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COMMITTEE SAYS BRIDGE DEAL IS NEARLY CLOSED

Early settlement of the problems confronting the county court and state highway commission relative to the construction of the bridge across the Willamette river at this point appears to be a possibility, according to the report of a special committee representing the Live Wires of the Commercial club and the cities of West Linn and Oregon City.

Supplementing the committee's report, L. L. Porter, quoted from a letter written by the highway commission to the county court of Clackamas county, where the proposal submitted by the county was accepted, with minor qualifications.

Immediately upon appointment your committee offered its services to the county court and the same were accepted, and the court offered the committee the information concerning the bridge situation as it then stood and agreed to keep it in touch with the activities of the court and the highway commission and would call on it when needed.

On investigation your committee finds: That the Oregon City-West Linn bridge and the Mt. Hood loop will be settled between the county court and the highway commission together. The county to contribute the sum of \$83,000,000 towards the Mt. Hood Loop project as follows:

Hard surface bonds under \$17,000,000 Bonding Act	\$46,000.00
Market road money to be applied above Sandy	20,000.00
Special road tax money raised in that district	7,000.00
Cost of rights of way on project	10,000.00
Total	\$83,000.00

The road to cost approximately \$840,000.00 in Clackamas county. The bridge situation as outlined is as follows: The cost of the bridge to be somewhere between \$225,000.00 and \$300,000.00. The exact type has not yet been decided upon. The funds to be raised as follows:

Bonds under \$1,700,000	\$105,000.00
Cash by county court	45,000.00
Cash by West Linn and Oregon City	50,000.00

FISHERMEN CLEARED BY JURY; OUT 25 MINUTES

The much advertised fish trial, in which 13 local men were arrested and accused of interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty on the Willamette river here Monday night, April 25, came to a close before a justice court jury yesterday. The jury, after being out 25 minutes, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The trial commenced at 9:30 in the morning before Judge Noble in the justice court room, Masonic building, and after three or four fish wardens testified, the court adjourned about 11:45 for the afternoon session. The county court room was secured for the afternoon and at 1 o'clock sharp, Gilbert L. Hedges, attorney for the accused men, took the stand.

Witness after witness took the stand, both for the defense and state and the fight on the river between the local netmen and wardens was reviewed. All of the testimony practically substantiated the following story of the much advertised river fight on the night of Monday, April 25th:

That the fish wardens were on the river with two gasoline power launches and that one of the state boats encountered another launch containing two local fishermen, who had gone out on the river attracted by the lights of the state boat to see what was up. Upon the approach of the local men's boat, one of the wardens rose up in the state boat and fired one shot towards the local netmen's boat, followed by two or three shots toward the bank.

The wardens alleged on the stand that they did not attempt to arrest members of the local crowd that were in the melee for the reason that they feared the trouble would terminate in bloodshed. Later, the warrants were served upon the men that were in the mixup. Jack Albright, one of the men arrested and accused of being implicated, proved an alibi early in the trial by witnesses, who testified that he was on Main street in a restaurant at the time that the trouble took place on the river.

Gilbert L. Hedges summed up the case to the jury and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The case was argued before the jury by the defense and the state. The jury was out for 25 minutes before returning its verdict. The case was argued before the jury by the defense and the state.

5 YOUNG MEN OF THIS CITY FACE FEDERAL CHARGE

Five Oregon City boys were arrested by Chief-of-Police Hadley, Sheriff Wilson and Officers Hughes, and Wagonblast yesterday and will face a federal charge of impersonating an officer. The young men are Joe Murphy, Art McKinnis, Harold Forsner, Clint Warren and Albert Corvall, the latter from Montana.

Last Sunday the five accused men went to the residence of E. Sheff, a farmer living near Redland, broke into his cellar and made away with a gallon of wine. They were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Hughes later in the evening for having liquor on them, but were later released.

When Sheriff Wilson drove out to the Sheff place, both Sheriff and his wife saw him approaching and thinking that they were again being visited by a bevy of federal men, they became exceedingly alarmed. However, when the sheriff explained the trick that had been played upon them they then told him the story as related above.

The official from the department of justice, who was in Oregon City yesterday remarked that it would go hard with the gang, especially two or three of them, who have a bad reputation locally. Albert Corvall, one of the gang, is from Montana, and at the Sheff farm at the time the gang visited there, displayed a star, which he had secured and used he said in Montana.

Many applications from eastern school teachers are being received by Brenson Vedder, county superintendent, but it is probable that teachers of the west will have first opportunity to secure schools here.

A resolution condemning the action of the United States supreme court in allowing to the department of justice, Main Frank E. Brodie created the office of "trouble shooter" in the organization, and appointed Clyde Mount to fill it.

"Shadow" is Retaken Full of "Moonshine" To the City Calaboose

George Billings, alias Joe Brady, "shadow" suspect and held at one time by the Portland police as the talkative burglar, was billed for a van-derville stunt in a local theater this week, but alas, he now reclines in the city bastille. It all came about through the famous "shadow" suspect arrived in Oregon City Monday night cock full of "moon," or in other words, distilled liquor and with a companion by the name of Leo Patterson, ran up against the night police force.

The following measures will be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the special election to be held on June 7, 1921, and the titles and names of the proposed measures to be voted on follow:

Submitted to the legislature—Legislative and Compensation Amendment—Purpose: To establish the duration of the legislative session at not more than sixty days and of an extra session at not more than twenty days; fixing compensation of members thereof at five dollars per day and three dollars for every twenty miles traveled in going to and returning from their place of meeting upon the most usual routes; prohibiting introduction of any bills after the fortieth day of the legislative session, except appropriation bills and bills pertaining to defense of the state or nation except by consent of four-fifths of the members present, obtained on roll call.

Submitted by the legislature—World War Veterans' State Aid Fund, Constitutional Amendment—Purpose: To issue bonds not to exceed three per cent of the assessed valuation of any property in the state to raise money to be loaned in amounts of not more than \$4000 or paid as a bonus of \$15 for each month of active service but not exceeding \$500 to each honorably discharged resident of Oregon who served in the United States army, navy or marine corps, between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918; to levy an additional annual tax of two mills to pay principal and interest of such bonds; and ratifying correlative legislative enactments.

Submitted to the legislature—Emergency Clause Veto, Constitutional Amendment—Purpose: To amend section 15-a of article V of the constitution of the state of Oregon, empowering the governor to veto provisions in bills which declare emergencies without thereby affecting any other provisions of such bills. Such power to be in addition to the power to veto single items in appropriation bills.

Submitted by the legislature—Hygienic Marriage Examination and License Bill—Purpose: To require both applicants for marriage license to submit to and pass an examination by a regularly licensed and competent physician as to their health in regard to contagious or communicable venereal disease and mentality, and in case of failure to pass such examination prohibiting marriage unless one or both applicants are rendered sterile to establish requirements of physician's certificate and providing for an appeal from order of county clerk denying a license.

Submitted by the legislature—Women Jurors and Revised Jury Law—Purpose: To permit women to serve as jurors; to provide a special notice by which women may release themselves from jury service; to require the names of qualified jurors to be ascertained from the latest tax roll and registration books and any other sources of official information; to require the proportional selection of jurors to be made from the registration books as well as from the assessment roll; to require at least one-half of the trial jury to be women in criminal actions involving a minor under eighteen years of age either as defendant or complaining witness.

CANADIANS TO BAR HEARST'S PUBLICATIONS

TORONTO, Ont., April 30.—Shortly before adjournment of the Ontario legislature Saturday R. A. Fowler, member for Lennox secured unanimous vote of the members present in favor of his resolution that all Hearst publications should be excluded from circulation in Canada.

BOND MEASURE CARRIES; LIGHT VOTE WAS CAST

The voters of Oregon City gave the council authority to meet the city's obligations yesterday, when they voted favorably by a majority of around 100 for the new bond issue. The number of votes cast were light however, and 230 were recorded at the polls in the four wards. Under the verdict of yesterday, the city council will be able to meet \$30,000 indebtedness due and float a new issue to take care of the amount, until such time as the money is available to finally cancel the obligation.

The voters by wards was as follows: ward No. 1, 36 for, 16 against; ward 2, 53 for, 5 against; ward No. 3, 40 for, 14 against; ward No. 4, 35 for, 31 against.

Councilmen at West Linn ask American Labor At the regular meeting of the West Linn council held Wednesday night, and West Linn are complimenting the West Linn council and mayor on the action taken.

Other business to come up before the council was the erection of the proposed new Clackamas county hospital at West Linn, sponsored by Drs. Meissner, C. A. and G. A. Stuart, Ross Eaton, Strickland, Huycke, O. A. Welch, and a committee made up from the Oregon City physicians mentioned above appeared at the session and asked for the council's support regarding the new institution. Councilmen Bittner, McDonald and Williams were named as a committee to help facilitate the speedy construction of the new hospital and they will meet in the offices of Dr. Pickens in this city tonight to discuss the project.

RAID RESULTS IN 50 GALLONS MASH, FORD

Sheriff Wilson and deputies Long and Hughes made a raid on the home of one Linford Isaacson at Bell Station last night and found over 50 gallons of mash ready for stilling on the premises. Isaacson pleaded guilty and was fined \$150 in the justice court. Following this arrest, the officers were returning from the scene of the raid when they ran into a "booze running" car on the highway near 82nd street. They saw a man leave the car and walk off with a suit case, and the officers started in pursuit. The man was found to be carrying only some clothing, however, and the officers returned to the car to find the driver gone. Upon search of the machine, 2 quarts of liquor were found, and the sheriff brought the car, which is a Ford back to this city. The owner lives in Corvallis and he can have his car—maybe, if he reports back to this city for a conference with the authorities here.

Class At O. A. C. To Criticise Letters of Professional Men

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 30.—Criticizing professional sales and credit letters put out by leading commercial establishments of the country is a task being undertaken by the advance classes of business correspondence at the college under Carl Naether, instructor in English, who has had wide experience in training salesmen in handling sales and credit letters.

WILLAMETTE MAY BE CLOSED TO NETS

SECTION NORTH OSWEGO CAUGHT IN NEAT POCKET

A peculiar situation has developed over the filling in of the trestle just north of Oswego by the Southern Pacific company recently, and an area of about 40 acres containing some of the highest residences in that neighborhood have been caught in what one may term a "pocket." When the S. P. company filled in the approaches to the trestle rather than construct better ones at an additional expense, the citizens living in that section did not become aware that the road would be shut off leading out of the district until it was too late, and then they fairly yelled for help from the county court.

The members of the county court were called out to the affected district by the residents, and asked to find a way wherein they could get out with a road. Representatives of the S. P. company and county court went over the territory yesterday, and after considerable difficulty in diagnosing the trouble, found that the road could be built out of the section crossing the railroad tracks halfway to the bridge, or fill-in. Two plausible approaches could be constructed, the court found, but both would cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, which the court refused to allow, if a way could be found to cheapen the building of a different road. However, the court and S. P. officials left with the understanding that the road would be built as suggested, and at very little expense. The taxpayers affected were satisfied with the plan as outlined by the court, although it is reported that the S. P. officials did not like the idea of having another crossing over their tracks to take care of.

COMMISSION AND COURT ARRIVING AT SETTLEMENT

Indications point to an early understanding between the state highway commission and the county court of Clackamas county over the negotiations involving the construction of a new bridge across the Willamette connecting Oregon City and West Linn, the settlement of claims against the county on the part of the state for the cost of grading and bridges on the Pacific highway and the share that this county is expected to contribute toward the construction of the Mount Hood loop road. Negotiations have reached a point where the only difference involved is the question of five per cent interest on deferred payments by the county, and the county court will probably ask that West Linn and Oregon City guarantee the same rate of interest on \$50,000 which the two cities have agreed to contribute, but for which funds are not immediately available.

It is also understood that the commission will accept bonds for \$105,000 to apply on the new bridge, and that the county will agree to pay \$45,000 more, plus the contribution of West Linn and Oregon City of \$50,000. The joint committee from the Live Wires and the twin cities, M. D. Latourette, L. L. Porter and Dr. Hugh S. Mount, have had several conferences with the county court and have a feeling of optimism that the negotiations that have been pending for many months show signs of early termination.

Governor Sets May 22-28 As Forest Week

SALEM, Or., April 29.—Governor Olcott, acting at the request of President Harding, has designated the week May 22 to 28, inclusive, as forest protection week.

PORTLAND, April 29.—To close the Willamette river to commercial fishing and leave the stream for anglers is a motion which will be made at the next meeting of the state fish commission by Chris Schmidt, of Astoria. This proposed motion of Commissioner Schmidt will anticipate the talked of proposal of the Live Wires and Chamber of Commerce of Oregon City to have the river so closed through the initiative. The prospective closing of the Willamette river to commercial fishing is an outgrowth of the disputes and troubles which have occurred near the falls in the past few days.

The state fish commission looks after the commercial end of fishing and the proposal to eliminate the Willamette as a commercial stream will be a somewhat drastic and disciplinary measure. The commission has, it was said, power to close the stream if it sees fit. Closing the Willamette will cause some loss in revenues, but this loss is considered of small consequence when compared with the advantages of spreading peace along the stream.

The season in the Columbia opens Sunday night. The season in the Willamette does not open until May 10. Master Fish Warden Shoemaker plans reinforcing the patrol in the Willamette with two power patrol boats now in service on the larger stream. With the opening of the Columbia season, the patrol boats will not be required there, and they will double the protection on the Willamette.

As the fish commission meets again May 12, two days after the open season in the Willamette, the commission may then throw up the bars and cut off the commercial fishermen. Sentiment in favor of closing the Willamette has been growing for some time. There have been growing controversies between the anglers and the commercial fishermen for many seasons and the warden service frequently has been called into play resulting in arrests and prosecutions and sometimes convictions of offenders. The recent battle royal when about 30 fishermen were said to have swarmed the patrol boats and three fishermen were said to have threatened to throw a couple of wardens into the river, with the resultant stone throwing and use of firearms, all this appears to have caused a climax and crystallized sentiment for closing the stream.

While about 18 nets have been picked up by the warden service, Mr. Shoemaker does not believe that many fish have been caught illegally for the reason that the fish were not in the river. But when came backwater from the Columbia and the fish in the Willamette retreated to Willamette slough and loafed there and in the Columbia. This is the explanation why so few fish have been caught by anglers and why most of the nets picked up by the officers have been empty.

CUT IN WAGES ANNOUNCED BY 2 PAPER MILLS

A flat 20 per cent cut in wages has been announced by both the Crown Willamette Paper Co. and the Hawley Pulp & Paper Co., effective May 1. The mills here have been paying a minimum wage for unskilled labor of \$4.32 per day of eight hours, and the new scale will carry with a minimum wage of \$3.46. Skilled labor will be cut in proportion on the same 20 per cent basis.