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POST ROAD PLAN IS ENDORSED AT CLUB MEETING

County Judge Harvey E. Cross was elected chairman and Dwight Seely, of Wilsonville, secretary, of an organization formed today for the purpose of furthering the Wilsonville-Portland post road project. Preliminary discussion of the matter was held at the Live Wire luncheon at noon, when representatives of the county courts of Yamhill, Multnomah and Clackamas counties were present, together with delegations from Wilsonville, Newberg, Lad Hill and other districts affected by the proposed road, were present as guests of the Commercial club.

The first step in the procedure to secure appropriation from the government to build the post road was explained by District Attorney Walter Evans, of Portland, who suggested that a committee be delegated to present the matter to the state highway commission for their endorsement. Members of this committee, which will meet the highway commission in Portland Friday afternoon, will comprise Judge Cross and Commissioners W. F. Harris and W. A. Proctor, of this county; the county court of Multnomah and the court of Yamhill county; the district attorneys of the three counties interested and the following representatives of the Commercial clubs of the various districts, R. J. Moore and S. L. Calkins of Newberg; Joe Thornton and Graham Reed of Wilsonville; C. W. Kruse and W. B. Cook, of Oswego; C. C. Loucks, and C. A. Allen, of Lad Hill and O. D. Eby, and Mort Latourrette, of Oregon City Live Wires.

Plans and maps of the proposed road, will be prepared for submission to the commission. The route as outlined follows the river road from Newberg toward Wilsonville, thence through Stafford to the bonded highway through Clackamas county to Oswego. A portion of the road will be over one of the routes to be hard surfaced under the county bond act, and the funds available, as explained by Livy Stipp, district attorney, should be ample to take care of it. According to Stipp's statement, the county funds available for that portion of the road lying in this county, under the terms of the bond issue, will be \$132,000. Added to this is \$22,000 special tax from the district, which makes the total \$154,000. This sum is to be matched by the state highway commission, and the amount of the total doubled by the federal government. Thus, it was stated, the sum of \$616,000 would be expended on the road.

That the road would open up a great country from an agricultural standpoint was voted by Homer Kruse, Henry Aden, R. J. Moore, L. L. Porter and other speakers. The advantage to Oregon City would be great said the speakers, as the West Linn city council has authorized the construction of a connecting link between the city limits of Oregon City and the western end of their city. Before adjournment the proposed road was endorsed by the Live Wires.

FALLING TREE KILLS MAN AT EAGLE CREEK

David Lindgren, a woodcutter on the Matt Glover place in the Eagle Creek country, was instantly killed Monday morning about 10:30 o'clock when a tree which he was cutting crashed to the ground, striking Lindgren on the head and crushing his skull. Lindgren and his brother, both bachelors, who made their home on the Glover place, had a contract for cutting wood and were completing the cut when the accident occurred.

The dead man came to this country from Sweden in 1871, and had lived in Clackamas county for the past 13 years. He leaves his brother Charles Lindgren. The body was brought to the parlors of Holman & Pace, this city, and later taken to Portland in charge of the Forrester's lodge, which organization deceased was a member. The remains will be interred in the Rose City cemetery, Portland, Wednesday afternoon. He was 67 years of age.

LOCAL BANK OFFERS UNIQUE CATTLE TRADE

Clackamas County farmers who are interested in developing the livestock industry are facing a unique offer of the Bank of Commerce of Oregon City. The institution has just made an offer to exchange a pure bred Guernsey bull for a scrub animal, with no charge for the exchange. The bank has only a limited number of pure bred bulls, won from imported Guernseys. "We pioneered in the bettering of livestock in this county," said John R. Humphreys, cashier of the Bank of Commerce, "and this exchange for the elimination of scrubs will not cost a cent to the farmer who benefits."

Wardens On the Job One Night, Anyway for Smith Proves It

Clifford Ball, formerly of this city, but now of Portland, and "Ock" Smith local net fisherman, staged a stunt Saturday night to the amusement of several local sports, who happened to be on Main street at about 11 o'clock on that evening. Ball and Smith were discussing the alleged violations of the laws pertaining to the catching of salmon in the Willamette river at this point. It is reported that in the course of the argument, Ball made the statement that anyone could float down the Willamette here with a net at night and would not be caught by the fish wardens. Smith challenged Ball to come out on the river and they would float down at any point that Ball picked, with one of them going through the motions of letting out a net in the river, and find out if the wardens would nab them or not.

Ball accepted the challenge. It is said, and both men got out a boat at about 11:30 p. m., and started to row down from the suspension bridge. Ball rowed, while Smith stood up in the boat and went through the motions of putting out a net. Just as the boat got even with the Busch dock, out popped the wardens' launch, and caught the two men, pronto.

CLACKAMAS CO. BUSINESS MEN ORGANIZE ASSN.

The Clackamas County Business Men's association was organized Friday night at a dinner at the Commercial club, with members from every section of the county. Linn E. Jones, of the Jones Drug company, was elected president; James Bratt, of the Brady Mercantile company, vice-president and Ben Harding, of the Harding Drug store, treasurer. Five directors were elected as follows: W. B. Parry, Milwaukie; J. H. Frommyer, Gladstone; Everman Robbins, Molalla; W. A. Huntley and Clarence P. Farr, of Oregon City. A secretary will be selected by the directors, and meetings will be held once a month. The association becomes automatically affiliated with the Oregon State Retail Merchants association, and cooperation from the state office will be accorded the new organization. Edward A. MacLean, secretary of the state association; A. C. Marsters, of Roseburg, president of the association; W. W. Hill, of Portland, a former president and J. C. Mann, president of the Portland Retail Grocers' association, were present to assist in the organization and made splendid talks on the value and benefit of cooperative activities. D. R. Norton, head of the insurance bureau of the state organization was also present and told of the workings of his office. Through a connection with a northwest mutual concern, the association represents them as agent in Oregon, and the members of the various local organizations are given the benefits of lower insurance rates, in the shape of a large return of dividends.

Clinton C. Fleet, secretary of the Greater Clarke County association in Washington, spoke comprehensively on the credit situation and explained the plans followed out by other organizations in handling the financial policy. Credit control will be one of the principal features of the new association, with a development of trade at home campaigns, social activities and various other projects as supplementary lines of endeavor. Price control, or combinations to regulate selling quotations, will not be taken up according to President Marsters of the state association, as this has proven a difficult thing to do. Cooperation with other clubs and organizations is part of the program, and meetings from time to time will be scheduled in different localities throughout the county. Regular meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month, with the board of directors meeting on the second Friday. The first regular meeting will be held at the Commercial club next Tuesday evening, and President Jones will appoint a membership committee to invite all the business men eligible to attend. Any firm or business house doing a credit business is entitled to membership, according to the constitution.

About fifty men attended the meeting, and many local speakers were heard. Endorsement of the plan was universal, and it is felt that a permanent and much needed organization has been formed.

Two More Portland Anglers Fined \$25

Two more Portland men were arrested on the Willamette river at this point Thursday morning for fishing for salmon without the proper license. Game Warden Meades made the arrests and J. G. Gross and W. J. Lester were fined \$25 and costs for forgetting to secure the proper authority to fish for the Royal Chinook. C. B. Caldwell was also arrested and accused of fishing with two lines, and pleading not guilty, he will have a jury trial this afternoon in Judge Nobel's court.

ROAD BONDS UP FOR SALE BRING SLOW RESPONSE

About ten days ago the county court put up for sale a block of \$250,000 worth of road bonds out of the \$1,700,000 issue, and asked for bids from the various sections of the county at par. The bids were opened Tuesday, and it was found that out of the total put up for sale, only about \$67,000 worth were bid in, most of the bids with a string tied to them. In practically every case, the bidders asked that certain sections of roads be built with the money in the neighborhood of where the bonds were bought, and in several cases certain kinds of hard surface and other materials for roads were asked.

However, the Sandy section put in bids through the Clackamas County Bank of Sandy, with no strings attached, as it were, and was willing to take the bonds at par without stipulations as to where the money was to be spent. The bids turned in asked for around \$4000, in smaller denominations. The largest amount of money put up for a block of the bonds, was that from the Monitor section, totaling in the neighborhood of \$24,000. Two factions in this section were soliciting for bond money, and it was evidenced that both factions would get together and work in complete harmony over the subscriptions. The Monitor people came through with a total subscription on one hand of \$23,300 and the court said that if they would go back and raise \$8000 more, the latter amount added with the \$23,300 and the \$4000 block from Sandy would complete the 3 1/2 mile stretch of road asked in that section north towards the Barlow road. This stretch will be constructed with what is known as the penetration method of paving. The delegation went back and proposed to raise the needed \$8000 and report to the county court soon.

Following the majority of subscriptions from the different sections and the names of the subscribers: Monitor Bank, \$2000; R. F. Watts, \$2000; J. P. Jensen, \$1000; Ole Skel, \$1000; Ed. Pederson, \$1000; H. J. Anderson, \$1000; S. R. Taylor, \$2,000; Hattie Taylor White, \$2000; W. H. Livingston, \$1000; Arthur A. Schneider, \$1200; Hans Jensen, \$2000; P. J. Schneider, \$1000; Albert Pederson, \$1000; John L. Leinhardt, \$500; A. G. Hyeck, \$500; E. E. Gramam, \$500; Geo. C. Purdue, \$500; J. W. Exal, \$500; N. R. Graham, \$200; Hans Westburg, \$500; R. Peterson, \$200; T. D. Symonds, \$200; A. P. Schneider, \$200; Al Livingston, \$200; R. W. Watts, \$150.

The Oregon Iron & Steel company of Oswego, put in a bid for \$11,000 for one block of bonds. The company specified that concrete or bituminous pavement be laid on the Boones ferry road running west of Oswego. They offered a premium of \$1 per thousand.

The Waluga section asked that the money from that section be used for concrete pavement, 16-foot wide and a depth of six inches for the Multnomah county line on the Boones ferry road towards Lake Grove. The bids were by the following subscribers: S. B. Vincent, \$300, offering premium 1 per cent; J. W. Stone, \$100, offering 1-8 per cent premium; Chas. Reedean, \$1500; J. V. Swan, \$500; J. W. Kruse, \$500.

The Farmers' Bank of Wilsonville asked for \$100 block of the bonds of the longest maturity available, at par with accrued interest.

Judge Cross, in reviewing the matter of the bids, said that not a single dollar from Oregon City people was offered on the bridge bonds of \$105,000 put up for sale, and alleged that plenty of talk and shouting over the new bridge across the Willamette here was made, but a lack of loyalty towards the venture by local interests in making bids for bridge bonds was evidenced.

BOY SCOUTS MEET MONDAY IN CLUB ROOMS

An enthusiastic meeting of the Oregon City Boy Scouts of America took place in the Commercial club parlors Monday evening, and business pertaining to the organization was transacted. John R. Humphreys was elected temporary chairman and John R. Bowland, temporary secretary. It was voted to hold a big meeting of the Boy Scouts in this city at a near date when the Boy Scouts field executive, R. K. Warne, will be present. At this meeting, the annual election of officers will take place and it is expected that a large attendance will be recorded.

SUES FOR DIVORCE
Irene Yandle has entered suit for divorce against James W. Yandle, on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, according to the complaint filed Monday. The couple was married at The Dalles August 9, 1920. The plaintiff asks the court to restore her maiden name, that of Irene Moore.

Rural Immigration

Oregon has no cause to rejoice over the census report for 1920. Figures show that the average density of population throughout the United States was 35.5 persons per square mile of land area. California has 22 per square mile, Washington 20.3, while Oregon has only 8.28. The rural population of Oregon in 1920 was 392,370, while that of the neighboring state of Idaho was 312,829, but the gain in Idaho for the past ten years was twice as great as for Oregon. In other words, this state, which is second to none in agricultural possibilities, is actually losing ground in rural immigration, compared to adjoining states.

The editor of this newspaper has visited 21 states during the last two months. Without reflecting in any way upon the particular advantages of this or that state, we are emphatic in our opinion that Oregon ranks them all, not only as a pleasant place to live in, but as a state where conditions are ideal for the rural inhabitants. Climatic surroundings are supreme, our road program is far and away in advance of most of the other states in proportion to our population and valuation, and recent state and federal legislation has been enacted to the advantage of the man on the farm. But we cannot assume and maintain a smug attitude, with a knowledge of the wonders of our own state, and it is evident, therefore, that the problem of the future development of the state is a problem of sufficient advertising only.

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has evolved a plan that carries with it a promise of increased rural population of the better sort, and proposes to send to the middle west advance agents armed with data on the agricultural and industrial resources of the state. These men will personally interview the farmers of the different communities and will gather together a large group who will move to Oregon in a body upon a fixed schedule. This party will be conducted in automobiles over the entire state and every effort will be made to direct the party to the exact localities in which they are most interested.

The principal object of such trip, of course, is to show the middle western farmer what can be raised in Oregon, the cheapness and fertility of the land and the potential resources of the state. It would naturally be to the advantage of local commercial organizations to cooperate with the state chamber, and each community would endeavor to impress the visitors with the attractions they have to offer.

The plan is novel, it does not depend upon beautifully illustrated literature and it undertakes to make possible a direct examination of the resources and possibilities of Oregon. This county should benefit to the maximum, but it must cooperate in the plan proposed by the state chamber.

WORLD FAMED POET TO VISIT OREGON CITY

Edwin Markham, world-renowned poet, born in this city 69 years ago, will again visit the scenes of his childhood in Oregon City about May 18, when he will be entertained by the literary people of this section and the general public. Mr. Markham is known throughout American and Europe as the man who wrote "The Man With the Hoe" and several other poems that brought world-wide recognition. He comes to this city not only for a visit to his birthplace, but to give a lecture and attend a reception in his honor. Probably no other celebrity quiting the past ten years, who has visited this city has attracted so much comment and recognition as will the visit of Mr. Markham.

A committee headed by F. W. Parker, local poet, is arranging for the reception and affair in Mr. Markham's honor, and it is reported that the Baptist church rooms will be used for the public reception to be held upon the noted man's arrival in Oregon City.

Teachers Vote for Three-Day Institute Here

As it has been customary during the past few years to hold a three weeks' summer school in Oregon City when teachers of various sections of the county attend, a vote was canvassed as to whether the summer school would be continued or to go back to the former three days' institute, to be held in the fall, after the commencement of school. The county school supervisor found that the majority of the teachers prefer the three days' institute, and the result of the vote taken resulted, 223 voting for the institute and 24 for the three weeks' summer school. The decision was announced by the District Boundary board Monday.

The institute will be held next fall and enable county teachers to enjoy a vacation without being compelled to come to this city to take up studies during the hot weather.

FINED \$25
C. Simonson, of Portland, paid a fine of \$25 and costs in Judge Noble's court Tuesday afternoon for catching trout out of Johnson creek under the limit of six inches as prescribed by law. Game Warden Joe Craig made the arrest.

COMMISSION CLAIMS SOUTH END HIGHWAY UP TO OREGON CITY

That it is Oregon City's move in the south end highway game is the statement of F. T. Young, resident engineer for the state highway commission who would like to see construction start on the new route as soon as possible.

The building of the road would do much to alleviate the unemployment situation, Young suggested, and he is authority for the statement that the matter is strictly up to the city council of Oregon City to do its share in raising funds for the construction. The highway commission has tentatively agreed on the upper route, leaving the main part of town at Fifth street, going under the Southern Pacific tracks and ascending the hill at a 5 to 7 per cent grade. The descent to the present highway would be made about midway through the village of Canemah with a grade approximately the same as on the other side. The railway company and the state public service commission it is understood, have decided that the route outlined is better than the one following the river along the foot of the hill.

According to Young's plans, the routing of the highway should lead from the east end of the bridge across the Willamette, straight up Seventh street to Railroad avenue, thence south to Fifth, east under the railroad tracks, and south again over the hill past Canemah park and into the main highway. The crossing at Fifth street would be widened to 30 or 40 feet, with a 45-degree curve and a traffic divider in the shape of a concrete projection rising in the middle to prevent collisions.

Action along the lines of getting the city to cooperate will be taken by Wallace Caulfield, chairman of the Live Wire committee.

FIVE TRUE BILLS ARE RETURNED BY GRAND JURY

Five true bills and one not-true bill was handed down by the Clackamas county grand jury, which completed a two-days' session ending Thursday afternoon, and which ends the November term, a new jury to be selected from the list for the April term. The indictments found follow: Axel Kylo, accused of rape in the Wilsonville neighborhood; now in the county jail awaiting trial.

James Steele and John Mabus, accused of the robberies of the Estacada stores on the night of February 23—now in jail.

Helmer Bloom, charged with seduction; lives in the Colton neighborhood and now out on bail.

Chas. Schreck, charged with forgery; resident of West Linn and is now in the county jail; pleaded guilty Thursday shortly after the indictment against him was returned and will be sentenced some time this week by Judge Campbell.

A not-true bill was found against Frank Huffman, Oswego councilman, arrested and charged with assault and battery on an officer of the law at Oswego. This case attracted considerable attention, and resulted from an attempt made to arrest his young son on some charge, and when the constable arrived, it was charged against Huffman that he struck the officer.

WILSONVILLE TO URGE POST ROAD AT WIRES TODAY

To decide on the proposition of the Wilsonville-Portland post road, a meeting of officials from Clackamas, Yamhill and Multnomah counties, supplemented by interested citizens from the districts affected, will be held at the Commercial club at noon today, in conjunction with the Live Wire luncheon. A delegation from Wilsonville will be present to urge the change to a post road for the route, and they will be backed by the Wires who have endorsed the plan.

It is understood that if the Wilsonville people are granted the right to make a post-road they will withdraw their objection to the hard-surface bond issue in the county. Otherwise a special election will probably be called to allow the diversion of the bond issue money from strictly hard-surface to macadam or gravel roads. The usual business session of the Live Wires will be held, enlivened by the quarterly election of officers.

Camp Fire Girls to Hold Cake Sale

The Camp Fire Girls, under the direction of Mrs. F. D. Ellis are to have a cake sale at the Hurstley-Draper Drug store Saturday, April 15. The girls who will preside over the tables are: Miss Dorris Reddick, and Elizabeth Moore from 11 to 1 o'clock; Mildred Marley and Violet Farr from 1 to 5 o'clock. The proceeds from the sale will go towards the fund of the organization.

WIRES PREFER CLASS A BRIDGE ON WILLAMETTE

Declaring their preference for the construction of a bridge across the Willamette river at Oregon City of a type recommended by the state highway commission, the Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial club Tuesday, by resolution, opposed the construction of a cheaper structure. The organization favors the original type of a concrete-encased steel bridge.

The Wires also adopted a resolution in opposition to a proposed jitney franchise between Portland and Oregon City and laid on the table until next Tuesday a resolution setting out the route of the Pacific highway through Oregon City.

Tuesday was election day for the Wires and the following candidates were successful: E. E. Brodie, main trunk line. Willard P. Hawley, Jr., sub-trunk. W. B. Cook, transmission wire. D. F. Skene, guy wire. H. G. Edgar, insulation wire. The resolution relative to the type of bridge to connect Oregon City and West Linn follows:

Whereas, Business men and residents of Oregon City have been variously quoted as favoring different types of construction for our new Oregon City West Linn bridge, and Whereas, Some concern has been shown by certain interests to change the type of bridge from that originally specified by the state highway engineers, and

Whereas, A recent bond election taking care of the bridge financing was carried after advertisements had been repeatedly run showing pictures of the proposed concrete encased steel bridge with results clearly indicating the preference of the voters, and Whereas, Our local conditions demand the construction of a type of bridge that will withstand the effect of the exceptionally strong mill gases with the best engineering talent favoring the concrete encased steel type of bridge, and

Whereas, We, the business men and residents of Oregon City desire that we be not misquoted in the matter, now therefore,

Be it resolved, That this Live Wire organization go on record as favoring the original type of concrete-encased steel bridge according to plans, specifications and pictures shown by the state highway engineers, provided it can be financed. The matter of financing, we are informed, has been already cared for through the close cooperation of the cities of Oregon City and West Linn together with the state highway commission and the county court of Clackamas county, and

Be it further resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the secretary of the state highway commission, the cities of Oregon City and West Linn and the county court, Clackamas county.

The jitney resolution declares that the local traction company is going to operate a new bus on the Mountain View line, and says: Whereas, Application has been made to the city council of Oregon City for a "jitney" franchise to Portland from Oregon City, and Whereas, Portland Railway Light & Power company is at present giving to the patrons of its lines on the Oregon City division good and reliable service, and

Whereas, said P. R. L. & P. Co., states that it will on May 1st, 1921, place a new 30-passenger bus line on the Mt. View run at a cost of approximately \$7000, and Whereas, said P. R. L. & P. Co. is the heaviest tax payer in Clackamas county and contributes towards the schools, roads and gives employment to thousands of people and pays to Oregon City a large sum of money per year for the privilege of operating on Main street, besides keeping that portion of the street in repair, which it occupies, and

Whereas, said jitney will contribute nothing to the welfare of the community as has been proven heretofore when said operation was permitted.

Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial club go on record as opposing the issuance of said jitney franchise from Oregon City to Portland, and request the council committee to report unfavorably on its report and to further request the city council to turn down the proposed franchise.

Further Resolved, that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the meeting and copies be presented to the city council committee, to the city council and to the press. This is the resolution that met with opposition, and on account of lack of time for debate and consideration, was laid over until next Tuesday. Whereas, A question has arisen relative to the favor of the Oregon City business men with regard to the south-end outlet for the Pacific highway through and from Oregon City, and Whereas, A real problem arising from traffic congestion now exists on that portion affected of our Main street which with the assurance of a

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