

MANY BID ON ROAD WORK; PRICES LOW

CONTRACTORS VIE FOR HIGHWAY JOBS

Clackamas County Makes Bid On Mount Hood Loop; Canby Paving Up

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 30.—So many bids were submitted for road work to the state highway commission yesterday that the commission was occupied all day and last evening opening the proposals.

Scores and scores of bids, a veritable flood of them, were received for some 80 miles of road work and a large number of bridges. The tabulating force of the department will have the bids analyzed for the commission today and awards will be made.

Judging from a hasty examination of figures, the bids, as a whole were declared exceptionally good, which means that the prices offered were reasonably low.

Loop Work Important PORTLAND, Aug. 30.—Bids were opened by the state highway commission for the improvement of approximately 80 miles of highway in various sections of the state and a number of bridges.

The principal project on which bids were received was the graveling of the Mt. Hood loop in Clackamas county, between the Multnomah county line and Salmon river, a distance of approximately 19 miles.

This section is now being graded. On the Hood River county end of the Mt. Hood loop bids were received for grading five miles of the Booth hill section.

Canby Makes Protest A protest was presented to the commission by the City of Canby, against being forced to pay for the laying of the pavement on the Pacific highway through the town.

When the contract was let, no agreement was made with Canby, and the stipulation was included that the section of the road through Canby might be canceled and the improvement abandoned in the event that no agreement could be reached.

The city of Canby claims that as the road goes through a portion of the city where the actual benefit to adjacent property is small, it should not be asked to pay such a large amount.

SPECIAL FESTIVITIES PLANNED FOR CLUBS

Labor Day, September 5, when the first annual picnic of the Clackamas Farm bureau is held, will be County Club day. Mrs. L. Purcell, Clackamas County Club leader, has extended a special invitation to all of the boys and girls in the county to attend the picnic.

With the making of the farm bureau picnic an annual affair, the annual club day is also instituted. Demonstration work by the boys and girls clubs, and the juvenile end of the program will be features of the day.

A special program of athletics and demonstrations has been arranged by Mrs. Purcell, who Friday sent out personal invitations to all of the club members to "come and bring their parents."

The program for the day follows:

Morning 50 yard dash—Big Club members; Relay race—2 girls and 2 boys in a team—as many teams as wish may enter; three-legged race—boys; potato race—girls—all up; wheel barrow race—boys; girls' base ball throwing contest.

Afternoon Song—Damascus Canning Club, canning demonstration; Song—Oak Grove Cookery Club; Address—H. C. Seymour, State Club leader.

Mrs. Matt Wilson, of Colton, was among the Oregon City visitors Monday.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BECOMING CENTER OF GUERNSEY BREEDERS

Progress of Local Cattle Men Pointed Out by National Club Representative

Clackamas county is rapidly becoming one of the cattle centers which will ultimately be called on to meet the growing demand for pure bred guernseys, according to E. L. Westover, western representative of the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Mr. Westover was in Oregon City Monday, where he attended a meeting of the Clackamas County Guernsey Cattle club, and aided them in laying their plans for exhibiting stock at the Pacific International Livestock show, and the local fair to be held in Canby this September.

Mr. Westover, whose headquarters are in Portland, has charge of the activities of the national club in eleven western states. The large part of his time is spent in traveling over his territory and viewing the activities of the different clubs and cattle associations.

Clackamas county, says Mr. Westover, has made wonderful strides in the breeding of the guernseys during the past few years. From a membership which included only a few ranchers, the local guernsey club has grown until their list approximates three figures. Registered cattle have been put on the ranches, modern systems of business accounting and farm methods have been installed, and the production, both in cattle and dairy produce has been creditable.

The demand for the guernsey cattle, according to Mr. Westover, is far greater than the supply. Not only is there a call for stock locally, but the national market is large. The stock was introduced in the eastern part of the United States, and the early demand for guernseys in the Atlantic states has made the building up of the herds in the west a somewhat slow process. Mr. Westover attributes the growing demand for the guernseys to the fact that the stock is one of the heartiest of breeds, and that the quality of production is far above that of any other cow. Guernsey whole milk has a desirable cream content of from five to twelve cents a gallon. With this quality of production, the cost of feeding and maintaining the cattle, Mr. Westover says, has been demonstrated to be actually lower than the cost of keeping cattle of any other breed under similar conditions.

In the course of time, Mr. Westover believes, Clackamas county and the State of Oregon will be large producing centers of guernsey cattle. Comparative figures show a steadily increasing demand from the time of their introduction into the country—a demand which has grown far faster than the supply. Mr. Westover's work is mainly the visiting of the districts where the cattle are being raised and through the cooperative work of the American Club and in an advisory capacity he is aiding the development of such centers where the possibilities of production are good and breeders are manifesting a genuine interest in the promotion of the raising of the guernsey.

Horses Signed for Big Racing Card at Fair in September

A number of the fastest horses on the track in the state, and from the northwest will run in the fair at Canby September 14, 15, 16 and 17. Edward Fortune, who for the past number of years has been in charge of the races, has just returned from the Western Washington fair which is being held at Chehalis, and after conferring with a number of the best known horsemen there who were interested and expect to attend the fair here, he feels sure that the racing program will be one of the best ever staged.

At the fair, says Mr. Fortune, the attendance was large and the exhibit of cattle and horses was very fine. "But they have nothing on Clackamas" he added. "Their good roads and auto park are a big attraction, but this county is able to furnish as good accommodations as any in this respect."

The exhibit of sheep and poultry as well as the juvenile displays at the Centralia fair were very good, he says.

Mr. Fortune expects a large list of horses to enter here, and among them are the following:

Trotters and pacers—Nuristo, Howard's Comet, Lady Sinius, Ike, Hal Brown, Graces Greeting, Kinney Wave, Ted Patch, Teddy Ham, Fat Hal, Salem Girl, Glory, Hallie Wealth, Zondale, Jennie W, On Voyage, Mollie Queen and Guy Light.

Runners are: Lady Ashton, Phillis S, Sweet Tooth, Dr. Manchest, Princess Bell, Red Boy, Belfry, Jenette M, Klaskina, Marguerite, besides several others.

VIOLATOR IS FINED Wesley Foumel, arrested Wednesday morning by Officer Wasenblast for running on Main street with a cutout open, was fined \$5 by Judge Kelly in police court Thursday morning.

Worth All It Cost

The marked importance of the Pacific highway as a main traffic artery through Clackamas county is indicated by the fact that more vehicles crossed the New Era bridge, a few miles south of Oregon City, than at any point in Oregon in a given time. With an average of three days count, 1,932 vehicles crossed the structure between 6 a. m. and 10 p. m. The Pacific highway one mile south of Medford was second, with 1,688 vehicles, and Sunnyside, two miles north of Freewater, on the Oregon-Washington highway, ranked third, with 1,564.

Several years ago, when an effort was made to designate the west side Pacific highway as the main road between Portland and Salem, a delegation from Oregon City argued for the retention of the original route as mapped by the Pacific highway association, with little thought of the density of the traffic to come, but with the tourist asset in mind, and certainly without the vision that Clackamas would lead the state with the greatest amount of travel. It is undoubtedly true that the figures will double with the completion of the paving between West Linn and the Multnomah county line and the construction of the Willamette river bridge at Oregon City, taking into consideration also the normal increase in the number of motor cars.

The tabulation made by the state highway commission shows a total of 41,126 vehicles passing specific points during a 16 hour period, distributed as follows: Horse drawn vehicles, 1,541; motorcycles, 488; Oregon passenger cars, 29,949; passenger cars from other states, 5,964; light duty trucks, 1,870; heavy trucks, 1,314. Passenger cars from Oregon hold a percentage of 72.8 and cars from other states rank second, with 14.5 per cent. The figures demonstrate that a vehicle passed over the New Era bridge every 30 seconds during the entire 16 hours covered by the survey, and that 236 cars came from states other than Oregon.

Clackamas county has expended a large sum of money in cooperation with the state on the Pacific highway, and it is evident that the road is worth all it has cost.

SCHOOL AUDIT COST IS FAR BELOW FIRST ESTIMATE FOR WORK

One District Pays Bill of \$18; Smallest Expense is Forty-one Cents

The cost of auditing the books of the Clackamas county school clerks, as required by the new state law, was far less expensive than was originally estimated. The bill for the audit, including the services of the accountant, and postage, totaled \$321.62.

The books of 132 districts were audited, and the time of audit charged against each district. The most expensive audit as that of one district where the accounts were in badly muddled state, the bill being \$18. The exact opposite of this was the bill against one small district which transacts but very little business during the year. The accounts were in good shape, and it required but a half-hour to check them over. A member of the school board called for them, doing away with the item of postage. The auditor's bill was forty-one cents.

The total figure given does not include the cost of auditing the books of Oregon City, which is a first class district, and employs a separate auditor.

When the law requiring the audit was first passed it was expected that the cost would run at least twice as high as it has. Next year, with the books in shape, and the clerks operating under a standardized system, it is expected that the expense will be considerably below what it was this year.

Picnic Planned by Local Jersey Club

The Clackamas County Jersey Cattle club will hold its regular meeting on Saturday, September 2nd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Seely at Wilsonville. The forenoon will be spent in viewing the Seely Jersey herd and in an important business meeting.

Many topics regarding the Clackamas Jersey exhibits at the fall fairs will be discussed and decided upon. Clackamas county has been asked to furnish 5 head of R. of M. Jersey females for the Golden Rule Jersey sale to be held during the International fall fair. At noon, all will enjoy a picnic dinner.

O. L. Hawley, State Dairy and Food Commissioner will speak on "The Dairy Cow."

A half hour will be used in impromptu speeches on Jersey subjects, so come prepared. Those present will be instructed on how to score a Jersey, by using the regulation score card. After which, a scoring contest will be held. "Bring a well filled basket and enjoy the day," is the message of Mrs. A. Malar, the club secretary.

Mrs. Ethel Rothwell has left for Woodland, Washington, where she is making her home for the present.

Many Stills Are Found In Courthouse

When Joe Powers, arrested Friday night by deputies of the sheriff's office, pleaded guilty before Judge Noble Monday to charges of making moonshine, and was fined \$250, Sheriff Wilson added to his collection of confiscated stills another complete arrangement for the manufacture of moonshine.

During the time that the sheriff has made life uncomfortable for the moonshiners, and incidentally profitable to the coffers of the county via the fine route, he has gathered together one of the most interesting collections of stills of which any prohibition officer might boast.

In a room in the courthouse basement with barred windows and a Yale padlock on the door, the sheriff has stored samples of the different collections of junk which once provided the wherewithal for the cup that cheers. There is every conceivable kind of distilling plant from demountable kitchen outfit to 50-gallon solid copper automatic water-cooled manufacturing plants. They all have been punched with holes at the vital point so as to render them useless.

It happened that Sheriff Wilson was pointing out the still used by Powers, consisting of a couple of copper wash boilers, with soldered tops, connection pipe, and coil. Someone remarked that the outfit was clever. "Here," said the sheriff, "I'll show you what used to be some good ones." Then the exhibition of the hauls made throughout the hills of Clackamas county.

There was a still, made on a novel plan by some Japanese—no coil—just a conical shaped top inserted into the wash boiler, which was kept filled with water for cooling. The steam from the mash, it was explained, hit the coil cone shaped top, and condensed, falling back into the mixture. Then there were outfits made of a small copper pot, with a cooling tube concealed in a coal oil can. Detach the tube and you have a kitchen utensil and a coal oil can, harmless enough to defy the prying disposition of any officer.

One of the prizes of the collection is a big square 50 gallon boiler—made of heavy solid copper, with a coil almost the same size, of tubing evidently twisted by machinery. This, the sheriff's deputies, accompanied by state officers, found in the hills in one of the far corners of the county. Its capacity is enough to provide whiskey for an army.

There are others, many of them—some made of wash boilers, some of pots, some of crudely fashioned copper sheet, some of large copper tubs with screw tops and finished rubber gaskets, some of galvanized iron, which it is said imparts considerable poison into the hooch, some for use in a secluded mountain spot and others to be quickly set up and dismantled over a little stove in the basement.

The stills which have been brought here represent only a small portion of the catches made. They have been brought into town when needed as evidence, and again as examples of some special or ingenious arrangement. They have all been ardently put out of commission as a matter of safety.

So Power's still has been added to the collection. The 15 gallon keg and the seven and one-half jars of moonshine as well as the 75 gallons of mash found on his place at Ellwood were destroyed. Powers' is the second place raided the last week. A still was found at Sunnyside, complete with 150 gallons of mash, but no moonshiner apprehended. The booze, and outfit were destroyed.

Young Couple Are Secretly Married

Miss Leona Kellogg and Thomas Gregory, of this city, "put one over" on their friends in this city, when they quietly slipped into Portland on August 12 where they were united in marriage. The secret of their marriage is just out, and both are receiving the best wishes of their many friends in Oregon City.

The bride, who is in the employ of the City Water collecting department at the First National bank is the younger daughter of Mrs. Etta Kellogg of this city, and a graduate of the Oregon City high school.

Mr. Gregory, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gregory, who recently took up their residence in California. They have been making their home on their farm near Oregon City. He is connected with the Twentieth Century store in this city, and before that time engaged in farming, and was also employed in the county clerk's office.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory are to make their home in Oregon City.

DOUBLE WEDDING HELD

A double wedding was held Sunday when Claud H. Harris, of Mountain View and Mary E. Johnson, of Mount Pleasant; and Aaron A. Walruff, of Eugene and Evelyn G. Miller of Oregon City were married.

Marriage licenses were issued late Saturday to Birdsell Ladd and Lura M. Robinson of this city, and Albert Swapp and Ada May Newell, of Portland.

T. V. Yanney Returns from Trip to California; Was on Str. Alaska

T. V. Yanney, manager of the local Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company plant, has always wanted to know what a ship wreck was like.

Mr. Yanney's curiosity has been satisfied. He knows. He was aboard the ill-fated Alaska when she struck Blunts reef and sunk on the night of August 6. He returned to Oregon last Wednesday, stopping at his home in Portland, and coming to Oregon City Thursday.

Over all the experiences Mr. Yanney casts a vein of humor. Two hours in the icy brine off Mendocino bay with only a pot-luck chance for one's life is little enough of a joke, but he prefers to dwell upon the peculiar incident rather than upon the hardships of the disaster.

Boat is Capsized Mr. Yanney was in one of the life boats that was capsized when it hit the water. Until he was picked up by the rescue ship Anxox, he and two other men clung to an overturned life boat. The water chilled them to a sense of numbness and the thick oil from the ship covered them. What saved many, says Mr. Yanney, was the fact that the sea, while the swell was heavy, was not running hard, and the fog was not very heavy.

Some of the pathetic things that seem humorous sound rather odd when told in the same light of the after days. Mr. Yanney tells of one wreck-age, gave vent to frantic cries when a life boat hove in sight to pick her up. "You've got to save me, 'You've got to save me, I've got a baby!" she yelled frantically. And the strange part of it was that the curt reply of the crew of the life boat evoked nothing but laughter among the wet and chilled survivors of the ship.

Crew Held Inexperienced The charges of inefficiency of the crew, Mr. Yanney in part substantiates. The sailors, although they seemed willing, were inexperienced and did not know what to do. "The charges made by the boatswain that there were only five able seamen on the ship, he says is very probably true. The men seemed sort of dazed, not knowing just where to turn their hand.

The wreck of the ship, Mr. Yanney believes, was due to the fact that the officers were not fully acquainted with the run, getting off their course. Shortly before the Alaska hit, a man sent aloft to try to locate the light ship, but the lights were not seen due to the fact that the steamer had already passed inside the reef. Then she struck. Three quarters of an hour later she blew up. Mr. Yanney's watch stopped at ten minutes to ten. When the ship exploded he was some distance away in the chill waters of the Pacific.

Cold Numbs Men With a smile Mr. Yanney describes his efforts to climb into the coat that came to his rescue. Numbbed by the big life belt around him, he experienced considerable difficulty in working his way over the side. His limbs he says, seemed to move only with the greatest difficulty and that only by concentration upon their action rather than by natural reaction.

One of the strange sights, he says, was to see the survivors that were brought in covered with a veritable blanket of oil from the ship. The oil formed a heavy skum over the water and when men and women were pulled up, almost completely enveloped them.

The Anxox reached Eureka at two in the morning. Every preparation had been made to take care of the survivors. Mr. Yanney pays high compliment to the hospitality of the Eureka people, who threw open their homes, gave the survivors new clothing, and even opened the stores on Sunday so that they could secure what they needed.

Visits in California Mr. Yanney visited for two weeks after the wreck, with his brother at Oklafile, California. They motored over the southern state, and into the interior of California. One of the most interesting places visited was the old placer mining camps. These were Columbia and Sonora, near Stockton. Here the crooked streets and folorn buildings bear witness to the once booming semi-civilization of the gold rush. Every house, says Mr. Yanney, seems to have at one time been a saloon, for the half hidden signs and devices evoke memories of the days when prohibition was unthought of.

Mr. Yanney, nothing daunted by his experience on his southern trip, came back upon the steamer Rose City. He said that there was a marked difference in the way the crew worked. The men on the north-bound boat going about their tasks with the ease born of experience. Mr. Yanney still likes the sea, as he has always liked it. But he feels convinced that next time he would rather take passage on a ship that doesn't go down.

LICENSE IS ISSUED A marriage license was issued here today to Leon E. Howard, 31, of Molalla and Ruby S. Hill, 29, of Astoria.

NEW CITY HALL SITE PROPOSED

10TH AND WATER SAID GOOD LOCATION

Many Suggestions Are Made Toward Selection of Building Place

Uncertainty surrounding the ultimate selection of a site for the new city hall, gives rise to many proposals and much advice as to the suitable location. Since the filing of the injunction suit against the McLoughlin park site there has been agitation for the use of present city hall property, property upon the hill, and various locations in the downtown district.

One of the latest plans which is to be advanced, it is understood, in the event that it is definitely decided that the hall cannot be built in McLoughlin park, is the erection of the municipal building at Tenth and Water streets, overlooking the Willamette river.

Those favoring this location present the fact that the site could be obtained without cost, simply by the vacation of the end of the thoroughfare for street purposes. The street is wide enough to accommodate fully as large a building as has been planned by the city for the park location.

It is cited further that the foot of Tenth street presents an ideal location for a fire engine, as it affords speedy access to the bluff by a straight route up Singer hill, giving also a centralized position for service to the downtown district.

It is stated that Tenth and Water would form a good building location from a structural standpoint as the rock bank of the river would provide a suitable foundation to hold up the west side of the hall.

The site is opposed by those who claim that the placing of the city hall upon the river bank is not as desirable as building it upon the hill or nearer to the heart of the present business section.

YOUNG BRIDE, DESPONDENT, KILLS SELF

Despondent over ill health, Mrs. Edna M. Crumley, 21 years old wife of W. L. Crumley, early Friday morning, shot herself through the heart.

Mrs. Crumley was staying at the home of her father-in-law, George F. Pryor, at Jennings Lodge. Sometime between midnight and two o'clock she arose from her bed, walked out into the garden and took a shotgun from an automobile in which she had been enroute to California from her home in Bunea, Washington.

Her husband awoke shortly after 2 and missed her. He aroused other people in the house, and started in search, which led to the finding of her body beside the automobile.

Mrs. Crumley, accompanied by her husband, his father and mother, brother and sister, all of Bunea, Wash., had stopped for the night at the Pryor home at Jennings Lodge. The party was on route to California in two automobiles. After supper members of the family discussed Mrs. Crumley's health, more particularly as it related to her taking care of her baby half-sister, Mrs. Pryor's child. Mrs. Crumley, who was 21 years old, said she thought she could care for the child. Other members of the family advised against it.

It is believed the young woman brooded over the discussion after retiring, and in a fit of melancholia decided to end her life. Coroner Pace, after investigating, announced that there would be no inquest.

Phone Rehearing is Ended After 32 Days

SALEM, Or., Aug. 26.—After sessions covering 32 days, the rehearing of the so-called Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company rate case reached a conclusion here at 7 o'clock tonight. Upon stipulation of the opposing attorneys, Portland received 30 days in which to prepare its brief.

After which the telephone company will have 25 days to file a reply brief. Portland then will require ten days in which to prepare and submit its reply brief.

WILL IS PROBATED

The will of Lydia A. Faulk, wife of John A. Faulk, was admitted to probate today. The deceased leaves \$100 to her daughter, Carrie E. Graham, and a similar amount to her son, Charles M. Faulk. The residue of the estate, valued at \$500 goes to her husband who is named executor.