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BANQUET FOR ROAD MEN IS BIG SUCCESS

The first day of the two-day road convention between the members of the county court and the forty-eight road foremen of Clackamas county passed off Monday without a hitch in the program, and the circuit room was crowded to full capacity from the start of the program.

"We must combat speed and overloading if we expect to save our highways and roads. These two factors are the most important of all in our road building program. The commission has made some mistakes in the past, but it was owing to the newness of the work by all—we ask the cooperation of Clackamas county in helping us get the best for every dollar expended, and at the same time give each of the 36 counties in the state of Oregon their share of the roads."

These remarks were made by Robert A. Booth chairman of the State Highway commission at the banquet held Monday evening given by the Live Wires to the road men, county court, mayor, city council and highway commission. Mr. Booth told of the work of the highway commission and stated that Clackamas county would get every bit of its share of Oregon's great road building program.

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Commissioner Barret, of Heppner, followed Judge Cross with a brief talk on the necessity of cooperation between the various units of the state road administration, and told of the early days in road construction in eastern Oregon.

Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, was present, and told of a trip over the Pacific highway to the California line and return. He touched on the mechanics of good road construction and urged the county road makers to build good roads as they went along, with good base as one of the prime essentials to a long-lasting construction.

After the banquet, which ended at 8:00 o'clock the roadmen, county court and members of the highway commission left for the courthouse, when the balance of the day's program took place. Wages and men were discussed, and Livy Stipp, district attorney, addressed the assembly on "Market Roads." He was followed by W. A. Etchell, roadmaster of Multnomah, who talked on the efficiency of modern road machinery. H. H. Johnson, civil engineer, spoke on engineering, "When it paid and when not." The care of road equipment, repairs, and many other subjects were discussed before the meeting adjourned late in the evening.

The program for today follows: 9:30 a. m.—"Rock Crushers," number and location, W. A. Proctor, commissioner; "Rock Crushers, Efficiency," Abe Gillbert, superintendent of rock crushers. General discussion—10 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 Re-

pair a Macadam Road," Herman Fisher, Carus. Discussion, 15 minutes. 1:30 p. m.—"When, How and Cost of Repairing a Gravel Road," Rudolph Klaus, Macksburg. Discussion, 10 minutes. 2:00 p. m.—"Keeping Roads in Continuous Repair—Is It Practical or Desirable, and How," Roy Ridings, William Daniels, P. T. Monroe, Joseph Miller, Charles Duncan. General discussion, 20 minutes. 4:00 p. m.—"Systematic Bridging and Repairs," John Heit, foreman; E. D. Olds. Discussion, 15 minutes. 5:00 p. m.—Visit to Crown-Willamette paper mill. 8:00 p. m.—"Keeping Cost," Jack Moffitt. 8:00 p. m.—"Efficiency of Portland Paving Plant," commissioner A. L. Barbur. 8:30 p. m.—"Clackamas County and Its Experience in Paving," W. H. Counsell, E. D. Olds, Henry Heric. General discussion. 9:15 p. m.—"Facing the Future," County Judge H. E. Cross. Adjournment.

CONVENTION OF ROAD MEN ENDS TUESDAY

The two-day road convention came to an end last night in the circuit court room with an address by Judge Cross, who gave a brief outline of what the get-together affair between the road foremen and county court had accomplished, and what cooperation between them would produce for Clackamas county in the future.

It was probably one of the best road conventions ever held in the state of Oregon, for the problems presented directly concerned the territory in which those attending lived, and the further fact that it accomplished much in the way of good-fellowship before the \$1,700,000 bond issue is spent for hard surfaced roads in Clackamas county.

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COUNTY LEAGUE EXECUTIVES TO MEET SATURDAY

A meeting of the executive committee of the Clackamas County School League has been called for Saturday, March 12, in the county school superintendent's office at 10:00 a. m. The purpose of the conference is to prepare plans for the coming athletic events, and to stimulate athletics and sports among the different school students over the county. Since the formation of the league, much has been accomplished along this line, and the organization looks forward to a very active year. J. W. Leonard is secretary of the league.

FOREIGN WAR MEN START NEW POST

SALEM, Or., March 4.—A post of Veterans of Foreign Wars was organized at a meeting of veterans here last night. The local post starts off with about 35 members. Officers were elected as follows: C. F. Hagerman, commander; Allen Jones, senior vice-commander; Mark Skiff, junior vice-commander; Henry O. Miller, R. E. Pomeroy and Allan Carson, trustees; E. A. Robbins, historian; W. E. Lamb, chaplain; Bryan H. Conley, adjutant; Carl Abrams, quartermaster; F. G. Young, officer of the day; P. N. Anderson, sergeant-major; and Theodore J. Conde, quarter-sergeant.

NEW TELEPHONE RATES CAUSE OF MASS MEETING

Citizens of Oswego will hold a mass meeting there Friday evening for the purpose of discussing and entering a protest against the recent advance in telephone rates, allowed by the Public Service commission. It is reported the meeting also has been called to consider action in circulating a petition among Oswegoites for the recall of the members of the commission.

Over twenty-seven telephones have been ordered taken out in Oswego since the advance in rates allowed, it is said, and the citizens are indignant over the establishing of a toll rate from Portland to Oswego and vice versa. When the Pacific Telephone company secured a franchise in Oswego, it is claimed that one of the stipulations was that free calls to and from Portland would be allowed. Under the recent ruling handed down by the Public Service commission, a charge was allowed the telephone company of 10c for each call from Portland to Oswego or from Oswego to Portland.

The Oswego citizens allege that inasmuch as most of the calls are from Portland or to Portland, the service is valueless to them unless a free toll is established. Thomas Clinefelter will preside at the meeting Friday evening.

PHONOGRAPH TONE TEST IS BIG SUCCESS

Music lovers of Oregon City were given a rare treat last evening at the congregational church when Collins & Harlan, assisted by William Reed, flutist, appeared in concert under the auspices of Burmeister & Anderson and any doubts that Edison has achieved reproduction of the human voice were swept away by this concert.

These well known Metropolitan entertainers gave a concert such as rarely comes to Oregon City and their wonderful voices were matched note for note by the Edison Phonograph. Singing with the Edison voice would cease but the words of the song continued in the same voice. The recreation was as perfect as the voices of Collins and Harlan and only by the pause of the singer's lips could the audience know that the machine was carrying on the song.

Mr. Harlan sang the first number on the program and as his lips ceased to move and the song continued the audience realized that all the claims for the Edison were true and that the human voice is reproduced in every sense of the word. The tones that came from the Edison matched that of the artist perfectly and it was impossible to detect any difference. It was not merely an echo of the human voice but the real thing, unspooled by any mechanical ring.

The climax of the concert came when the room was darkened during one of Mr. Collins' selections and the audience was left to depend entirely upon hearing to determine whether the artist or the machine was doing the singing. As the song progressed the audience was more and more convinced that no machine could sing like that voice and that Mr. Collins was singing. Suddenly the lights were snapped on and it was discovered that Mr. Collins was not even on the stage and that the Edison was doing the singing alone.

All in all the concert was a decided success and those who were privileged to attend expressed their delight and satisfaction after each number. Burmeister & Anderson have given several of these concerts and each one has brought the desired results—that the Edison can actually reproduce the human voice.

CIRCUIT COURT JURY IS CALLED FOR MARCH 14

The Clackamas county circuit court jury has been called to convene for two weeks starting March 14, and several cases which have attracted wide interest have been set for trial. Of these is the case of Frost vs. State of Oregon, which has been put on the docket for Tuesday, March 22. Other cases to be tried are as follows: Monday, 14th—Hoffman vs. Ogden. Tuesday, 15th—Brown vs. Shopper. Wednesday, 16th—Munsell vs. Lequist. Thursday, 17th—Warley vs. Linn. Friday, 18th—Vreccoull vs. Bott. Saturday, 19th—Randall vs. Slinger Sewing Machine Co. Monday, 21st—Bivan vs. Sheriff Wilson. Tuesday, 22nd—State vs. Frost. Wednesday, 23rd—McAdoo vs. Kocher. Thursday, 24th—Mainwood vs. Bowman. Friday, 24th—Townley vs. Townley. Saturday, 25th—State vs. Dougan.

Dry Diplomats

Dry legislation becomes extreme when it goes so far as to prescribe the conduct of American representatives abroad with regard to alcoholic beverages. A bill introduced in Congress by Representative Upshaw of Georgia, and said to be backed by the Anti-Saloon League, provides:

"That it shall be unlawful for any citizen of the United States or person owing allegiance to the United States to serve any of the intoxicating liquors mentioned here in section 1 at a public or official function, or give official recognition to any club or association that keeps or serves such liquors for beverage purposes."

The plain intent of this bill is to forbid American ambassadors, ministers and consuls in foreign countries to serve drinks of any sort to diplomatic guests at their own tables, or to belong to, or patronize, any clubs where drinks are served.

It can easily be imagined how embarrassing such restriction would often prove to American representatives, in their business or social intercourse at foreign capitals. Why such a law should be urged is not clear. It has never been charged that American diplomats are given to excessive use of liquor.

It is just as well to be temperate in the application of prohibition, especially in other lands. Such a law would turn a serious and beneficent prohibition amendment into an international jest.

Some articles that are reduced one-half give evidence that the quality shrank with the price.

Since girls will want something different, it is not likely that they will wear goloshes next summer.

Nearly all the trouble is caused by a man doing the things his good sense tells him not to do.

Most persons will have their faith in humanity increased when pies again travel under their own name.

When former Mexican bandits read of what is going on in the United States they must feel like mere pikers.

REORGANIZATION OF BUREAUS NOW PERFECTED

Officers elected Saturday for the reorganized Clackamas County Farm Bureau: President—O. R. Dougherty, of Molalla. Vice-President—N. H. Smith, of Logan. Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. John Gaffney, Jr., Clairmont. Executive Committee—W. L. Clarke, Clarkes; Mrs. A. I. Hughes, Redland; Homer Kruse, Sherwood; Geo. G. Randall, Oregon City, route No. 1; H. W. Kanne, Happy Valley; H. C. Belton, New Era.

INAUGURAL VERY PLAIN; HARDING GOES TO WORK

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The reins of presidential authority passed from Woodrow Wilson to Warren G. Harding today in an inaugural ceremony at once the simplest and most dramatic of a generation.

The drama centered about the retirement of Woodrow Wilson. Insistent to the last that he would carry out a retiring president's customary part in the ceremonies, Mr. Wilson finally yielded to the warning of his physician that he might endanger his life, and only accompanied his successor to the capitol.

As he descended from the White House portico to enter the waiting automobile, secret service men placed his feet on each descending step; when he left the car to enter the capitol he was practically lifted up a short flight of steps by an attendant.

After a few minutes at the capitol Mr. Wilson went to his private home to become "plain Woodrow Wilson now," as he expressed it.

Before Mr. Harding had been president an hour he had revived a precedent set by George Washington by conferring with the senate in executive session, submitting in person the nominations of his ten cabinet officers. All were immediately confirmed.

Within another hour he had gone to the White House to "hang up his hat and go to work," as he often had said, and unlocked the White House gates, for four years closed to the public.

The public celebrated by actually overrunning the grounds and peeping through the windows to see the new president.

Fruit Men Treat Seed With Tar

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 4.—H. S. Galligan, local nurseryman, who has just received a shipment of pear seed from Japan, says he will treat the seed with coal tar before planting, in an effort to prevent China pheasants from feeding on them. Last spring Mr. Galligan lost \$1000 worth of sprouting seedlings, he says, as a result of the rapacious appetites of the game fowls.

STABEN HELD FOR MURDER OF YODER

PORTLAND, March 7.—Police arrested Monday Harry Staben, suspected of being implicated in the murder of S. J. Yoder, Woodburn garage man, late Saturday night.

Staben was arrested at Fourth and Madison streets by Deputy Sheriff Mollenhour.

The deputy recognized Staben as he was passing on the street, having arrested the boy more than a year ago for the theft of an automobile and tires from Yoder's garage.

"Before God, I swear I never killed that man," protested Staben when seen in the county jail last night. Tears coursed down his cheeks as he asserted his innocence again and again. He is only 23 years old, "was in Portland all Saturday night and I am sure I can prove it. I have never made any threats against Mr. Yoder and have not been in Woodburn for more than three months."

An aid to Staben in establishing his alibi is Roy Hurley, one of the owners of the Poedle Dog card room, Third and Jefferson streets, who told Sheriff Hurlburt yesterday afternoon that he saw Staben Saturday night and took him to a hotel on the east side between 10:40 and 11:30 p. m.

The murderer of S. J. Yoder, Woodburn garage man, who was found on the highway with a bullet hole through his head has not been arrested to date. "Dutch" Wilson, of this city, was arrested by Constable Fortane last night upon request of the Woodburn police, as being connected with the murder, but was held only about an hour, when the police at Woodburn telephoned the constable to release him. Wilson alleges that he can prove a perfect alibi as to his whereabouts, on Saturday night and claims that he was attending a picture show in Oregon City when the murderer was supposed to have telephoned for the machine in Woodburn. It is reported that Wilson has trouble with Yoder some time ago, and that suspicion was directed against him in connection with the murder on this account.

Simon J. Yoder was murdered last Saturday night by two men who telephoned for a car to take them to Salem. The men phoned from a drug store in Woodburn about 11:00 o'clock Saturday night, and asked that a full tank of gas be provided as they would probably want to drive to Portland when they finished their business at Salem.

The stranger who hired Yoder was described as about five feet ten inches tall, of light complexion and dressed in a khaki suit with leather puttees. Several who saw him in the pool hall said he was of good appearance, although it was with difficulty that the authorities obtained a definite description.

Yoder, who owns the garage at Woodburn, arrived with the car in front of the drug store there and two passengers got in the machine and the party drove off. At 7:00 o'clock Sunday morning, Yoder's body was found in a ditch on the outskirts of Gervais with a bullet wound in his head, and his skull crushed in by some blunt instrument. His automobile—a Willys-Knight—was gone and about \$90 in cash and an equal amount in checks was found upon his person. Absolutely no clue to the murderer was found, and not until 11:30 p. m., Sunday night was the machine discovered, which was found on the streets on Vancouver, Wash., by the police of that place.

In the car were several shotgun shells, a fishing license in Yoder's name, and a few other articles. No blood was upon the car. The police believe that Yoder was murdered while driving the car and his body quickly dumped along side of the road.

The body lay on the back in the ditch, with the feet in a pool of water. The authorities believe, from the condition of the ground, that an attempt had been made to drag the body up the bank with the object of concealing it in Sam Brown's berry patch, which is just inside the fence.

The authorities are inclined to believe that only one person participated in the crime, inasmuch as two would have been able to drag the body up the bank into a berry patch.

The body was found by three Gervais farmers who were on their way to church Sunday morning. They immediately notified the police at Woodburn, who in turn notified Sheriff Wilson of this city. The sheriff here immediately put out a cordon of deputies on the road to discover the car, which was later found.

Mr. Yoder evidently had been shot from behind while he was driving. The bullet entered through the job of his right ear and lodged in the skull just over the left eye. The bullet was of .38 caliber, and of the soft nose type.

Mr. Yoder came to Woodburn with his parents when he was a small boy. He had lived there nearly all his life. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Yoder, who now live in Illinois. He also is survived by a widow and three children. His widow was Maud Dimick, a second cousin of Judge Grant B. Dimick of Oregon City. The coroner's inquest has been set

Tuesday at 1 p. m. Funeral arrangements will not be made until after the inquest.

PORTLAND, March 8.—Against the word of three Woodburn citizens who are said to have announced they are positive they saw Harry Staben, a suspect in the Yoder murder case, in Woodburn Saturday night, Staben Tuesday furnished Sheriff Hurlburt an alibi which was closely checked by deputy sheriffs during the day and which, according to Deputies Christoffersen and Schirmer, convinces them that Staben had nothing to do with the Woodburn murder.

In spite of this alibi, Staben was returned to Salem yesterday in custody of Deputy Sheriff Morelock of Marion county. He is charged with the murder of S. J. Yoder, Woodburn garage man, near Woodburn late Saturday night. Marion county officials still cling to the theory that a thorough investigation will connect young Staben with the killing of Yoder, although local authorities are equally as confident that the alibi offered by Staben is true in every particular.

If, as local authorities believe, Staben clears himself of the murder charge through the medium of the alibi, there is a possibility that the murderer of the Woodburn garage man will never be caught. John Clark, chief of inspectors of the police bureau, still believes that a soldier or ex-soldier at Vancouver barracks is responsible for the killing.

According to Marion county officials, revenge would be the motive if it were proved that Staben was guilty of the crime. If the murderer or murderers of Yoder had gone to Woodburn for the avowed purpose of killing Yoder, they would not have arranged for the rental of an automobile as they did, in the opinion of local authorities. It was pointed out yesterday that the man who hired Yoder's automobile did not seek out Yoder in particular.

If Staben had intended killing Yoder and had sent a confederate into Woodburn to trap Yoder, this confederate certainly would have sought Yoder and arranged for him to drive the car, say local authorities.

The most plausible theory held of the persons who murdered Yoder, here is that robbery was the motive. They had planned to kill him and rob him and then take the automobile, according to local deputies. But when they saw other automobiles coming along the highway immediately after the shooting, they got into the automobile and fled without having time or opportunity to rob their victim, according to this theory.

So far as the local end of the Woodburn murder case is concerned, there will be no further investigation, according to both the police and county officials unless further clues are obtained and Marion county officials ask for aid. With Staben in jail at Salem, the local authorities will drop any contemplated investigation until disposition is made of Staben.

SALEM, Or., March 8.—Whether Harry Staben, now in the county jail, is the man who last Saturday night employed Simon J. Yoder, Woodburn garage owner, to drive him to a lonely spot on the Pacific highway near Gervais, where the latter's body was found the following morning with a bullet wound in his head, will be definitely determined Thursday when Sheriff Bower will summon a number of Woodburn residents to Salem to view the prisoner.

RECALL TALK BOBS UP AT LIVE WIRES

At the regular weekly luncheon of the Live Wires, held Tuesday noon in the Commercial club parlors, a resolution was asked from that organization giving support in the proposed recall of the members of the Public Service commission. The matter was referred to the committee on resolutions, which will report back at the meeting of the Live Wires on next Tuesday.

It is reported that considerable agitation has been going on in this locality for a means to show disapproval on the recent ruling of the commission allowing a thirty per cent advance in telephone rates, and since a fund has been raised in Portland for the purpose of getting out petitions for the recall of the members of the Public Service commission, the same thing is being talked of here.

LONDON AFTER FIGHT WITH BIG PURSE

NEW YORK, Mar. 3.—Tex Rickard, promoter of the Dempsey-Carpenter heavyweight championship contest, announced today receipt of a \$74,000 offer for the bout at London. Rickard announced that he would give it consideration.