

## WIRES AGAINST ANY ROADS BUT HARD SURFACE

The Live Wires went on record Tuesday as opposing any part of the \$1,700,000 road bond issue being spent for gravel, macadam or any other substitute for hard surface pavement. This decision came after a discussion took place, during which it was stated that certain interests or sections of Clackamas county had in mind the construction of gravel or oil dirt roads to be paid for out of the bond money.

The Wires contend that when the bond issue was voted, it was the intent of the voters that the money would be used to lay hard surface, and that the construction of gravel or oil dirt roads as substitutes for hard surface (or pavement) does not come under the provisions of the bond issue.

The members of the club also allege the bond issue was voted by the people with the understanding that the \$1,700,000 would be spent for permanent roads in Clackamas county, and that if any other than hard surface, or pavement is laid in any section affected, it would invalidate the whole bond issue as voted.

## Right to Serve on Juries Asked by Fair Sex

SALEM, Or., March 29.—Inasmuch as women are subject to all laws of the state, and to prosecution in cases of violation thereof, they should have the right to sit in judgment of offenders, according to an argument filed with the secretary of state Monday in support of the constitutional amendment allowing women the privilege of jury service.

The argument was prepared by the Women's Legislative Council of Oregon and will be published in the voters' pamphlet. The proposed amendment was approved at the recent session of the legislature and will go before the voters at the special election on June 7.

"The women of Oregon, through the organization presenting this argument, are asking for the opportunity of meeting this duty of citizenship, a duty which rightfully belongs to every voter of sound mind, of good character, who has intelligence enough to appreciate the principles upon which our government has been founded," said the statement. "We need waste neither time nor space to refute the argument that women possess these characteristics in less degree than men citizens."

## EDUCATORS TO MEET APRIL 9 AT MOLALLA

On April 9, a meeting has been scheduled to take place at Molalla, when school directors of that vicinity and teachers from over Clackamas county will gather for an all-day program pertaining to state management and efficiency. Brenton Vedder, county school superintendent, has charge of the affair, which will commence at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Several prominent educators of the state will give addresses, including Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar, ex-secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association. The program for the day follows:

10:00 a. m.—"The State's Duty to the Child," Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar, ex-secretary Oregon Tuberculosis association.

11:00 a. m.—"The Future of the C. T. A. and the O. S. T. A.," Lewis E. Reese, principal Canemah school; Mrs. Minnie Altman, principal Jennings Lodge school.

1:00 p. m.—School program, Principal R. W. Rose, Molalla, in charge.

1:30 p. m.—Consolidation of schools, J. A. Churchill, state superintendent.

2:30 p. m.—General discussion of consolidation of districts 35, 5, 6, 11, 25, 36, 55, 56, 84, 87, 98, 112, 122 W. W. Everhart, chairman Molalla board of directors.

## HAWLEY CASE WILL BE HEARD EARLY IN JUNE

SALEM, Or., March 25.—The divorce action of Marjorie Hawley against Willard F. Hawley Jr., appealed from Clackamas county, will be heard early in June, according to an announcement made Friday by Arthur Benson, clerk of the supreme court.

The action originally was tried in the Clackamas county circuit court and a decree was awarded to the defendant. Mrs. Hawley's demands for large alimony, a division of property, custody of a minor child and a liberal allowance for its support were denied by the lower court, with the exception of alimony, pending disposition of the appeal.

## SKENE SECURES OPTION ON PARK AT CANEMAH

D. F. Skene has secured an option on what is known as Canemah park and at the Live Wire luncheon held Tuesday noon, announced that he would sell the ball grounds in the park to the city for an auto camp grounds, and that the consideration would be the same pro rata as he paid for the entire acreage. It is reported that the consideration to be paid by Skene for the park is in the neighborhood of \$25,000. The P. R. L. & P. company owns the acreage.

During the past two years there has been considerable agitation over the matter of an auto camp grounds for Oregon City and the baseball section of Canemah park would make an ideal site for grounds for tourists. Nearly a mile along the highway has an auto grounds for tourists, lists, equipment, gas, water and other conveniences. There is a crying need in Oregon City for a camp site for automobiles, and the Wires have taken Skene's offer under consideration. The intention of bringing the matter before the Oregon City council.

## COURT ASKS FOR BIDS ON ROAD BONDS

The county court is now asking bids on \$250,000 worth of road bonds of the \$1,700,000 issue voted for hard surface paving by the Clackamas county voters.

The bonds are in denominations of \$100 to \$500 and bear interest at five per cent. No bids will be received less than par, and all bids must be submitted on or before April 15th, at 10:00 a. m., with the members of the court to reject or reserve any or all bids at their option.

It is the intention of the court to place these bonds for sale with the view that those districts that are asking for hard-surface will possibly become instrumental in having some of the bonds purchased, and thereby gaining immediate action in the matter of laying pavement.

## MULINO ROW HAS ENDING IN JUSTICE COURT

As the result of a neighborhood row in the Mulino district, the justice court room was filled to capacity Saturday afternoon to listen to the case of Mrs. Harding, of Mulino, vs. State. Mrs. Harding was accused of using abusive language to neighbors, and a warrant was issued for her arrest a few days ago. The case came to bay with Dimick & Mulvey, attorneys for the defense, and District Attorney Stipp and O. D. Eby for the prosecution. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

G. B. Dimick, in his opening remarks, alleged that he would prove that abusive language "was the custom of the country" in the Mulino district, which caused the crowded courtroom to leave in humorous convulsions.

## MILLER SAYS REHEARING IS BEST METHOD

SALEM, Or., March 28.—A rehearing of the case rather than recall of the members of the public service commission is the best remedy in reach of the public for settling the controversy now centering about the recent increase in the rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

This was the statement made by Frank Miller, of Albany, ex-member of the public service commission, in an address at the weekly luncheon of the Salem business men's association Monday.

## GAIN AT STATE PRISON IN 18 MONTHS IS 102

SALEM, March 25.—The peak population at the Oregon State penitentiary for several years was reached Thursday when, with the arrival of three Chinese gunmen from Portland, the enrollment swelled to 243, showing a gain of 102 during the last 18 months.

Warden Compton attributed the fast increasing population of the prison to the crime wave prevalent in all sections of the United States and the inability of the parole board to release prisoners during the unemployment situation.

## Larkins Breaks Two Ribs by Bad Fall

J. M. Larkins, one of the old time residents of Oregon City, fell near his home on Sixteenth and Jackson streets Monday and broke two ribs.

Mr. Larkins is now able to be about but says the broken ribs are causing him considerable pain.

## Promoting a Food Product

One of the most interesting examples of business success in promoting the use of a good product, has been shown in the popularizing of corn as a cereal and breakfast food. For many years the other grains were much more popular for this purpose. Corn was used primarily as a feed for domestic animals, and it was also used largely in the form of corn meal, for "johnny cake," "hasty pudding," etc. But wheat preparations with oatmeal and rice, were favorites for what has become known as breakfast foods.

During recent years, more effort has been made to popularize corn products for this purpose. This was particularly marked during the war, when there was such a tremendous demand from Europe for wheat, and corn seemed less available for use overseas. Great advertising campaigns were promoted to make corn more popular as a cereal breakfast food.

The result is now seen. In any grocery store, as you look over the package products displayed on the shelves, corn flakes, hominy, and other brands from the corn fields, have a very prominent place. This result was accomplished by advertising on a nation-wide scale.

It could not have been accomplished in any other way. Local advertising by stores helped a lot. The result has been tremendously useful. It has persuaded millions of people to use corn freely, has developed a market for corn products that did not exist before, and has tended to keep down prices by popularizing a broader range of cereal products.

Such an experience goes to show that any good and useful product can be popularized by the use of publicity. People do what they are solicited to do, if you can show good reasons for such action. The same influence can be equally effective in directing trade toward any store, the owners of which have the enterprise to reach out and speak for it.

## WOMAN'S CLUB AGAINST GAS-PHONE RATES

At a meeting of the Woman's club held Thursday afternoon, the club went on record as opposed to the present increased rates on telephones and gas.

The meeting was pronounced an "immortal hour" after the assembly listened to the inspiring address of Miss Romney Sneekler, who is doing so much for the boys and girls of Clackamas county; the story of "The Negro Moses," told by Mrs. Jeanette Scott, describing Marcus Garvey, who aspires to become the Washington of his people, leading them back to Africa and founding a Negro Republic; the story of "Twenty Heroic American Doctors," who cleaned up typhus in Esthonia by Mrs. Dr. Norris and the encouraging report of "The New President and His Cabinet" by Mrs. Emma Hunt, formerly a teacher in New York and now a resident of Oregon City.

## STEERING GEAR FAILS, FOUR MEET DEATH IN WATER

ASTORIA, Or., March 28.—Four persons were killed and one other, an infant boy injured at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in an automobile accident on the Columbia highway eight miles east of Astoria.

The dead are: August Donnerberg, about 55, of Portland; Gladstone Dawson, of Clatsop Plains who died here later this afternoon as the result of his injuries; Mrs. Margaret Dawson, 27, wife of Gladstone Dawson; Nan Dawson, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson.

The injured: Mrs. August Donnerberg, Portland, broken shoulder and severe bruises; Eighteen-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, slightly bruised.

The party was returning from Portland in the automobile driven by Mr. Dawson. It is believed the steering gear failed as the machine reached Mary's creek, between Burnside and Svensen. It was about to cross the brook when it swerved from the road crashed against the bridge and plunged off a 15-foot bank, landing bottom up in the water and pinning the occupants underneath.

Amus Brix and W. A. Elmer, who were also returning from Portland in another automobile, reached the scene a few minutes later and raising the car, removed the victims.

August Donnerberg and Nan Dawson were believed to have been drowned, while Mrs. Dawson was fatally crushed. All were dead when assistance arrived.

Gladstone Dawson was unconscious when brought to the hospital here and died within a few hours.

Mrs. August Donnerberg, while painfully injured, was conscious and the infant was practically unharmed. The injured were brought to St. Mary's hospital as quickly as ambulances could be rushed to the scene.

Miss May Tobin, who has been spending her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Tobin, left for Mount Angel Tuesday afternoon to resume her studies at the Mount Angel academy.

## GABIN M'NAB TO ARGUE HAWLEY DIVORCE CASE

Mrs. Marjorie Hawley, just returned from an extended trip in California, has secured as additional counsel Gabin M'Nab, brilliant attorney of San Francisco, who will argue the Hawley divorce case before the supreme court. Mr. M'Nab was the attorney for Mary Pickford, moving picture star when she secured her divorce from Owen Moore at Reno, Nevada, some time ago. He is considered one of the ablest lawyers in the country. Chris Scheubel and other two attorneys for Mrs. Hawley.

Just when the case will come up before the supreme court is not known, as the docket has not been issued, but it is rumored that the case will be set for some time in October.

## Auxiliary Takes in Baby Member Ten Months Old

ROSEBURG, Or., March 25.—The youngest member of the women's auxiliary to the American Legion in Roseburg, and it is thought in the state, is Miss Fanny Lou Wimberly, the 10-months-old daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Carl Wimberly, of this city.

An application blank, properly filled out for the tiny tot, accompanied by her dues, was regularly received by the secretary of the auxiliary Thursday, and she has been voted a member, in good standing and having a vote in settling all questions properly coming before the organization. The new member was qualified for admittance on account of her father's service in the army during the world war.

## 287 CITIES OF U.S. HAVE THIRD OF POPULATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—More than a third of the country's population in 1920, 37,770,114 persons, or 36 per cent lived in 287 cities of 25,000 inhabitants or more, census bureau figures Tuesday said. There were 2739 municipalities having 2500 or more inhabitants, with an aggregate population of 54,314,476.

Approximately half of the population of the United States is of voting age, census bureau figures for the states indicated.

In Arkansas individuals more than 21 years, contributed 49.5 per cent of the state's total population, and in Alabama they amounted to 48.7 per cent.

The bureau also was finding more children in the country than in the cities. Children under 15 years in urban areas of Alabama constituted 29.6 per cent of the total population, while in the rural territory they comprised 41.7 of the total.

## STUDENTS FROM EIGHT COUNTRIES IN HIGH SCHOOL

It is an interesting fact to note the various nations and states which are represented in the Oregon City high school.

Four per cent of the students are foreign born, 57 1/2 per cent were born in Oregon and 38 1/2 per cent were born in other states. Of these 113 were born in Clackamas county and 14 in Multnomah county.

The countries represented are: Canada, 7; Austria 2; England, Holland, Ireland, Sweden and Wales one each. The various states represented are: Oregon 230; Washington 24; Minnesota 13; Iowa 12; Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, 10 each; Nebraska 8; Illinois 7; Colorado, Wisconsin and North Dakota, 6 each; California 5; New York and Oklahoma, 4 each; Massachusetts and Ohio 3 each; Montana, Pennsylvania and Texas 2 each, and one each from the following states: Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Nevada, Tennessee, and Wyoming.

These statistics have been recently prepared by Miss Godwin, librarian of the Oregon City high school.

## BLAST BREAKS VOLTAGE WIRE; 1 MAN INJURED

A blast set off by contractors excavating a sidewalk on the west end of the suspension bridge Monday morning about 8:30 o'clock, resulted in a rock striking a high-powered wire, breaking it in two, and causing considerable damage. The accident occurred near Knight's store, and the wire, which carried around 11,000 volts, broken by a flying rock, fell on several telephone wires, short-circuiting them and carrying the current into several homes connected. The Weston, Montgomery and Shaw homes in the immediate neighborhood caught fire from the current transferred from the high-voltage wire, but the flames were soon extinguished.

Robert Downing was severely injured when he attempted to cut out a switch from his home leading to the poles. He heard a noise caused by the singing of the overcharged wires, and placing a stool under the switch at his home, reached up to pull off the current. He was knocked unconscious to the ground, and the electricity from the charges switch passed through his body and badly burned his feet. His hands were also severely burned.

Those who first heard the explosion, and later the high-powered wire striking over the telephone and other wires, were powerless to attempt anything in the way of cutting off the current, and it is reported by the Crown-Willamette electricians that it was a very lucky accident, inasmuch as several people might have been killed by the flying high-powered wires after the blast had set them loose.

## JOHN DOUGHTY FOUND GUILTY IN TORONTO

TORONTO, Ont., March 24.—John Doughty, charged with the theft of \$105,000 worth of bonds from Ambrose Small, wealthy theatrical magnate, who disappeared more than a year ago, was found guilty by a jury here Thursday.

Doughty is still to be tried on the conspiracy charges to kidnap Small.

Doughty was captured in Oregon City a few months ago by Constable Ed. Fortune and Ed. Richardson, who received a reward of \$15,000 for the capture. Small, millionaire theater magnate, whom Doughty is accused of murdering, has not been found to date, or has a trace of him been discovered.

## SLACKER HUNT IN OREGON MAY COMMENCE SOON

SALEM, Or., March 26.—Preliminary rumbles of an impending slacker roundup have been heard at the adjutant-general's office here, it was learned Saturday on inquiry as to the compilation of Oregon's slacker list. It was stated by Adjutant-General White that he confidently expected to see the publication of the whole list by the government at no remote date. A round-up of the offenders will follow.

Telegraphic and letter requests of the adjutant-general that he be authorized to cause the arrest of known draft-dodgers were disapproved by the government, it was learned, and he was asked to refer all names to Washington, D. C.

"Inasmuch as the government credits its delay to the long process of checking every name against all the army and navy records in order to avoid errors, I think the delay is justified if there are no other reasons," said General White. "We have telegraphed the names of more than 60 Oregon soldiers found in error on the list."

"In the meantime the government has not been altogether idle. An Oregon slacker got his just deserts a short time ago. I would be breaking faith at this time to give out his name, but he belongs to an otherwise honorable pioneer family. He pleaded ignorance of the draft law, but a military court at Vancouver barracks gave him 10 years at hard labor. This was reduced to 18 months by the headquarters at San Francisco, and the young man is now engaged in reducing large rocks into smaller ones."

## LAND IN OREGON STAYS UP; DROPS IN MANY STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The average price of plowland per acre in the United States decreased about 7 per cent during the past year, according to a report just issued by the United States department of agriculture. The average value of plowland per acre on March 1 of this year was \$83.75, as compared to \$90.01 in 1920, and \$74.31 in 1919.

The statisticians of the department attribute the decline to the reduction in the price of crops.

The report shows that the heaviest drop in the price of land is in the Southern states, where cotton is the principal crop. In some sections of these states there has been a decline of 30 per cent in the price of plowland during the year. The average price of plowland in Georgia this year is \$36 per acre, while last year it was \$46—a drop of about 22 per cent. The average in South Carolina last year was \$61, while this year it is \$50, a drop of 20 per cent.

Probably the greatest drop in any one state was in Kentucky, and is attributed to the decline in the price of tobacco. In 1920, the average price of plowland in this state was \$70 per acre, while this year it is \$53. This is a decline of approximately 24 per cent.

Iowa is the state having the highest price of plowland per acre. The report shows that it is valued at \$220 this year, as compared with \$219 last year—a decline of about 9 per cent. Illinois ranks second in the value of plowland, according to the report, the price of plowland per acre is \$226.

The western states show the least decline in prices of land and in the case of California, Oregon and Colorado, there is a slight increase over last year. Plowland in California was valued at \$130 per acre last year, while this year the average is \$135.

The report shows that there was a rapid increase in the price of land from 1917 to 1920, when the highest price was reached. The decline during the past year is not as great as the increase from 1919 to 1920. Land prices are still higher than any year preceding 1920.

## GERMAN RIOTS UNDER CONTROL BY GOVERNMENT

BERLIN, March 26.—Twenty rioters were killed when the security police in Eisleben repulsed an attack upon the Eisleben city hall Friday night. The police casualties were two killed and three wounded. Sporadic fighting was reported Saturday from Hettstedt and Mansfield. Leuna was reported quiet.

Order was restored at Eisleben and Hettstedt, it was announced by the German government. The rioters at Hettstedt blew up the railroad station, however, before they retired to hills surrounding the town and set up machine guns, which were reported to be firing at security police in the city.

Halle was quiet last night, it was reported, and municipal and utility plants again were in operation. Organizations known as "councils of action" were being organized at Bitterfeld. Government troops have not participated in the operation of suppressing communist rioting in central Germany, it was officially declared, and the work of restoring order has been carried on by Prussian security police and local organizations.

## COUNCIL AT SALEM URGES REHEARING

SALEM, March 26.—At a meeting of the Salem city council Monday night a special committee was appointed to inquire into the feasibility of taking action in the telephone rate case, and the district attorney was instructed to work with the committee.

While the committee made a report, Mayor Halvorsen said Friday that he felt justified in instructing the city attorneys and that he felt sure the council would back him up in demanding a rehearing of the service rate case of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.

## LEGION POSTS PLAN MEMORIAL BUILDING HERE

The Oregon City and Molalla Legion posts, including the Woman's auxiliaries met in joint session at the Moose hall here last Monday evening and voted to secure a permanent Legion building in Oregon City for the county. The building under consideration will contain a marble slab with the names of Clackamas county men who died overseas engraved thereon.

Funds for the building will be raised by the Legion men and women of the county, and it is planned that the structure to be erected will be of attractive architecture and design, serving as Legion headquarters for all posts in Clackamas county. An excellent benefit program to start the fund for the building is to be given in the near future, with Mrs. Walter Bennett in charge of the entertainment.

The meeting held Monday night was well attended, although Estacada post, which was invited to attend, did not show up. The program given was excellently rendered and after a discussion of the proposed memorial building, and refreshments, dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

Those in charge of the refreshment, and serving as a committee were: Mrs. Minnie Donovan, Mrs. John Kent, Mrs. Sophia Moody, Mrs. Tessie Scherrette, Mrs. Erma Hogan and Mrs. A. Cox.

## NEW DEPOT MAY BE GIVEN CITY BY COMMISSION

Members of the public service commission and representatives of the S. P. Co., Commercial club and interested citizens met in the Commercial club parlors Monday afternoon to discuss the matter of a new Southern Pacific depot for Oregon City. O. D. Eby, speaking for the city, and Chris Scheubel for the club, reviewed the conditions and inefficient accommodations of the present depot.

It was shown that Oregon City has one of the poorest depot and freight facilities in any town of its size in Oregon. Statement after statement was presented at the conference showing that the unloading of both carload shipments of stock and automobiles caused unnecessary delay and effort, and that conditions were such that draymen, automobile dealers and stockmen hesitated in having shipments come over the Southern Pacific lines, on this account. Taking the matter of unloading automobiles from the cars here, it was proven that the machines have to be taken across the tracks, brought down the line and on to the street at Ninth, making several blocks of congested and unnecessary travel, expense and bother in the task.

In the unloading of carload shipments of stock, it was also proven to the commission that the animals were compelled to be unloaded across a platform, run down a stairway and off Tenth street in order to get the shipment clear of congested traffic. The place at Sixteenth street, which the railway company would have used as an unloading station for carload shipments of stock, has proven inefficient to the extreme, and that stockmen refused to unload by that route.

Representatives of the Southern Pacific company argued that with the advent of the auto truck and other means of shipments now in use, they are losing money, and that the building of a new depot and freight station in Oregon City would be a dead loss. Employees of the company stationed here, backed up the argument, although they acknowledged that carload shipments of stock or automobiles unloaded at the present station, were done so inefficiently and with added labor and congestion.

The members of the public service commission left Oregon City, with the statement that they would take the matter under advisement. However, the local boosters for the depot feel confident that the commission will recommend a new depot, and that it was convinced that it is badly needed.