date:

10:00 a. m.—"The Standard School," Mrs. Agnes M. Buckley, rural school supervisor; Mrs. Minnie Altman, principal Jennings Lodge.

10:30 a. m.—"The Modern Health Crusade," Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar, executive secretary, Oregon Tuberculosis association.

11:30 a. m.—Clackamas County Teacher's association, W. L. Arrant, president.

1:30 p. m.—Program by the Wilsonville school.

2:00 p. m.—"Consolidation of our Rural Schools," W. M. Smith, assistant state school superintendent.

## MT. HOOD LOOP MAY BE HELD UP THIS YEAR

Unless a contract is awarded soon for slashing and grading this end of the Mount Hood loop, nothing can be done on the project this year. The slashing must be performed and the brush burned before summer in order to prevent the fires spreading to the adjacent forests. Clackamas county, which won the decision as to location from the highway commission, and offered to do its allotted share, has made no further move. Until Clackamas county acts, the commission will not award the contract for grading. Without the connection at this end, the road which the government has built from Zigzag to Government camp is useless.

Next month the commission will try to crack another hard nut—find a feasible way of getting the Pacific highway through Oregon City. The least expensive way should be to extend the Pacific highway up the west side of the Willamette for a few miles and then build a bridge across, but this plan, of course, would be strenuously opposed by the people of Oregon City. Eventually, the location will probably go from the bridge at Seventh street along the bluff, on a 6 per cent grade, and then dropping down off the bluff on another 6 per cent grade.—Oregonian.

## Letting Sunshine In

Reports from the west and south declare that the growers of wheat, corn and cotton are getting over the deep feeling of pessimism that prevailed a few weeks ago, when the bottom dropped out of prices of these agricultural products. Growers appear ready to "pocket the loss" and try it again.

No attempt can be made to deny that the farmers have lost many millions of dollars by the slump from prices which prevailed at this time last year, and it is admitted that they have been asked to sell at prices considerably below the cost of production on the basis last year.

Gradually the farmers are beginning to understand that losses due to market conditions are not limited to themselves. Manufacturers and business men also are facing the problem of meeting losses in a way that will not impair the stability of their property. They were caught with high-priced products on a falling market, and they too must "pocket the loss."

Government statistics show that the acreage planted in wheat last fall is only about 12 per cent less than it was the preceding year, and that is about the reduction advised by the federal department of agriculture. There is no reason to believe that the farmers who grow spring wheat will have a case of "nerves" over present conditions. Farmers will adapt themselves to conditions forced upon them. One hundred million persons in the United States must be fed, and American food products will continue to be sent to other countries.

American farmers have good business sense, and when they get over the disappointment caused by what they choose to call a little more than their share of the national slump, they will take heart and again demonstrate that they are willing to let the law of averages operate in their case, as it does in industry and business.

If worry would make folks thin, many a fat woman would soon cease to worry.

It is usually easy to put off until tomorrow what you failed to do yesterday.

The way of the transgressor is hard, but many of them seem to sidestep some hard bumps.

Some crooks will never be straightened out until they get into the hands of an undertaker.

## CORONER DENIES ACTION TAKEN IN DE FORD CASE

In an article appearing in a Portland newspaper last night, in which it said that Coroner Pace of this city was going to investigate the exhumation of the body of Alex DeFord, which took place at the cemetery last Saturday afternoon under direction of Portland physicians, the article is unfounded, and the following statement was given an Enterprise reporter for publication by Coroner Pace:

"The article in question is absolutely false. A reporter for a Portland newspaper interviewed me yesterday afternoon about the matter, and I told him that I had nothing to do with it, and would not hold any kind of an investigation in the matter, as the state authorities gave the doctors permission to exhume the body."

In reference to an article appearing in the Sunday Morning Enterprise, in regard to the exhumation of the body of DeFord Saturday, the following statement was given by the seven doctors involved in the controversy, for publication:

"We wish to correct the impression created in your paper of Sunday morning last, where you stated that two Portland physicians representing the city and county medical society exhumed the body of Alexander DeFord. It is true the one physician, Dr. Menne, came from Portland, but we deny he represented the above society. He came to this city only on the invitation of Dr. H. S. Mount, and represented him alone.

"We also deny emphatically that Dr. Menne upheld the finding of Dr. H. S. Mount. Dr. Menne does not claim DeFord died of septic peritonitis as found by Dr. Mount, but that he died of a gun shot wound to which we all had agreed.

DR. O. A. WELSH,  
DR. M. C. STRICKLAND,  
DR. A. H. HUYCKE,  
DR. C. H. MEISSNER,  
DR. W. ROSS EATON,  
DR. C. A. STUART,  
DR. G. E. STUART."

In a statement over the telephone to an Enterprise reporter yesterday evening, Dr. Frank E. Menne, of Portland, one of the doctors who made the examination of the DeFord remains in the cemetery Saturday afternoon, said in connection with the autopsy made by Dr. Hugh Mount: "Dr. Mount's autopsy was correct, with a slight exception, and you may publish this if you care to."

### PICKFORD ILL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 24.—Jack Pickford, motion picture actor, brother to Mary Pickford, ill at his home here with bronchial pneumonia, was said by his physicians today to be in a serious condition. They expected the crisis to be reached today.

## SOCIAL SERVICE FOR COMMUNITY IS NOW ASSURED

The Community service meeting, called to take place last night in the Commercial club parlors was fairly well attended, and H. W. Arbury, representative of the service accompanied by Miss Cockburn, leader of the girls' service in Portland, explained the system to the assembly gathered.

While many people do not understand just what the Community Service is, O. D. Eby, who presided at the meeting, outlined it as follows: It is a service whereby the boys and girls and grownups gather in a community and sing, go through athletics, carry on programs of uplifting and enlightening methods and congregate for the social betterment of the community. A leader will be in charge of the service, who will outline the programs held frequently, and assist by giving valuable services in the way of experience, etc.

Those attending the meeting last night were enthusiastic for the venture in Oregon City, and listened to the program outlined with interest.

A committee consisting of F. W. Parker, A. J. Beattie, Miss Weivesick, Mrs. C. G. Miller, Mrs. W. J. Wilson, Dr. H. W. Paigne was appointed to incorporate, plans with the old committee composed of O. D. Eby and Arthur G. Beattie, and this body will meet a representative of the Community service in about six weeks and start the work here. It is understood just what the Community Service movement is sweeping over the country and that wherever tried out, has proved very successful for the betterment of conditions socially, morally and otherwise.

Mr. Arbury met with the Live Wires of the Commercial club Tuesday noon and received assurance of that organization's backing to the limit.

## AX WIELDED BY GOVERNOR ON NINE BILLS

SALEM, Or., Feb. 26.—The veto ax was wielded effectively by Governor Olcott today, when the chopping block was cleared nine measures passed at the recent session of the legislature had been disposed of. The short titles of the vetoed bills follow:

S. B. 374, by committee on judiciary—Establishing liability for abstractors.

S. B. 24, by Moser—Providing for the supervision and regulation of transportation of persons and property for compensation.

H. B. 112, by Overturf—Relating to boards of directors of irrigation districts.

H. B. 349, by joint committee on ways and means—Vetoed as far as it pertains to appropriation of \$350 for payment of claim of Dr. William M. Campbell for medical services rendered the Oregon military police from April 11, 1918, to May 30, 1918, inclusive.

S. B. 5, by Eddy—To declare franchise contracts obligatory where the product is sold to a municipality.

S. B. 326, by committee on revision of laws—Relating to how conveyance of land shall be made.

S. B. 375, by Strayer—Relating to eminent domain, irrigation and drainage districts.

S. B. 327, by committee on revision of laws—Relating to failure of corporations, stock companies, etc., to pay annual license fees, tax fees, etc., and barring same from taking action in court.

## CLOTHES LINE THIEF AGAIN MAKES HAUL

Mrs. J. H. Walker of 603 Seventh street, is the latest victim of the clothes line thief and her line was visited by the elusive gentleman or lady (?) late Sunday evening. Four large bath towels, a red sweater and a pair of black bloomers were taken from the line, and according to the recent activities of the thief, he or she ought to have a complete ladies' department store by this time. No trace, clue to the missing clothes or anything else has been discovered up to date, and the line-thief seems to work at will, both on the hill section and downtown.

The Walker incident marks about the twelfth robbery of clothes lines in this city during the past two months, and just a few days ago the line of Mrs. Charles Burns, of Greenpoint, was visited. In every instance, ladies wearing apparel has been taken, outside of blankets, bath towels, etc., which are necessary to either sex. It has been proved beyond question that the thief is partial to ladies wear, and probably is a woman. The only way to protect your clothes, it seems, is to take them off the line at night and hang them in the house.

## EMPLOYEES OF MILLS PRESENT B. T. M'BAIN WITH FINE WATCH



B. T. McBain

A committee of employees from the Crown-Willamette, West Linn and Oregon City mills called at the home of B. T. McBain, formerly mill manager, at Portland, last Monday night, and presented him with a handsome engraved Hamilton gold watch and monogram fob—it was a gift from the men who had been under Mr. McBain for so many years.

Mr. McBain was so surprised that it was, with difficulty that he could express himself in appreciation. He said in part:

"You boys, and those you represent, have done more for me already than any one man could ever repay. Only two years ago, when I was transferred from West Linn to Portland you gave me a wonderful Sterling silver service, and now you come again. I don't deserve such attention and have only done for you what I have considered my duty towards you and the people who employed us all, what all employers should do.

"When I left the C. W. P. Co., at West Linn, I intended entering the banking business at West Linn, but conditions did not break as I expected and only a few days ago I gave up that idea, though I surely would like to be among you still and handle your banking business for you.

"I didn't leave the company because I wanted to get away from you—I left it from that. I love every nail in that old mill, and I love each and every one of you men who helped me build and operate it as well as those who so loyally and nobly stayed by me in my hour of trouble during the strike of 1917-18. I wish you all success and promotion in your work, and hope some day to be with you on the coast again.

"If nothing happens, I expect to take a trip east during the month of March where I can gain experience under other conditions and old masters taking a sort of post graduate course, and some day we will not only be working together but as honestly and loyally as we have done in the past.

"You are working for good people. The Crown Willamette company will treat you right, and so will your new manager at West Linn. I know you will be as pleased as I have been to give everyone a square deal.

"Thank the boys one and all for me from the depths of my heart, not only for this gift, which I shall always treasure, but for the thought that prompted it. I hope that when I later give out my new address that I will hear from all of my old friends at the West Linn and Oregon City paper mills."

## GOVERNOR BY VETO, HALTS APPLICATIONS

SALEM, Or., Mar. 1.—In anticipation that Governor Olcott would sign the bill passed at the recent session of the legislature regulating automobile transportation companies, numerous bus lines of the state had sent their applications to the public service commission prior to last Saturday night, when the executive formally announced that he had vetoed the proposed law.

Monday as many as a dozen of these applications reached the public service commission. In almost every instance they were mailed Saturday, inasmuch as the measure was vetoed by the governor, the applications will be returned to the senders.

## LARGE AMOUNT PAID IN TAXES ON SATURDAY

Saturday was a busy day in the tax department in the sheriff's office for during that day over \$6000 was taken in by Tax Collector I. D. Taylor, and his assistants.

One woman taxpayer paid \$1849.75 on timber land, located in one of the timber belts in Clackamas county.

## COUNTY DIVISION WILL BE TRIED NEXT SESSION

Although the secessionists of Clackamas county were not successful in the recent legislative session, they have not abandoned their plans, and in the 1923 session they intend making another fight to be joined to Multnomah county. Much was happening on the last day of the session over the Clackamas county division matter.

W. T. Hume, chairman of the senate committee on counties, left for Portland before the session ended and was accused of carrying the Staples division bill away with him. Anyway, the bill disappeared and has not been seen since. Senator Moser made the accusation against Senator Hume.

At noon on the last day David Lotgren, ex-representative for Multnomah and Clackamas counties, had lined up 15 votes in the senate for the bill, which was being fathered by Senator Staples of Multnomah, who is also a taxpayer in Clackamas county. Thirteen men in the senate organization were ready to support the bill, which was being opposed by Senator Ryan of Clackamas.

From the ranks of the anti-organization group Mr. Lotgren had obtained promises of support from Senator LaFollet, Senator Porter and Senator Gill, making the 16 necessary to put a bill through the senate.

Just at this time Senator Edwards of Tillamook learned that there was illness in his family and was anxious to get away on the early train. The secessionists urged him to remain long enough to vote, and the senator agreed, calculating that he could wait for the bill to come up, vote to support it and then get out of Salem by automobile and reach his destination as quickly as if he took the train. Just when the secessionists had this adjusted developments came which compelled Senator Edwards again to change his program and take the train. This left the bill with 15 supporters instead of the desired 16.

The proposed Mount Hood loop figured prominently in the discussions of the proposed county division. Although Hood River county is as interested as Multnomah county in seeing the loop constructed, Senator Nickelsen of Hood River and Wasco counties withheld his support from the bill.

It was pointed out by the secessionists that if the loop is to be built, it will have to be taken care of largely by Multnomah county, and in the plan of separation all of the territory in Clackamas county through which the loop is expected to go was transferred to Multnomah county, thus placing within Multnomah county all of the route of the loop except the part which is in Hood River county, Senator Ryan informed Senator Nickelsen that after Multnomah county turns over the large sum which it has agreed to give to the loop, Clackamas county will be able to finance its own part of the enterprise. This explanation was satisfactory to Senator Nickelsen and he remained a solid supporter of Senator Ryan.

Now the secessionists are planning to take an active interest in the complexion of the next legislature, particularly with a view to having enough friends in the senate and house to help in their plan to cut loose from the parent county.—Oregonian.

## FARM LOAN ACT UPHELD; GREAT FUND RELEASED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The farm loan act, designed to assist agricultural development by providing readily accessible credits to farmers through federal land banks, was declared valid today by the supreme court.

In an opinion, which Commissioner Lobell of the farm loan board declared removed every shadow of question as to the legality of the banks or their bonds, the court held the land banks act, and exempted the bonds from state taxation.

He announced there would be an immediate issue of farm loan bonds to finance the hundreds of millions of dollars in loans approved by the board.

"It will be at least 30 days before funds are available," he said, "but distribution will be begun as soon as possible. The farm loan board is hopeful that the market may absorb these bonds equally with the borrowing demands of the farms."

The case was appealed from lower court decrees refusing an injunction sought by C. W. Smith, a stockholder in the Kansas City Title & Trust company, to retain that institution from investing funds in land bank securities. The contention was made that the farm loan act was invalid, as congress had neither authority to establish banks nor to exempt their securities from state taxation.