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## WARDENS AND NET MEN STAGE BATTLE

Oregon City is again in the limelight—this time over the scrap last night between the fish wardens and the net fishermen. About 11:30 last night three shots were heard on the river near the suspension bridge followed by shouts and cries for help. Those in the neighborhood of Seventh and Main streets rushed to the bridge to see what the trouble was, while other fishermen on the street found a launch and started up stream to gather in the melee. Curses, shouts and threats were hurled back and forth in the darkness, and when the smoke of battle cleared, the wardens were docked near Brown's boathouse while the netmen were farther down the river. Neither side inflicted any damage. It is reported, although the scrap furnished considerable excitement—then and now.

The fight started things, anyway, and yesterday afternoon Carl Shoemaker, head of the state fish commission, accompanied by Frank C. Brown, head deputy and several other wardens, appeared on the scene. Shoemaker immediately got busy with the district attorney and following a long conference with that official, fourteen warrants were made out for local fishermen accusing them of resisting an officer, and two special warrants, one for larceny and the other for "threatening to kill" were issued from the district attorney's office at the instigation of Mr. Shoemaker. The warrants were given to Deputy Brown about 5:30 p. m. to be sworn to in the justice court but that official, upon arriving at said court, found that the justice had locked up for the day and the warrants were not served at a late hour last night.

The fourteen local men named in the warrants accusing them of resisting an officer are as follows:

Chas. Gates, Herbert Doffitt, Jim Baxter, Oscar Smith, Bill Freeman, "Tuffy" Russell, Pete Long, Mat Story, George Story, Sam Finnucane, "Dub" Finnucane, Jack Albright, Chas. Hoosey, "Skinny" Mass and Jim Ellis.

A warrant for Oscar Smith was made out accusing him of larceny, and a warrant also for George Story, Sam and "Dub" Finnucane accused of threatening to kill, was also made out. All sixteen warrants are expected to be served some time today by Constable Fortune.

It is reported that H. E. Meads, chief deputy game warden for Clackamas county, was injured at Oswego by a flying rock as he was engaged in hauling an illegal net into his boat from the river.

According to two or three of the netmen engaged in last night's fray, the trouble started when the wardens were seen on the river dragging for nets. They claim three of their crowd started out in a launch to see what the wardens were up to, and as they neared the wardens, one of the latter took a shot at them. This "started something," according to their story, and a live mixup resulted. Mr. Shoemaker, head of the fish commission, has an entirely different story to tell, and gave out the following to an Enterprise reporter for publication, concerning last night's doings on the river:

Last night one of the boats belonging to the Fish commission picked up a set net just below the bridge at Oregon City, on the west side of the river. While the wardens in this boat were dragging another eddy just above the one where the net was picked up, illegal fishermen stationed on the bluff above them began to throw rocks at the wardens in the boat. Boulders weighing twenty-five pounds or more were hurled at the wardens and a shot was fired from the bluff at the occupants of the state boat. Another state boat, hearing the shot, rushed to the assistance of the first boat, and for the moment the trouble ceased. The two state boats then made for the landing on the east side of the river just above the bridge at Oregon City.

Just as the two boats reached the water above the bridge, three boats manned by thirty-four illegal fishermen swooped down upon the patrol boats and piled on board and took possession of the state patrol boats. Oscar Smith, who has the reputation of being one of the worst violators on the Willamette river, grabbed the net in the patrol boat, claimed it as his own and threw it on one of the private boats, and threw the two fish taken from the net into the river.

Some one of the fishermen told the wardens that if any resistance was offered to the efforts to retake the nets, there were enough guns in the crowd of fishermen to "get" the officers the first round. The fishermen then proceeded to tell the wardens that they—the fishermen—were "white men," and delivered a lecture to the wardens on how to operate the patrol service.

The pirate boats then pulled away and landed at their dock, and then came down to where the patrol boats had landed and offered an apology for what had occurred, and said that they were sorry that it had happened.

The wardens in the service of the Game commission had a similar ex-

perience, one of them having been rocked and seriously bruised. One of the fishermen threatened to kill Roy Bremmer, deputy game warden, and throw him off the suspension bridge at Oregon City, if he ever appeared there again.

During the session of the legislature, automobiles carrying fifty of the leading citizens of Oregon City appeared before the legislative committee in support of Senator Ryan's bill opening the Willamette river from the former dead line near Oswego up to the suspension bridge at Oregon City. These men guaranteed that the fishermen would observe the closed season and the other regulations safeguarding the interests of the salmon, and included among these citizens was the district attorney, former Representative Chris Schuebel, County Judge Harvey Cross and other well known residents of that city.

These fishermen have not only broken the law, but have broken faith with the people who pledged that violations would not occur. Occurrences similar to that of last night will have a strong tendency to make the people of the state close the river to commercial fishermen—a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Complaints will be filed against all of the fishermen who were recognized by the wardens, charging them with resisting officers and the conversion of property belonging to the state. It is hoped that the good citizenship of Oregon City will not permit such outrages to go unpunished.

## WEST LINN HAS BUILDING BOOM ON

During the past few months and at the present time West Linn has enjoyed a building boom, when a number of modern and attractive homes have been erected and are now under construction.

Gwiltin Green is erecting a home that will be attractive when completed. Eugene Horton has under construction a modern bungalow on his farm, which will be occupied by his mother and himself as soon as completed. Frank Fisher is building a nine-room house that commands an excellent view for miles around, and is in an ideal location. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon's new home was recently started, and construction will be rushed, so that they will be able to occupy the residence in the early summer. The fine new home of Mr. and Mrs. Cart is almost finished. Charles Andrus, the mail carrier, is having a new home built. The new bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. Dodge is completed and they have taken possession. A new garage is being erected by Mr. Bailey on his place.

Among the improvements that are being made is on the Chambers residence the family recently taking possession. This family has occupied a home near Willamette for many years. Mr. Chambers recently resigning his position as superintendent of the locks after 40 years' faithful service.

## MOLALLA WILL INSTALL \$45,000 WATER SYSTEM

During the months of January, February and March, 97 permits to appropriate water were issued by the state engineer, Percy A. Cupper. These permits cover the irrigation of approximately 6500 acres of land, the development of 20 horsepower and the construction of 180 miles of canal, at an estimated total construction cost of approximately \$1,400,000. During this period seven reservoir permits were issued, covering the storage of 1405 acre feet of water at an estimated construction cost of approximately \$22,000.00.

Among the developments contemplated are: The construction of the municipal water supply system by the City of Molalla, which contemplates the expenditure of \$45,000 in securing water supply from Trout Creek. In Clackamas county, permits have been issued to Hannah E. White, of Portland, Oregon, covering the appropriation of water from an unnamed stream for irrigation of a two-acre tract, and for the development of ten horsepower, at a cost of approximately \$350, and to the City of Molalla, Oregon, covering the appropriation of water from Trout Creek for municipal water supply, at an estimated cost of \$40,000.

## Chautauqua Grange Day Set July 23

Grange Day at the Willamette Valley Chautauqua will be on Saturday, July 23, with a grange banquet at 12 o'clock. Senator Charles McNary has been invited to be the speaker at the forum hour.

## Young Oregon City Boy Leads Military Academy Team to Victory in Recent Test



CAPTAIN LEE STRICKLAND

Hill Military Academy cadets in Portland, and their friends throughout the Northwest are justly proud of their company that defeated Company B, Oregon National Guard in a recent competitive drill in the O. N. G. Armory. The cadets won a silver loving cup. Their points were made in company movement, which were "just like clockwork." Lee Strickland, son of Dr. Strickland, of Oregon City, was captain of the winning company. Several boys in this part of the state who were in attendance helped either by drilling or as rooters for the academy. The judges were officers from Vancouver barracks.

Hill Military Academy will hold an encampment at Fort Stevens soon. The boys were so delighted to be excused from drill on the opening day of the ball game series in Portland that they presented the Portland ball team with a rabbit's foot and to prove the efficiency of the Beavers won that day after playing and losing everyone of 13 straight games in the south. Cadets who were not in the competing company in the recent contest with O. N. G. loudly praised their brother cadets when the silver loving cup was awarded. Every state in the northwest was represented in the victorious company of cadets.

## HAWLEY MILL PLANS TO ADD BIG MACHINES

Possibility of the early construction of another addition to the Hawley Pulp & Paper company's mills here was announced yesterday by Traffic Manager Sheppard of the Hawley company during the Pacific Highway discussion at the Live Wires meeting. Mr. Sheppard urged that the highway be not routed past the mills, as the company would probably need all available ground for the new section of the plant.

Tentative plans had been prepared he said, for two 15-ton paper machines and arrangements had been completed for the necessary water power. The new machines, he added would increase the capacity of the mill about one-third, and would add to the importance of the industry as one of the city's resources.

For that reason he urged that the Live Wires not endorse routing of the highway over the lower Canemah River road, in order that the mills might not be cramped in their future expansion.

## MRS. BUCKLEY RE-ELECTED AS SUPERVISOR

Mrs. Agnes Buckley, who has been supervisor of county schools for the last year, was reelected today to that position for the coming school year by the county educational board. She receives the maximum salary of \$120 a month for 11 months, and is given an expense account of \$60 a month for 10 months. The board decided to employ an additional supervisor, in order to comply with the state law, but deferred the election of the second supervisor until other applications are received. The law provides that the county shall be divided into supervisor districts of not less than 50 school districts.

## SERVICE

"Service" will be the slogan for the Oregon Agricultural college Y. M. C. A. the next year. Housing, financial, social, and religious problems will be solved for men by the college "Y", according to plans announced at the annual banquet.

## ETHERIDGE IS GRANTED PARDON BY NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PARDONS

That John L. Etheridge, ex-president of Morris Bros., Inc. a bankrupt bond house, has been granted a pardon by New Jersey authorities, was announced Friday by W. P. LaRoche, counsel for Mr. Etheridge.

Mr. LaRoche issued the following statement: "The New Jersey court of pardons, consisting of the governor of chancellor and the judges of the court of errors and appeals, on April 12, 1921, unanimously granted a free and unconditional pardon to John L. Etheridge Jr., for offenses committed by him in 1905 and 1907 in New Jersey, to-wit: False pretenses, which were for issuing two checks, one in the sum of \$45 and one in the sum of \$15, without sufficient funds in the bank. No one lost any money, as both checks were made good.

"A pardon was not essential as under the constitution of the state of New Jersey, section 1, article 2, the offenses committed did not involve moral turpitude and did not exclude a person committing such offenses from being either a witness or from enjoyment of the rights of an elector. The board of pardons, however, issued the pardon so that Mr. Etheridge could not be made to suffer any further embarrassment from these offenses committed when he was in his early 20s and the first of them some 16 years ago.

"The Portland Telegram on Monday, December 27, printed on the front page of their paper a profile picture which was described as 'Profile view of alleged wrecker of Morris Bros. Inc., taken from records of New Jersey state prison 'above at left.'"

"I have a statement from James H. Milheron, principal keeper of the New Jersey state prison, that no picture was ever taken of Mr. Etheridge while confined and that they had at no time any photograph of him on file."

## MARRIED

Virgel H. Haller, 23, of Woodburn, and Bertha Azora Straw, 21, of Monitor, secured a marriage license from the county clerk yesterday.

## Dangerous Delays

The lives of thousands of people are being endangered every day because we have a bridge across the Willamette river at Oregon City that is unsafe. The old structure is tottering. It has plainly outlived its usefulness and the people have twice indicated their desire for a new bridge and a willingness to pay for it by voting bonds to finance its construction. The people have done all they were asked to do, the bonds can be sold with proper cooperation and publicity, and our people have been for months looking forward to the early construction of a bridge that would not only be an ornament to the two cities that have agreed to finance \$50,000 of the total cost, but would be adequate for the heavy traffic it has to bear and afford safety to the people who use it.

Investigation shows that there is a disposition on the part of the highway commission to tie up the negotiations looking to a new bridge with payment of a debt due from the county to the state for funds advanced for the construction of the Pacific Highway. This may be well justified. If the county court agreed to pay the cost of grading and bridges along the highway, and failed to arrive at a definite understanding of the amount, then the court is in honor bound to meet the obligation, even though the amount is in excess of the court's ideas. The highway commission will probably be reasonable in its adjustment of the indebtedness in view of the unusually heavy construction cost at various points.

Further investigation, however, indicates a new angle that has had something to do with the delay. The commission has evidently determined to give no state aid for the bridge project until the county guarantees the payment of \$46,000 on the Mount Hood loop road, that has no more to do with the bridge on the Willamette than a theological student with the daily doings of Dempsey. Let us by all means have the Mount Hood loop if we can, as a scenic asset, but there is no justification for permitting the loop highway to delay the building of a bridge which will mean safety to our citizens.

We hope the county court will not become a party to such delay. The Willamette river, with its traffic load and its human freight, is certainly entitled to as much consideration as the Clackamas, which has its bridge without aid from either the state or the city to which it leads. We have been led to believe that everything was in readiness for definite action. We have had enough of delays and excuses. We want the bridge.

## COURT TO KEEP CLOSE TAB ON ROAD MONEY

Each road supervisor in Clackamas county will receive a letter from the county court asking them to fill out and mail in a report of expenditures of road money each month in their respective districts. Heretofore, according to Judge Cross, a close tab on the expenditures has not been kept on record each month by the court, and in several instances certain districts in the county have exceeded their allotment for road money and run the district into debt.

The letter mailed Saturday to each supervisor, asks that the special road funds and that of the general fund be segregated, and each district head has been notified of the exact amount that has been allowed for the current year—both in special and general funds. It is reported that one district, in the course of two years, was in debt to the county court in the neighborhood of \$8000.

## MONITOR FIRST TO GET ROADS UNDER BONDS

The first bonds of the issue of \$1,700,000 for construction of permanent roads in Clackamas county will be ready for delivery May 1, and a block of the amount of \$38,000 will be delivered to the residents of the Monitor section. The money received will be used for the construction of three and one-quarter miles of permanent road between Monitor and Barlow.

Residents of the Barlow section had previously arranged for the sale of bonds to the amount of \$23,000 on condition that this amount would be used in constructing a permanent road in this section.

## Local Woman to Teach History in Salem Schools

Mrs. W. A. Barnum, of Mt. Pleasant, has accepted the position of teacher of history for the remainder of the school year at the Junior high school at Salem, and will leave for that city Sunday. Mrs. Barnum will begin her duties Monday morning.

Mrs. Barnum, who is one of the prominent educators of the state, has accepted the position as principal of the Columbus school at McMinnville for next year.

## HENDRY SAYS HIGHWAY FINE TO CALIFORNIA

Hugh E. Hendry, recently leaving on a business trip to California by automobile, has written the following to friends in this city on the condition of the highway between Oregon City and California:

"Tell all your friends to get their cars oiled up and put in some 'grub' and a few gallons of gas and hit the trail for California, as the roads are in wonderful good shape all the way. The dust is flying everywhere, and I never saw any mud on the entire trip."

"The tourists are coming north by the droves from Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Kansas and they sure are one big happy family."

"No reason for delaying their trip now, as everything is ready and the scenery is wonderful. I cannot express in words the beautiful sights one can see on the Pacific and Lincoln highway south. Beautiful camp grounds everywhere, and everyone is out with the glad hand to assist you."

"Was just one day behind Mrs. Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Shanks, of Oregon City, when arriving at Redding, California."

"Tell the folks contemplating taking the trip south to register at Redding, and they will be furnished with road maps free for the entire trip south."

The letter was written at Fresno, Calif., and dated April 16, 1921.

## Jury Out Six Hours On Case Friday

After the circuit court jury was out for six hours, the case of Krebs vs. Lukas Rubanske was decided in favor of the defendant. Krebs sued Rubanske for possession of some personal property. Gilbert L. Hedges was the attorney for the plaintiff, while Grant B. Dimick acted as attorney for Rubanske.

Members of the jury were: John W. Eby, John Heinz, John Eld, Geo. W. Clark, Wm. Bard, Fred C. Bartholomew, D. C. Eby, P. E. Bonney, L. C. Carrothers, Henry Bickner, H. H. Eastman, John M. Hollowell.

## REBEKAHS CHOOSE DELEGATES TO GRAND LODGE ASSEMBLY

Delegates to the Rebekah assembly of the Grand Lodge of Oregon to be held at Albany May 7th, have been selected from the local order. They are Mrs. May Waldron, Mrs. Gladys Hanford, Mrs. Izetta Albright, Mrs. Christina Barbur, all active members of Willamette Rebekah lodge.

## WIRES ENDORSE ROUTE TO SOUTH END HIGHWAY

After considerable debate the Live Wires of the Commercial club at their noon luncheon Tuesday passed the resolution prepared by the south-end highway route committee, endorsing the plan to route the Pacific Highway through Oregon City via Seventh street to Railroad avenue, south to Fifth street, and thence east and south under the tracks of the Southern Pacific company, and over the hill through Canemah park, joining the present Third street route on the grade.

This resolution was tabled at last week's meeting, due to lack of time for consideration, and came up again in the form of a new resolution. Ben Harding opposed the endorsement of the plan with a strong argument, contending that it was not the policy of the club to favor one route over another, and that it had not been proven that this was the most feasible of the four routes suggested.

Another resolution passed authorized the appointment of a committee to cooperate with other units interested in the construction of a bridge across the Willamette river between Oregon City and West Linn. Main Trunk E. E. Brodie appointed Mort Latourette to represent the Live Wires, and Mayor Shannon has designated Hugh S. Mount chairman of the street committee to represent the city. West Linn will appoint a committee at a meeting of their city council Wednesday night, and these three, under the terms of the resolution will work with the county court and the state highway commission in an effort to expedite the building of the bridge, bonds for which have already been voted.

Harvey H. Holland, representing the Home Buying Exposition, of Portland, presented a plan for putting on a play at one of the local theaters for the purpose of exploiting the "buy-at-home" idea, and asked the support of the Live Wires as individual members. The play will probably be given about the middle of May.

Ralph C. Parker reported that a lease had been secured on Canemah park for ten years, at \$1.00 per year, and that all the details of putting the park into shape for an auto camp ground was being handled by the committee. A vote of thanks was passed and ordered transmitted to the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for their cooperation in establishing the camp ground.

Main Trunk Brodie announced the appointment of the following regular committees to serve during the present administration: Trolley Wire, or program committee, A. C. Howland; contact, or reception committee, L. Adams; Feed Wire, Rev. M. T. Wire, and Resolution committee, L. A. Henderson.

The resolution on the bridge matter passed by the Wires, follows:

Whereas, Oregon City, West Linn and the Live Wires of the Commercial club are all vitally interested in having a new bridge of the best type and built in the shortest possible time; and

Whereas, we believe that these bodies can be of assistance and cooperate with our county court and state highway commission in bringing about this most desired result, therefore be it

Resolved, that we desire to cooperate in a most friendly spirit with the county court and the highway commission and to that end we recommend that there be appointed a committee of three members, one from this body, one from Oregon City and one from West Linn with the object of securing the best possible type of bridge in the shortest space of time practicable, and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state highway commission, the county court and the city councils of Oregon City and West Linn.

## Grange Exhibits at County Fair to Be Excellent

At the last meeting of Milwaukie Grange, a committee was appointed to arrange for an exhibit at the Clackamas county fair to be held at Canby, beginning September 14th, and continuing for four days.

Other granges in the county to have exhibits at the fair will be Warner, Harding, Garfield and Oswego. There is to be a good, keen rivalry between these granges for first prize. The Oswego grange has carried off first prize for quality and arrangement the past two years. Mrs. E. T. Wealthred, member of Oswego grange, and a woman who knows the fair business from "A to Z," has been giving the other granges instructions as to what will gain or lose points. She has remarked, "There is no credit in winning points if the competition is not close and keen."

There will be a grange day at the Clackamas county fair, when each grange will put on a stunt for the amusement of the crowd.

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