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FEW BIDS ON WILLAMETTE BRIDGE MADE CONTRACTORS DO NOT WANT MORE WORK.

Oregon City Project Referred Back to Engineer for Minor Changes

PORTLAND, Or., June 28.—Although a rather big project of its kind, there was very little bidding on the proposed bridge across the Willamette river at Oregon City. A. Guthrie & Co., bidding \$213,602.50, was low bidder. While the bid was considered satisfactory, it was referred to the bridge engineer for some minor adjustments. In making this explanation to the crowd of contractors in the room, R. A. Booth chairman, took occasion to compliment the Clackamas county court for the fine spirit displayed in the negotiations and publicly thanked Judge Cross and his associates.

Agreement is Reached. Negotiations between the commission and the county have covered a long period and at the first of the year the situation was about as bad as it could be, but it has all been worked out to the satisfaction of the parties concerned. The proposed new structure will replace the present suspension bridge, which was erected some 30 years ago at a cost of \$25,000. The present bridge was not built to withstand the demands of modern traffic.

\$8,000,000 Under Contract. There is a growing disposition on the part of the members of the state highway commission to apply the brakes on the new work for a few months. About \$8,000,000 of work is now under contract. The reasons for the feeling among the commissioners can be summarized thus:

Bids opened yesterday disclosed an inclination to climb the inference being that the contractors have all the work they need and are bidding higher than their bidding were prompted by necessity.

Much Money Involved. PORTLAND, Or., June 28.—The state highway commission held a \$6,000,000 session here today.

It will sell bonds valued at \$1,500,000; let contracts for bridges, road grading and regular hard-surface paving that will total about \$1,500,000, and it is expected that it will meet the counties that recently voted highway bonds of more than \$3,000,000 on a fifty-fifty basis.

Oregon City Job Big. The most important bridge contract to be awarded is that for building a steel and concrete structure across the Willamette river at Oregon City. The successful contractor will have to get his substructure work done without interfering with traffic until January 1, 1922, at which time the bridge will be closed and a ferry will have to be used until the work is completed. It is thought it will take at least eighteen months to do this work, perhaps longer.

Another important part of the bridge contracts that will be bid on will be a series on the Mount Hood loop, work on which is now going on. This work will consist of twelve culverts and three viaducts.

LEGION RESOLUTION ON LABOR ENDORSED

Announcing as their policy the employment of none but American citizens in their plant, representatives of the Crown-Willamette Pulp and Paper company appeared at the American Legion meeting Wednesday night endorsing the resolution which Willamette Falls post will present to the state convention June 1-2.

The resolution asks the state to establish a preference for American citizens and ex-service men never aliens when employing labor on state work, especially the highways. The resolution was approved last night by the local post.

The Crown-Willamette mills representative stated that the company, which has 1200 men upon its payroll is at present employing only American citizens, and that it intended to continue this policy.

MANY AIDED BY WORK OF LOCAL RED CROSS: SCOPE IS EXTENSIVE

Bonuses Are Applied for from 18 States by Oregon City Residents.

Applications for soldiers' bonuses in every state which offers them have been made for ex-service men by the local branch of the Red Cross.

An application for a bonus under the Michigan state law was filed out today by Miss C. B. Pratt, home service secretary here, for a man working in one of the Oregon City mills. Eighteen states, according to Miss Pratt, are offering bonuses and someone from this city has been entitled to apply under all of them.

Eighteen Offer Help. Under most of the laws, residence after the period of service is not taken into consideration, and many men are taking advantage of state aid from the districts in which they enlisted. The eighteen states offering ex-service men either cash bonuses, loans or a choice of the two in some form are Oregon, Michigan, South Dakota, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Massachusetts, Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin and Washington.

Since the war, according to Miss Pratt, the work of the Red Cross has been confined mainly to aiding of the soldiers to return to an even footing. Special care is being taken of those incapacitated, or families of men detained in the service and those in the hospitals. Miss Pratt's work covers the entire county and she has numerous cases on record requiring the constant attention of the Red Cross. A number of Clackamas county men who contracted tuberculosis while in the service are being cared for and some few cases of mental unbalance due to being gassed are being treated from here in the hospitals operated by the federal government in the state of Washington.

Training is Offered. The federal vocational training has been extended to a number of Clackamas men through the efforts of the Red Cross which has also taken care of a number of pressing cases which were not encompassed by the governmental provisions.

Work of this nature, says Miss Pratt still offers a tremendous field. The association has been hampered by lack of adequate funds with which to conduct its activities and has confined most of its efforts to the gathering together of the loose threads of the social fabric, rent by the world war, and weaving them together into the life and progress of the country today.

NEW GYMNASIUM WILL BE BUILT WITH LOCAL MATERIAL AND LABOR

Work on the new school gymnasium here, the contract for which has been let to the Hord-Brooks Company of Portland, will be done largely by local contract, according to the announcement of R. W. Jones, representative of the company who was here Tuesday.

Carpenters and other laborers will be employed locally and different parts of the job will be done by contract, the work going to local firms wherever possible.

The contract for the construction of the building amounts to \$29,957. The company, according to Mr. Jones, is anxious to receive bids on the work of excavating, the painting and plastering.

Material, as far as possible, will be purchased locally. The lumber for the building will come from the Willamette Lumber company. It is possible that the brick used will be bought from the Wm. Knopp company if it comes up to the required specifications.

The Spirit of Non-Performance

A veteran high school principal was speaking recently of the great numbers of young men of his acquaintance who had been willing to work long hours so as to get a start in life. But since the war, he said, people seem to be banded together to have an easy time and to accomplish as little for themselves as possible for the largest pay.

There is a story going the rounds of a man who was employed on war work during the period of inflation and extravagance, and who was asked how he liked his job. He said he didn't like it. "Don't you get good pay?" they asked him. "O, yes," he said, "I get very large pay." "But perhaps you have to work too hard," they asked. "O, no," he said, "I don't have to work more than half the time." "Well, what is the matter then," they inquired of him, "if you get high pay and only have to work half the time?"

"Well, you see," he said, "I don't like to be watched so close. There's a fellow there that follows me around all the time watching me, and I don't like to be watched that way." Later he pointed out a mysterious and uncommunicative individual who at that moment was hanging around near by. "That man?" they replied. "Why that fellow is your helper. He has to follow you round so as to help you when you need it."

This story, like the reported death of Mark Twain, might be greatly exaggerated yet it does give some idea of conditions as they existed during the war period among many people. There was the spirit of doing as little as you can for the highest possible pay. It produced costly conditions of production that lifted prices up to the highest level ever known, and which made great numbers of people unable to buy.

This inability to buy commodities produced on this abnormal level, cut down consumption, and led to the unemployment recently existing. This is a working world, and unless most people are willing to take hold and "do with their might what their hands find to do" conditions will be abnormal and the industrial machine will run irregularly.

ACTION TAKEN BY COURT TO RID COUNTY OF PEST

Control of the Canada Thistle in Clackamas county is to be accomplished by concentrated action under the official jurisdiction of the county court.

The court Thursday issued an order declaring Clackamas county a weed-control district, appointing Sheriff Wilson weed inspector.

This action was taken at the request of the Farm Bureau, which has been receiving complaint from farmers, who say that their crops are endangered by persons who have been allowing the weed to spread on their land.

The court is invested with the right to declare a weed-control district and force the destruction of all obnoxious weeds.

Upon notice from the weed inspector the farmers are expected to destroy such weeds upon their premises.

The Canadian thistle pest is one which numerous counties in Oregon, especially on the coast, have to contend with. Once started, the weed is difficult to eradicate and is practically ruinous to pasture land. The only way in which it can be controlled is by united action throughout a district, preventing its spread into pastures and plots where it has already been eradicated.

The court two years ago declared the county a weed-control district and the county agent was appointed weed inspector. Due to the fact that the organization was inefficient, no strides were made in the eradication of the pest.

AUTOMOBILE PARK IS FORMALLY DEDICATED AT MEETING OF WIRES

Last Gathering of Season Held At New Camp Ground Near Canemah

The Oregon City Automobile park at Canemah was formally dedicated last night when the Live Wires of the Commercial club met there for their last luncheon of the present season until next September.

The park is one of the projects which the Live Wires "put over" during the year. They secured the lease of the land, collected the money to make the improvements, and turned the entire affair over to the city as a public benefit.

More than eighty persons, Live Wires, their friends and ladies, were present at the dinner, served by the Commercial club steward Monday evening. Members of the organization spoke upon the progress made by the Wires during the past year, citing as characteristic accomplishments the park itself, the securing of an unimproved paved road between the West Linn bridge and the railroad on the Pacific highway, the furthering of the paving program in Oregon City and other similar projects. The Wires have been particularly interested in good roads.

A motion was passed by the Wires asking the county court, city council and water board to appropriate funds for the upkeep of the park, supplementing the contributions made by private citizens.

J. W. Exon of Monitor, spoke on the Monitor-Barlow improvement. He objected strongly to the proposed route for the Estacada connection, bringing it into Market Road No. Two.

Everett Huhman, commercial manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, spoke at the meeting and authorized the local representatives of the company to make a donation to the park fund.

Case Filed to Test Sterilization Law

SALEM, Or., June 28.—A test case, to determine the power of the state board of eugenics and the scope of the sterilization act, is contemplated in an action filed here today on behalf of Jacob Cline, an inmate of the state penitentiary, by Tom Garand, Portland attorney.

"This law, if carried out," reads a section of the demurrer filed in the circuit court, "is an attempt at paternalism on the part of the government, that has never been attempted by the soviet or socialistic systems, in their wildest moments."

Somebody Had to Win Bill and W. A. Settle Scores on July 17th

Bill Harris and W. A. Practor may be Damon and Pythias in the county court but they're arch enemies on the baseball diamond.

Since the two county commissioners have gone in for the great American national pastime, Judge Cross says that he can't get any work out of them at all.

They've both got a baseball team. Bill's bunch from Sandy passed out a 11 to 5 defeat to W. A.'s Beaver Creek nine last Sunday. And they're all primed for a return game July 17 at Clatsop.

After the game Sunday, W. A. wanted to play again because he thought that the defeat was an accident, and Bill wanted to play again to show that his victory was really intentional.

At any rate, wood will meet horsehide on the 17th.

MANY APPLY FOR JOBS UNDER NEW BONUS LAW

SALEM, Or., June 28.—More than 50 applications have been received by the secretary of state and other officials for positions as attorneys and appraisers in the various counties of Oregon under the so-called soldiers' bonus measure, passed at the last session of the legislature and made operative through a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the special election June 7.

The bonus law provides that these attorneys shall receive not to exceed \$10 for examining each abstract submitted by ex-service men making application for loans under the act. The fees for this work shall be paid by the applicants. It was estimated that the aggregate fees for examining these abstracts will exceed \$200,000 in the state.

The appraisers, under the act, shall establish the value of all property offered as collateral by persons seeking loans. The compensation for this work will be paid out of an appropriation of \$30,000 authorized by the legislative act making the bonus possible.

Both the appraisers and the attorneys will be named by the soldiers' big commission, which is composed of Governor Olcott, Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state; George A. White, adjutant-general, and two ex-service men named by the executive.

PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND IS EXPECTED

Recommendation of the purchase of a tract of land near the high school for a municipal playground is expected to grow out of a conference held Monday between committees of the school board and council appointed to investigate the project.

The plan under consideration is the joint purchase by the city and school board of the E. A. Hugh block and part of the adjoining Barnholzer block, which is one block east of the high school, extending from Twelfth through Eleventh street which is unimproved into the middle of the block between Tenth and Eleventh. The property would then be improved and made a free public playground, especially designed to meet the needs of the younger generation both during the school year and the vacation period.

City Asked for \$3000. The matter was brought before the council at its special session June 23 by Dr. L. A. Morris, a committee from the Live Wires, the city was asked to appropriate \$3000 for the purchase of half the Hugh block, while the school board was to be asked to buy the remainder of the desired property for the sum of \$4800.

It is planned to place the administration of the playgrounds in the hands of the school board.

Councilman F. Albright, Richard Putzold, Frank Cross and O. D. Eby were appointed by Mayor Shannon to report at the next regular meeting of the council. The committee from the school board was composed of J. A. Rake and Roy T. Cox.

Meeting to Be Today. Another joint meeting is to be held by the committee today to determine the tentative plans for the improvement and act on its preliminary approval or rejection. Reports of the findings of the joint committee will be presented to the board and the council.

The tract which is being considered for the playground, is according to Dr. Morris, the only available centrally located piece of property on the hill which is large enough and suitable for the purpose intended. It measured 270 by 464 feet. Yesterday the committees visited the lots and looked over the entire field subsequent to the presentation of their combined report.

DIVORCE SUIT FILED.

A divorce complaint was filed today against Della L. Browning by Alec C. Browning. Incompatibility is alleged.

LACK OF FUNDS HOLDS UP AUDIT OF SCHOOL BOOKS: LAW INUTILE

County Court Won't Shoulder Expense Imposed by New Statute.

According to law the books of the clerk of each school district in Oregon must be audited. They must be audited once a year. A statute enacted at the last session of the legislature makes this provision.

But because accountants won't work overtime for nothing the books will not be audited. In all its wisdom the legislature forgot to provide some method for payment for the work.

The matter came up in Clackamas county and in accordance with the law, Superintendent Brenton Vedder ordered all school clerks to turn in their accounts to the boundary board consisting of the county court and the school superintendent. The books were to be in, according to the law, by the first Monday of July.

The matter was taken up in the county court and having no funds available for this work, the court refused to pay for the audit. There are over 130 districts in the county and a separate audit would have been required for each one. This would bring the costs of the audit to several thousand dollars.

What can be done about it has not been decided. Superintendent Vedder has notified all school clerks that it will not be necessary to send in their books. The statute assumes the position of a law which prohibits something, but which provides no penalty.

Audits of the books of first class districts, under which classification Oregon City comes, are made by the districts themselves.

The district includes the auditing expense in its budget, and will not be materially affected by a new law or the lack of its enforcement.

Marketing Talked By Farm Leaders; Fruit to Be Studied

A meeting of the leaders of the market project of the farm bureau of Clackamas county was held at the office of County Agent W. A. Holt on Tuesday afternoon, when the various market problems confronting the members were given consideration.

E. B. Plitts of the dairy department of the O. A. C. will spend the remainder of the week in Clackamas county holding meetings in the various various neighborhoods, his topic at the meetings pertaining to the feeding and care of dairy cattle.

E. C. Brown of Carus, horticultural project leader of the farm bureau, and County Agent Holt were appointed a committee to make a survey of the fruit industry here. Mr. Brown will make a systematized study of the acreage and crop, possibilities of the county with the purpose of placing the industry upon a footing where co-operative marketing is possible.

Tuesday evening he will meet the farmers of the Stafford neighborhood. Wednesday afternoon he will attend the session of Pomona grange at Maple Lane. Wednesday evening the meeting will be at Clarkes in the union hall.

Thursday the afternoon meeting will be held at 2 o'clock at the Deep Creek school house. The night will be held at Sandy.

Friday afternoon the meeting will be at Colton with the evening session at Wilsonville.

Saturday afternoon the meeting will be at Logan and in the evening at Redland.

Rosemont Plans Big Fourth Celebration

A Fourth of July celebration will be held by the Rosemont Community club at the William Robinson farm. Among the features will be jive dancing, sports of various kinds and fire works in the evening.

All are requested to bring lunch baskets and to bring cups for the coffee that is to be served in the evening. Arrangements are in the hands of the committee appointed to take charge of the big event.

A hard times party was given at the Robinson farm last Saturday evening was a big success. The affair was planned to be held at the Solo's farm, but owing to the condition of the roads due to rain, it was impossible to give the affair at that place.

MULINO MAN MISSING; IS FOUND DEAD

J. D. WILKERSON TAKES HIS OWN LIFE Suicide Follows Depression; Disappears Friday Leaving Note

J. D. Wilkerson of Mulino, a former resident of Canby, and mail carrier for a number of years, was found dead Tuesday afternoon near his home, having committed suicide by cutting an artery with a pen knife.

Searching parties had made every effort to locate Mr. Wilkerson since his disappearance from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Schatzman, residing near Mulino, an done of the neighbors by the name of Causon, found the man about 4 o'clock.

Mr. Wilkerson was employed for a short time at Wilhoit, where improvements were being made, and a few days later returned to the home his daughter, seemingly much depressed. On Friday he disappeared, leaving behind his favorite pipe, watch and coat, and also a note, telling his relatives that he would never see them again; that he was going away. It was feared that he drowned himself in the Molalla river, and search had been made in that vicinity, and continued until this afternoon when the remains were found in a wooded section.

Coroner O. A. Pace of this city, was called to the scene of the suicide, but only an inquiry was made as it was a plain case of suicide.

Deceased was about 63 years of age and is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Schatzman, living near Mulino, two sons, Ray and Charles, whose whereabouts are unknown; a stepson, Eugene Falkner, of Canby, and a brother, Sam Wilkerson, of Canby, and other relatives in Clackamas county. A daughter, Mrs. Wannell, resides in Minnesota.

MILLIONS ARE SPENT ON IMPROVEMENT OF NATION'S HIGHWAYS

Reports to the Asphalt association, New York, show the extent to which the highway construction program of the nation is getting under way at this early stage of the season. During the week ending April 23, 1921, a total of 187 contracts for new roads and streets were awarded, involving an expenditure of \$17,857,204. During the week ending April 16, a total of 132 contracts were let, amounting to \$14,512,728.

Road and street construction is leading all other building industries. For the two weeks mentioned, road and street contracts were let to the amount of \$32,370,032, water supply contracts to the extent of \$4,826,466, sewerage and sanitary contracts to the extent of \$8,264,839 and bridge contracts to the amount of \$2,381,487.

It will be seen from these figures that the amount of money being spent for highway work is more than double the amount being spent on all the other public improvements combined. It is nearly eight times the value of water supply work, nearly four times the value of the sewerage work and nearly sixteen times that of the bridge work. Eleven Southern states during the week ending April 16 let highway contracts alone amounting to \$2,977,982.

Advertisements all of Clackamas county. This was the policy adopted by the Realty board at their regular meeting Monday night when final plans were laid for the sending of a representative east to accompany the home-seekers' special back to Oregon.

Gordon J. Taylor has been selected to make the trip. He will leave here July 6, coming back on the train made up of 300 easterners looking for farming locations in the west, which leaves Omaha July 19.

A pamphlet on Clackamas county is to be issued, dealing with the advantages and resources of the entire county. In outlining their policy, the realtors decided to conduct their advertising along broad lines, embracing and benefiting the entire county.

The expense of sending the representative to Omaha will be born by the realtors, but the expense of publishing the general pamphlet will fall upon the communities of the county in proportion to the benefit which will accrue from it. The cost, which is to be slight, will be met by subscription.

REALTORS PLANNING TO BOOST ENTIRE COUNTY