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## FERRY ACROSS WILLAMETTE RIVER ASKED

### COMMERCIAL CLUB TO TAKE ACTION

Committee Chosen; Change In Bridge Plans to Be Requested

Ralph C. Parker, Dr. L. A. Morris and M. D. Latourette will represent the Commercial club in an effort to bring about the establishment and maintenance of a ferry across the Willamette river connecting Oregon City and West Linn. The highway commission has agreed to order the completion of the paving operations on the Pacific highway between West Linn and the Multnomah county line as soon as a guarantee of a ferry is made by the county court. It is expected that the bridge will be closed about January 1, and that bridge traffic will be interrupted for at least a year.

The Commercial club has appointed Roswell L. Holman, Linn E. Jones and William Andresen to endeavor to secure an alteration in the plans for the new bridge to provide open arches under the Oregon City end of the structure east of Water street, instead of the solid wall that is provided for in the plans.

A. E. Ruge, O. D. Eby and Clarence Farr have been appointed as a committee from the club to arrange, where possible, for the employment of local residents on the construction of the new bridge across the Willamette.

## Brumfield Enters "Not Guilty" Plea

Roseburg, Or., Sept. 6.—Dr. Richard M. Brumfield pleaded "not guilty" for the second time to the murder of Dennis Russell when his case was called here today before Judge C. B. Bingham.

The dentist's plea was a technical procedure, necessary to the transference of the case from Judge J. W. Hamilton, before whom it began, to the jurisdiction of Judge Bingham. Immediately after it had been made Brumfield's attorneys filed the application for a change of venue, about which will center the first big legal battle of the trial.

The change of venue was necessitated when the defense pleaded perjury on the part of Judge J. W. Hamilton at the beginning of the court proceedings last week. The plea automatically required Judge Hamilton to quit the trial and ask the assignment of another judge to his place.

Judge Bingham, who was named by the chief justice, arrived in Roseburg from Salem this morning. He convened court at 10 o'clock, and promptly began the removal of the technical errors incidental to the change of judges.

## Grand Jury Meets; Expect Long Session

With cases before them, the investigation of which will probably consume the better part of the week, the Clackamas county circuit court grand jury opened its session here Tuesday.

There are only a few cases which have been referred to the grand jury by the lower courts this session, and it is expected that these will be speedily disposed of. But from the large number of witnesses who have been called, a lengthy session is anticipated.

The members of the grand jury are Bernard J. Berg, Wm. Feltson, Andrew Graham, Robert Blanchard, John Ellsworth, A. J. Morrison, Walter Douglass and the bailiff, J. C. Bradley.

## First Applications For Bonus Arrive

Salem, Sept. 2.—A few scattering applications for bonus awards were received at the office of the bonus commission this morning, the fore-runners of a deluge that is expected as soon as service men appreciate the fact that applications are in order.

None of the applications will be opened, however, until Tuesday, according to Captain Harry C. Brumbaugh, secretary of the bonus commission, at which time all blanks which have been received will be dumped into a box, from which they will then be drawn for numerical positions. Thereafter all blanks will be given consecutive numbers in the order of their receipt.

## ANALYSIS OF TRADE SHOWS WAR EFFECT

Washington, Sept. 3.—"The official analysis of our foreign trade for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1921, shows clearly the effect of the world-wide trade depression that came as an aftermath of the war," says the statement which has just been issued by the Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr. "Lower prices rather than diminished quantities are to a great extent responsible for the decrease in exports from eight billion in 1920 to six and a half billion dollars in 1921.

For example, a compilation of exported commodities reduced, so far as possible, to a weight basis shows weight increases of 34 per cent for the groups of raw materials and of 37 per cent for foodstuffs in 1921 compared with 1920, with a decrease of 4 per cent for such partly or wholly manufactured articles as can be shown by weight. The final totals, including articles forming 69 per cent of the value of domestic exports in 1921, show a decrease in value of 19 per cent, but an increase in weight of 23 per cent compared with the preceding year. Department of Commerce figures are used.

"Take cotton for example: Nearly seven million bales exported in 1920 brought a little under \$1,400,000,000, while 5,400,000 bales exported this last year brought but \$600,000,000, or to express it in percentages, there was a decrease of 22 per cent in weight and of 57 per cent in value. We exported 252,000,000 pounds of dried fruits in 1920, valued at \$42,000,000, compared with 112,000,000 pounds in 1921, worth \$15,000,000.

Here again we have a decrease of but 15 per cent, while the value fell off 180 per cent. Exports of glucose, glassware, hides, tinplate, leather goods, meat and dairy products, naval stores, lumber, and many other products show decreases in value out of all proportion to the decreases in volume; while there are certain articles which show an actual increase in volume and a decrease in value, comparing the two years. For example we exported 736,000,000 pounds of oilcake and meal in 1920, worth \$28,000,000, and 846,000,000 pounds in 1921, worth \$19,000,000; and of cottonseed oil we exported the preceding year 159,000,000 pounds worth \$36,000,000, compared with 283,000,000 pounds worth \$31,000,000 in 1921.

"The Republicans forecasted a drop in exports long before they took place, and the Department of Commerce finds that the drop did not begin to make itself felt appreciably until the last half of the fiscal year. Aside from lower prices a number of other causes contributed to slowing up our export trade.

"We no longer had a practical monopoly on supplying many kinds of merchandise demanded by foreign countries.

"The devastated regions of Europe are again raising crops and are not so dependent on us for food supply. (This will doubtless be offset considerably this coming year by the demands from Russia.

"Europe's pressing needs for raw materials have been considerably assuaged.

"With exchange rates of foreign currencies depreciated to a point which made prices in dollars prohibitive, with declining imports, the impossibility of setting the balances already due the United States in gold, the difficulty of arranging further credit facilities, with cancellation of orders, rejection of goods already shipped, and collection drafts dishonored, it was impossible for exports to continue at the rate of \$500,000,000 to \$600,000,000 a month, to which they had grown during the war, and for which the Democratic Administration had the sublime frontonry to claim credit.

"Yet, the trade for 1921 was not so un satisfactory, all things considered. If exports declined 19.6 per cent, imports also fell 30.3 per cent, thus giving some relief to our own industries. That we are getting back to normalcy in trade seems assured, and the passage of the protective tariff will do much as a shock-absorber in further bringing this about."

## Seventh Street is Opened to Traffic

Seventh street, from Molalla to Monroe streets was opened to traffic Saturday.

The improvement, save for the building of about a block of "aprons," is completed. The street which on June 13 the council ordered improved, was completed nearly a month ago, but the cement had to be left to get its set.

The cost of the thoroughfare will be in the neighborhood of \$7,000. The contract price was \$4564 for the laying of the pavement, but the fact that the cement was furnished by the city will add materially to the cost. The pavement, is 18 feet in width and covers 3260 square yards of surface.

**WILL IS PROBATED**  
The will of the late Ella Skreen of Molalla was admitted to probate Saturday, and names her son Cassie J. Skreen, as the sole heir.  
W. L. Mulvey is named administrator of the estate, which is valued at \$10,500.

## CIRCUIT JUDGE DENIES DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN \$50,000 LIBEL SUIT

### Ten Days Given for Answer in Case Brought Against Local Physicians

Motion of the defendant to strike out portions of the complaint in the \$50,000 libel case of Dr. H. S. Mount against seven local doctors, was denied in an order from the circuit court signed Thursday by Judge J. U. Campbell. The defendants were given ten days in which to file their answer or to make a plea.

The suit for \$50,000 damages was filed here last February by Doctor Mount against O. A. Welsh, M. C. Strickland, A. H. Hrusko, C. H. Meissner, W. Ross Eaton, C. A. Stuart and George A. Stuart, who signed a petition to the county court, asking that the payment for an autopsy made by Dr. Mount over the body of Alex DeFord, be withheld, charging attempted graft, professional inefficiency and "profiteering reflecting upon the medical profession."

In the course of legal action, following the filing of the complaint by Doctor Mount on the basis of the charges made in the petition, the defendants filed a motion, asking that portions of the complaint referring to the specific statements made in the petition be stricken out.

The motion was argued by the lawyers several weeks ago, and Judge Campbell, before whom the case was heard, today denied the motion for the alteration of the amended complaint.

## Ultimatum to Irish Discussion Expected

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Members of the British cabinet will be called upon to reach a decision on Wednesday either to continue negotiations with Sinn Fein Ireland on the basis of "the consent of the governed," or issue an ultimatum to the Irish republicans to accept or reject the government's proposals looking to a settlement of the Irish question.

The reply of Eamonn de Valera and his associates to the latest note from Prime Minister Lloyd George, made public here yesterday, did not break off negotiations with the British government but it was admitted here today that the situation had lost none of its gravity.

There appeared to be no thought of retreat expressed in the Sinn Fein reply to the prime minister, and it seemed the situation remained as it was before the last exchange of letters between Dublin and London.

## COMMISSION PREPARES NOW FOR ROAD CONTRACTS NEXT SPRING

### Bids to Be Let This Fall So That Material and Machinery Can Be Put on Ground and Work Not Delayed.

Preparations for the spring drive in road construction, has led the state highway commission to prepare to advertise for all bids this fall or in the early winter, to enable contractors to assemble material and machinery on the job, in time to take advantage of the first good weather next year.

This program was announced by Chairman R. A. Booth of the commission at the meeting held August 30, at which bids were received for a large amount of work over the state.

While expressing satisfaction with the bids submitted, the commission let comparatively few contracts, referring most of the bids to Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer. Mr. Nunn's task is to take up these bids with the counties which are co-operating on the costs. In the matter of surfacing the Mount Hood loop from the Multnomah county line to Salmon river, J. B. Yeon, commissioner, will be the determining factor. Before a contract will be awarded for grading the first unit of the loop in Hood River county a conference will be held with the officials of this county.

**Bonds Are Sold**  
How extensive the October lettings will be is dependent on the state of the finances. The commission Thursday sold \$1,500,000 bonds, bearing 5 1/2 per cent interest, to the syndicate making the highest bid Tuesday. The offer was for \$2,500,000 but the commission was not satisfied with the tenders and decided to dispose of only \$1,500,000 and will offer the remaining \$1,000,000 this month.

A special meeting will be held September 20 to consider bids for \$1,000,000 of highway securities, but the next regular meeting will not be held until October. By the latter time the commission will have received a report disclosing the state of the finances and this report will govern the amount of work to be advertised at the October session.

**Highway to Be Considered**  
Plans for completing the Pacific highway and the West Side highway will be considered at the October meeting of the state highway commission, and at the same time about 300 miles of road work in eastern Oregon will be dealt with. This is

## Grading Contract For Mt. Hood Loop In Clackamas Let

SALEM, Sept. 6.—The contract for the grading of the Sandy-Cherryville section of the Mount Hood Loop in Clackamas county was awarded by the state highway commission yesterday to E. A. Palmer.

The contract price is \$51,615, and the section of the road included is 6.7 miles in length.

The commission further announced that bids on another \$1,000,000 issue of the state highway bonds will be opened at the September meeting of the commission.

## MILL TO CUT PRODUCTION 20 PERCENT

Effective today, the Crown-Willamette Paper company mill at West Linn will curtail its production 20 per cent, go on a five-day a week basis, and close down two of its machines.

This announcement was made Friday by A. J. Lewthwaite, of the company's office in Portland. The reason for the change is that the market is unsettled, and the demand for paper has fallen off to such an extent as to render the operation of the mill on a maximum scale unprofitable.

The decision of the company will throw approximately forty men out of employment, and will cut down the paper production about 350 tons a week.

Notices of the change were posted at the mill yesterday. According to assistant mill manager John Reams, it will not affect the men working at the pulp siding or on the construction crews.

Under the new system, the Crown-Willamette will have in operation five of the nine machines. Two of the machines were shut down some time ago, and according to Mr. Reams the two closed down yesterday are the two smallest that were still in operation.

The Crown-Willamette has in its employ more than 850 men, a large number of whom will be affected by the shift to a five day basis.

It is understood that the new schedule will remain in effect as long as the market conditions throughout the country do not justify further production.

## LEASE IS RENEWED

J. C. Penney & Co. have renewed their lease on the building now occupied by the firm at 526 Main street, until February 25, 1925, at a rental of \$250 per month. The property is owned by the Gambirinus Brewing company.

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## BONUS COMMISSION SENDS OUT BLANKS FOR APPLICATIONS

### Big Administrative Force to Handle Work Under New Act, Appointed

SALEM, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—Fifty thousand blanks for making application for the Oregon State Loan and Bonus which was voted to Oregon's ex-service men by the people last June, are now being distributed to every part of the State. These blank forms, upon which the applicants must establish their eligibility for the bonus, are being sent to American Legion posts of which there are 104 in the State with the request that the posts give them to all eligible ex-service men.

This action was taken by the state bonus commission in order to save considerable time in getting the bonus and loan in the hands of the ex-service men. The initial bond issue of \$5,000,000, already is being floated. Bids are to be opened October 10th and the commission expects to have money ready by November 1st.

By having the applications come in early the commission hopes to have a large number of checks ready for distribution the moment the funds are realized from the sale of bonds. Steps have been taken by the commission to interest the bond buying market of the entire United States. The bonds are to be sold at par or above and not to exceed six per cent interest and the commission expects to sell at an interest rate of about five and one-half per cent.

The administrative force to handle this big task of passing upon applications has already been created in the U. S. National Bank Bldg., at Salem, headed by Harry C. Brumbaugh, a former Oregon legislator. The necessary funds for an energetic administration of the law have also been provided. Commissioners say that the loan feature, which appeals to a majority of the ex-service men, necessarily will be a slower process but that the commission will continue to follow its past policy of avoiding any and all avoidable delays.

Only an unexpected suit to test the constitutionality of the law will now prevent payment of several thousand claims in November. Such a suit has not been launched by the commissioners because of their belief in the constitutionality of the law and failure of the bonds to sell alone might make such a suit necessary.

## Cultivated Area in County Falls Off

County Assessor William B. Cook has completed a tabulation of the cultivated areas of Clackamas county, the figures showing a slight decrease over 1920.

The acreage in winter wheat is 10,988; spring wheat 2294; oats 11,636; barley 261; rye 136; corn 3122; clover 6582; alfalfa 26; wild or marsh hay, 34; other hay crops, 8897; potatoes, 4752; other root crops, 321; field peas, 19; field beans, 14; hops, 318; apples, 1121; cherries, 81; peaches, 49; pears, 30; prunes, 809; walnuts, 107; loganberries, 205; strawberries, 372; teasels, 20.

It is believed that Clackamas county is the only one on the Pacific coast showing teasels grown as a commercial crop.

## Mt. Hood to Adorn 2-cent 1925 Stamps

A picture of Mount Hood has been selected to adorn 2-cent postage stamps and one of Crater Lake will be placed on an issue of 1-cent stamps in recognition of the 1925 World's fair, according to a telegram received Friday from Senator Charles L. McNary at Washington. Views of the mountain and the lake were presented by General Hays, the telegram stated, and designs for appropriate stamps will be worked out by artists in the bureau of engraving.

Crater Lake and Mt. Hood were selected as proper representatives of Oregon scenery, adapted to reproduction on postage stamps, after a careful study of the problem by a special committee, according to Julius L. Meier. A number of photographic views of both the mountain and the lake were submitted to the postal department.

## Salem Man Is Beat To Death by Wife

SALEM, Or., Sept. 5.—Angered at a sneering answer which he had given her, Mrs. Alma Wurtzbarger, 39, beat her husband, Andrew Wurtzbarger, to death with a hammer as he lay asleep in the couple's home at Chemawa, early Sunday.

The woman is in jail. A charge of murder will probably follow. Meanwhile local officials are investigating the woman's alleged relations with a Portland man, to discover, if possible, whether the age old "love triangle" prompted the killing.

## Paving Of Gap At Bolton Is Ordered

### HIGHWAY COMMISSION WILL COMPLETE ROAD IF COUNTY COURT WILL GUARANTEE TO KEEP TRAFFIC ON RIVER OPEN

## DAIRY INDUSTRY IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY MAKES GOOD RECORD

### Dairy and Food Commission Tests Disclose High Standards

The comparatively good condition of the dairy herds and creamery plants in Clackamas county is reflected by the fact that the quarterly report of the Oregon Dairy and Food commissioner shows no prosecutions for violations in Clackamas county.

Tests were made throughout the county of products offered for sale, and the results are contained in the laboratory report appended to the bulletin of the commission.

Only one test of butter was made in the county and the product was found to be legal.

Twenty-five concerns were included in Oregon City and vicinity in the tests made for cream. In every case the commodity offered for sale had the required amount of butter fat or a greater proportion.

Three tests of milk were made of which only one was found to be below the required amount of butterfat.

"It is a matter for congratulation," says the preface of the commission's report, "that public sentiment is coming more and more to appreciate the importance of and necessity for our sanitary laws and is expressing that appreciation by cooperating with this department in the enforcement of our food laws."

## CITY HALL IS TO BE LEASED FOR 10 YEARS

Definite proceedings to lease the old city hall building on Main street for a period of ten years, were started last night at a special meeting of the city council, at which the report of the finance committee, recommending terms for the lease was accepted.

An ordinance, authorizing the lease, was passed on first reading and ordered published, to come up for final passage the evening of September 12.

Under the conditions decided upon, the city will lease to Buconich and Roppel the city hall building and the property as far east as the jail for a period of five years, and the rental after this time shall be decided by the contracting parties, with the provision for arbitration if the price cannot be mutually agreed upon.

**Council Chamber Reserved**  
The city reserves the use of the council chambers for a period of one year, or until such time as the new city hall building shall have been built and a council chamber therein ready for occupancy. The city is to carry \$2,000 fire insurance upon the building, and in case of fire if the structure is not damaged to more than the extent of the policy, will rebuild. In the event of a fire which is larger than the extent of the insurance, the lease is automatically terminated under the agreement.

In order to release the present lease upon the hall building from Bush and Sons, the city has agreed to give them a ten year lease upon a ten foot strip in back of the city jail. This is to be used as an alley way, and is to be paved by Bush and Sons with concrete. The strip lies along the easterly boundary of the city's lot, and will necessitate the cutting off of the east wall of the jail some six feet. This is to be done by the city.

**Ordinance Is Prepared**  
An ordinance for the final authorization of this lease will also come up on the 12th of this month. The ten foot strip runs from the property owned by Bush and Sons, adjoining the city hall property, to the alley in block 24.

The paving of the Bolton gap on tinent upon the county court's guarantee that the county will guarantee to keep traffic open during the time that the Willamette river bridge is under construction.

An order to this effect was made yesterday by the State Highway commission, which instructed its engineers to prepare plans for the paving of the 3000 feet between the end of the present contract and the bridge. The improvement is to be made if the county will guarantee the operation of a ferry while the old bridge is being torn down and the new structure erected.

**Railroad Considered**  
The order to prepare for the paving is the result of the agitation which has been in progress for the past several months. When the contract for the highway was let, the route was not carried through as the road crossed the Southern Pacific tracks, and it was not known whether or not the railroad would improve its contemplated main line on the right of way there. This head crossing. For this reason the plans for the road did not include the remaining half mile to the west end of the bridge.

A committee from the Live Wires of the local commercial club took the matter under advisement, and was instrumental in getting the highway commission to agree to continue the road in return for the relinquishment of a \$5,000 claim held by Oregon City, West Linn, and Clackamas county against the commission, for work performed on a stretch of road further up the highway. The original lien was held by the county, and turned over to the two cities during the negotiations to finance the new Willamette river bridge.

**No Limit Is Set**  
Altho the highway commission agreed to pave the remaining portion of the road, no time limit was set as to when the work was to have been completed, and it was understood for a time that no action was contemplated this year, due to possibilities that the Southern Pacific would improve. Because of the uncertainty of the railroad plans, the definite route for the gap in the road was established although several lines were surveyed.

Early this week, the Southern Pacific announced that no improvements in the road was contemplated, which left the commission free to carry on the work. Although the railroad may lay in its main tracks on the right of way at some future date, the present financial and labor conditions make it impractical in the near future, their officials say.

The matter was then taken up with the commission again, and thru the efforts of L. L. Porter, recorder at West Linn, an agreement was made whereby they would make the improvement; if means could be guaranteed to keep traffic open across the river during the coming year.

Bids, according to the commission's order, are to be advertised for immediately. It is understood that an effort is to be made to have the work contracted for before the construction on the highway, which is nearing completion between Bolton and Portland, is finished.

Altho the engineer's office has not yet established the line which the road is to follow, it is believed from statements made upon the floor at the commission meeting that it will be laid approximately over the survey of the existing road, with a surface crossing with the present S. P. track.

The laying of the pavement on the Bolton gap, will give a completely paved loop to Portland, as the River road is paved all of the way.

## Gardner Escapes McNeil's Prison

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 5.—Roy Gardner, California mail robber, escaped from McNeil's Island federal prison this afternoon. Everett Impyn, Camp Lewis soldier, recently sent up for life for a statutory offense, was shot and killed during the attempted jail-break in which he and Gardner and Lawardus Bogart, also doing life for the same offense as Impyn, participated.

Bogart was shot and recaptured and is in the prison hospital, possibly fatally wounded. It is believed that Gardner also was wounded, although this is not certain.

Warden Maloney and his deputies were confident Gardner had not escaped from the island unless he had confederates who were waiting.

The jail break came during the progress of a ball game this afternoon, when more than 250 prisoners were standing around the prison yard watching the game. Gardner was playing on the team. The three prisoners are said to have made a rush for the fence. Impyn was shot and killed almost instantly by the guards. Gardner got over the fence.