

ROAD WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS TO BE REDUCED

COUNTY'S BUDGET FOR 1922 IS FRAMED

Appropriation Is Included for Repair of Jail; Market Fund Is Increased

Inclusion of a \$40,000 fund in the county budget for the reduction of the warrants outstanding against road accounts, appropriation of \$6,500 for the rebuilding of the county jail, increase in the market roads appropriation and a fund for a new tax record system are the outstanding items in the estimated expenditures of Clackamas county for the year of 1922, as prepared by the budget committee.

Next year the county tax will be \$562,056.96, an increase of six per cent over this year. The state tax amounts for next year to \$355,680.15 as against \$324,664 last year. Added to the county tax, this makes a total of \$978,989, to be raised by taxation.

TOTAL EXPENSE GAINS

The total expenditures, inclusive of state tax next year will amount to \$1,126,502.48 as against \$925,384.09 this year. This difference is accounted for by the inclusion of the road warrant reducing appropriation and a number of new road appropriations. The difference between the gross expenditure and the amount raised by taxation is the balance on hand and estimated receipts.

Under the new budget law, money on hand in the funds December 1, is deducted from the proposed expenditures. This has allowed the court to include a larger number of projects within the six per cent tax levy. It is pointed out, however, that as taxes do not begin to be collected until March and the county must conduct its affairs upon a cash basis, these funds will become in debt for the first part of the year, and warrants will be indorsed unpaid for want of funds, until the depletion is made up. As one example of this, the balance in the general fund is \$49,213.84, but according to the treasurer's estimates, there will be but \$5,000 in this fund March 7.

WARRANTS DRAW INTEREST

The road warrant reduction fund of \$40,000 is included in addition to the \$22,000 fund to take care of the interest. There is \$350,000 in these warrants outstanding, which are drawing interest at the rate of six per cent.

Next year, the market road appropriation will be \$49,428.17, an increase of \$13,739.37. The state will match any sum paid by the county up to a certain amount, and this is levied this year, in order to secure the maximum possible under the state's allowance. This will give Clackamas county a market road fund of \$98,866.34 for 1922.

Appropriations for the new Willamette river bridge, representing the first third of the \$45,000 to be paid by the county are included, as well as a \$4,000 apportionment to pay for a share of the cost of the temporary bridge.

Departmental expenditures for the coming year are practically the same as for the past year, and although the general fund, of which they are a part, shows an increase of approximately \$80,000, this is because of the fact that road funds, of various natures, including the new bridge payments, have been included under this head this year.

A special meeting of taxpayers to discuss and revise or ratify the budget, has been called for December 30, in Busch's hall at 10:00 a. m.

NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE ENDORSES EXPOSITION

The 1925 Exposition was endorsed Monday at a meeting of the Non-Partisan league held at New Era. The league, however, recommended a graduated income tax, based upon all incomes of \$3,000 or more, as the most feasible method for financing the fair.

A series of meetings to be held over the county during the month of January was tentatively outlined.

The meeting was presided over by S. L. Castro. R. E. Cherrick acted as secretary.

The executive committee for Clackamas county is composed of George Coe, Oregon City, route 2; Hastian Traube, Clackamas; John Anderson, Oregon City, route 4; E. Friedrich, Molalla; and C. Hilton, Aurora.

STRIKER IS SHOT

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 9.—The first death resulting from violence in the stockyards strike was reported this morning. George Pile, 35 years old, a laborer, died in the county hospital of gunshot wounds received Wednesday night. The police said that Pile was shot by a motorcycle policeman after he had thrown several bricks.

3 PER CENT, COUNTY'S SHARE OF BONUS COST

Levy of Tax Awaits Action Of Supreme Court Upon Case New Pending

SALEM, Dec. 13.—Justice Harris of the Oregon supreme court, in an opinion today held that the World war veterans' bonus bill as passed at the last session of legislature by the house was constitutional and that the senate could only act upon the bill as it was passed by the house.

Justice Harris, in thus upholding the opinion of Circuit Judge Stapleton, brands the soldier aid measure as immune against legal attack.

The supreme court opinion is the outcome of a friendly suit brought by Thomas Boyd of the Portland American Legion post against Governor Ormiston and members of the World war veterans' state aid commission, to test the technical construction of the bill.

Boyd contended that the bill was not properly entered, as its complete contents had not been presented to the lawmakers for passage. Justice Harris, however, held that an identifying reference to the measure was all that was necessary.

The bonus bill would give to Oregon World war veterans a cash or home loan, optional with the veteran, of Clackamas county will pay 3.7934 per cent of the state tax for the bonus bill, according to the announcement of the state tax commission. This figure is based upon the county's proportion of the total assessed valuation of the entire state.

TAX VALUE SHOWN According to the statement made by the commission, the total value of the taxable property in the state, as given by all of the county assessors and equalized as of March 1, 1921, is \$897,492,724.97, while the value of taxable property assessed and equalized by the state tax commission and apportioned by the state tax commission is \$1,020,804,197.10.

Other figures given by the commission in connection with the tax are:

Full cash value of taxable property assessed by county assessor and equalized by county board of equalization in each county, found by application of county ratio, \$1,374,848, 316.10.

Full cash value of property assessed and equalized by state tax commission and assigned to the several counties (public utilities), \$185,504,795.29.

Full cash value of taxable property in each county, including that equalized by the county board of equalization and that equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission, found by application of county ratio to taxable value of property therein, \$1,560,353,111.39.

Total taxable value of all property in state equalized among the several counties according to their respective ratios, \$1,020,804,197.10.

ELK ROCK TUNNEL NOW OPEN: FIRST TRAIN THRU

Celebration of the completion of Elk Rock tunnel on the Southern Pacific electric line at Oswego was observed Tuesday morning. The first train through was witnessed by S. P. officials and representatives of the Hauser Construction company. A construction camp breakfast was served to the officials.

Visiting and local officials of the Southern Pacific in attendance were: William Sproule, president; William H. Kirby, chief engineer, maintenance of way; William Jackie, assistant chief engineer; Robert Nesbit, secretary; E. L. King, superintendent; C. W. Martyn, assistant superintendent; E. E. Mayo, division engineer; Scott E. Gordon, resident engineer; Fred A. Boss, field engineer; C. H. Spencer, chief dispatcher; C. H. Eva, assistant chief dispatcher; G. W. Rear, general inspector of bridges; Walter Harris, superintendent electrical department; L. Hartwick, assistant; D. C. Harris, roadmaster; M. O. Wallace, signal superintendent.

Representing the Hauser Construction company were: Kenneth D. Hauser, superintendent; D. A. McDonald, office manager; Eric V. Hauser, president; H. H. Cloutier, secretary; Oscar Polene, superintendent, and Mrs. Scott Gordon, Mrs. Fred A. Boss and the Misses Margaret and Clara Ahlberg.

Immigration Danger Is Talked at Legion

Declaring that legislative means of preventing immigration should be supported, Reverend A. H. Thompson Monday night addressed the regular meeting of the American Legion upon the subject of Americanism. He pointed out the dangers of allowing foreigners to flood the country, especially during times of industrial stress when jobs are at a premium for citizens of the nation, and there is no room for aliens.

After the speaking, the Legionaires held a pep-fest that featured a kangaroo court, done in military style. Wolfe and Robinson, two local lads, did a husky three-round go. Schulson and Newhouse stepped the squared circle for three rounds.

FARMERS' WEEK VISITORS HEAR POULTRY EXPERT

POTATO MEN TO HAVE SESSIONS HERE

Modern poultry raising methods, and the reasons and proofs for their success, were discussed before Clackamas county farmers by H. E. Cosby, extension specialist at the O. A. C. in the first annual Farmer's Week session which opened here Tuesday morning.

Mr. Cosby, who opened the morning session is considered one of the foremost authorities on poultry in the country. He spoke also at the afternoon discussion. His morning address, delivered to nearly 100 farmers, dealt particularly with poultry parasites and their control. During the afternoon, with over 125 farmers he discussed the proper timing of all operations during the rotation of raising a chicken from the incubation stage on.

COOPERATION TALKED

In the afternoon, R. E. Sheriff, of the Pacific Cooperative producers association, spoke upon the work of that organization toward securing a uniform product and maintaining prices upon a standard level, protecting the buyer against an abnormal increase and the producer against an abnormal decrease. He pointed out that even the non-members were benefited as the local markets were stabilized through the associations distributive ability, and the fact that they placed much of their produce in the east, thus relieving congestion of the markets here.

C. S. Whitmore, of the Producers Cooperative Supply Association spoke upon the subject of organized buying. Members of Agricultural class of the high school attended the sessions.

Paper Worker Loses Fingers In Machine

F. G. Johnston, son of Mrs. Emma Johnston, of Gladstone, lost the tips of two fingers Saturday morning when they were caught in a paper machine. Johnston is first jurner on machine nine at the Crown-Willamette, and got his hand caught between the drum and the reel. The accident happened at six o'clock, and he was immediately taken to the local hospital.

CUTTING COROSION

Ammonia may be used to clean corrosion from connections and battery terminals.



E. E. DAVIS

4 Greenhouses, 2 Autos Burned In \$12,000 Fire

Explosion of Lantern Starts Big Blaze In Clackamas Heights District

More than \$12,000 damage was done early Thursday morning by a fire at the greenhouses of J. T. Serres, of Clackamas heights. A lantern explosion in the garage on Serres' place, about ten o'clock started the conflagration, which destroyed the garage, 125 cords of wood, a Ford car and a Standard truck, and burnt down four greenhouses.

The fire started shortly after ten o'clock, and a call was sent to Oregon City for the fire department, which was dispatched under special orders of the fire and water committee of the council necessary because Clackamas Heights is outside of the city limits. The fire was under control by 3 o'clock in the morning. Considerable trouble was experienced by the department when the initial supply of water in the well was pumped out, and the pumps became full of air, destroying the suction. After a little delay a lower level was reached in the well, and the pumps put in operation.

One of the trucks, the greenhouses and the wood is a total loss. Only partial insurance covers the automobiles and the greenhouses. The wood was not insured. None of the residences were damaged, due to the timely arrival of the Oregon City fire department.

During the time that the fire truck was absent, an emergency truck was stationed in the fire house, with a large supply of hose. This action was taken in order to protect the city, as it was expected that the equipment would be required at Clackamas Heights for a lengthy period.

INVESTIGATION OF NEW BRIDGE DESIGN PLANNED

COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY LIVE WIRES

Steamboat Men Enter Protest Against Character of Suspension Arch

Exhaustive investigation of the contention that the new bridge under construction across the Willamette here will be a menace to navigation, was ordered by the Live Wires of the Commercial Club at their meeting Tuesday noon, preparatory to taking definite action at their next session, which will involve either the recommendation of some change in the plans or the continuation of the structure along the present lines.

COMMITTEE CHOSEN

A committee, consisting of O. D. Eby, R. L. Shepherd, Jack Moffatt, Ralph Parker and D. F. Skene, was appointed to make an investigation. The matter was brought up through a request from Al. Price that the Wires give a declaration of sentiment for the benefit of government men who are investigating. L. A. Henderson declared that he believed the contention over the plans to be purely an engineering matter and not one in which the Wires should take part. Jack Moffatt outlined the existing condition as given by the steamboat men, that their boats were forced by the current to the west bank of the river, where there is at present not enough clearance allowed by the new span. He suggested a thorough investigation, stating that the original oversight has been caused by approval of the plans without sufficient consideration.

CHANGE IS COSTLY

The statement was made at the meeting that the original plan as authorized by the U. S. Engineers, had provided for sufficient head clearance, but that the span was shortened which would necessarily crowd vessels further toward the center of the stream. It was pointed out that to take up the cement pier that has already been placed, and to build a new or a longer arch, would add some \$100,000 to the cost for the reason that the steel has already been fabricated and shipped and any change in the character of the arch would be impossible with the present material. The character of the new bridge was protested Monday at a meeting of the steamboat owners whose vessels ply the Willamette. At their meeting held in Portland they voted to take the matter up with the U. S. Engineers at once in an effort to secure some change in the plan.

MARKET ROAD WORK IS LAUDED BY LIVE WIRES

Permanent Committee Named to Represent Body On Highway Problems.

Commendation of the county court for the program of highway improvement inaugurated with market road funds during the past year, and the recommendation of further construction over a wider range of arteries during the coming 12 months, was voiced by Grant B. Dimick, newly elected Main Trunk of the Live Wires, of the Commercial Club at their regular meeting here Tuesday noon.

COMMITTEE NAMED

A permanent committee to represent the Wires in road matters during the next few months, was appointed, to consist of Hal Hoss, O. D. Eby, and Wallace Caulfield. The county court next year will have at its disposal through the market fund, more than \$100,000 and it was suggested that several of the main subsidiary roads in the county be included under this improvement program. Special attention was drawn to the need of improving the road from Oregon City to the Clackamas and Highlands country, the Abernethy road and the Canby-Macksburg road.

The Main Trunk appointed the regular committees for the next term with the exception of the program committee. These are: Feed Wire, R. W. Kirk; Contact Wire, L. A. Henderson; Resolutions, A. Blank.

HOSS WINS FLIP

Hal E. Hoss, by a flip of a coin, was chosen Transmission Wire for the ensuing term. Hoss tied with John Ream at the election last week, and a second vote was to be cast Tuesday, but the Main Trunk made the discovery that state statutes covering similar cases, provide for the casting of lots, and Reverend H. G. Edgar, pastor of the Presbyterian church, flipped the deciding coin.

The municipal band committee reported that a fund of \$50.75 a month subscribed for the next 12 months, had been raised among the local merchants for the support of a local musicians organization. The committee was discharged.

Judge Thomas Ryan, senator from Clackamas county, following the report of D. F. Skene that the 1925 Exposition Site committee had sent in its questionnaire upon Oswego Lake, asked the Wires for an expression of sentiment to govern his action at the coming session of the legislature. He pointed out that the site is to be located in Multnomah county, but that he was not entirely opposed to such a decision, provided it was backed by local sentiment. Recorder C. W. Kelly pointed out that as the majority of the cost of the fair is to be borne by Multnomah county the site should be placed within their boundaries. Senator Ryan was unofficially instructed to use his best judgment in his action at the legislature, and was unhampered by special instructions.

LOOP ROAD CUT MAY DELAY WORK

That the finding of the tax commission, preventing Multnomah county from making an \$85,000 appropriation for the Mount Hood loop, will delay the completion of the road unless means are found to bridge this financial gap, is the opinion of the Clackamas county court as voiced by Judge H. E. Cross Saturday. The major portion of the sum pruned from the Multnomah county budget, was to be expended upon the portion of the road in Clackamas county, and the repudiation of the "gentlemen's agreement" under which work was started by the state and this county adds new complications to arrangements once considered closed.

Clackamas county has already spent toward the construction of the road, all but \$46,000 of the \$83,000 which was pledged when the original agreement between the two counties and the state was made. Thirty miles of road, twenty of which traverse a fertile area, lie in this county. When the road is complete, there will be within the borders of this county, \$1,000,000 invested in the loop road.

Judge Cross stated Saturday as his belief, that some arrangement would still be reached whereby Multnomah county could pay its share of the cost of the construction of the loop. He pointed out that the major portion of the benefit will accrue to Multnomah county and that Clackamas has already performed its share in proportion to the good that it will receive.

"I believe," he said, "that Multnomah county should, and will make every effort to put the loop road in shape so that it will be completed as a drawing card for the 1925 Exposition." It forms one of the most attractive drives in the state, he pointed out, and should be capitalized when the nation's tourists come to Oregon. Judge Cross was unable to state exactly to what extent the work would be delayed by the loss of Multnomah's appropriation but he indicated that every effort would be made to keep construction in progress.

FY SERVICE MAN FOUND MURDERED IN RANCH CABIN

E. E. DAVIS VICTIM OF BRUTAL KILLING

Motive For Crime Mystery; Man Little Known

Murdered mysteriously perhaps three weeks ago, his head cut completely in two by the blow from an axe, the body of E. E. Davis, 25, was discovered Monday in the bed of his ranch home, eight miles north of Molalla, between that city and Willhoit.

No clew has been found to what Sheriff W. J. Wilson and Coroner O. A. Pace declare to be a clear case of murder, save the discovery of a small hand axe in the brush about 30 feet from the door of the house. Boys of the neighborhood identified this as belonging to Davis.

The man was last seen in Molalla November 18. He failed to call for his mail after that date and it accumulated at the postoffice until the box became filled with papers and letters, and some of the things addressed to him were put into the box of John Newack, who called attention of the authorities to the conditions. Harvey Everhart, an undertaker, was called and a trip was made to the little two room cabin on the ranch.

DEATH IS INSTANT

The door was locked and the shades drawn. Receiving no answer from vigorous pounding on the door, a pass key was used to gain entrance. The man's body was found lying on its right side. The head had been completely cut in two, and it was evident that the blow had come so suddenly that death was instantaneous. The bed was only a few feet from the door, and it is the belief of the officers that the murderer merely opened the door, hit Davis across the head, threw the axe in the brush and escaped.

No motive for any crime has been established by the man's connection in the neighborhood. He is known to have had visitors from Portland, but no information as to their identity or character has been obtained. They would come at intervals, and the man would often accompany them back to Molalla. A plate of butterscotch taffy, about half of which had been eaten, was discovered, together with the utensils in which it had been made. This leads to the theory that the man had visitors the night that he was killed.

EMPTY PURSE FOUND

Davis' watch was missing, and an empty purse was found on the floor near the bed, but the remainder of the house was untouched. The trunks were filled and a number of good suits of clothing, together with personal affects of considerable value had not been molested.

Davis, according to a business card, was at one time in the employ of the B. F. Goodrich Rubber company of Portland, located at Burnside and Broadway. A notebook is filled with garage addresses, accompanied by a keyed series of check marks, indicating that he was probably a tire salesman.

The man was a member of the Elks Lodge, number 193, of Helena, Montana, and his card showed paid up dues until April 1, 1922. His effects included a Montana teachers certificate, and an Oregon drivers license. Letters found in his rooms were mostly from his father in Indiana. In the postoffice there is a registered package from Helena, which arrived shortly after his last call for his mail. He was a member of the American Legion, and carried a \$10,000 converted war risk life insurance policy.

INQUEST IS SET

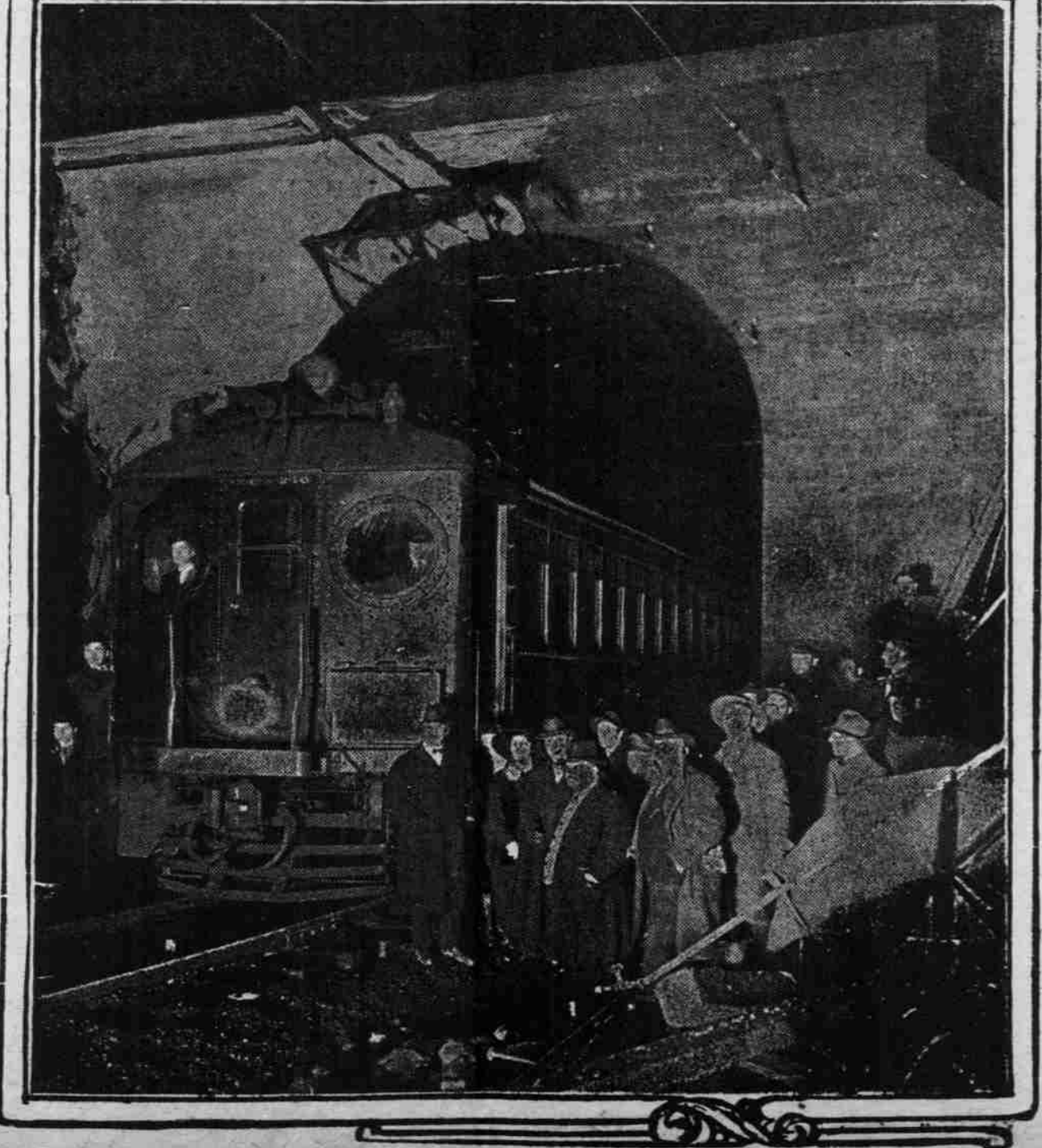
When Everhart and those who accompanied him discovered the dead man, the house was immediately locked up and Sheriff Wilson and Coroner Pace sent for. They left Oregon City shortly before three o'clock Monday afternoon. After an investigation the body was taken in charge by Everhart.

None of the residents of Molalla and the vicinity who were questioned were able to throw any light upon the mystery. As far as could be determined he has had no relations with anyone of the district who could have lead to trouble, and it is not believed that he had sufficient money to form the incentive for robbery. The immaculate appearance of the house in which Davis lived, the presence of carefully selected wearing apparel and the general appearance of the man has led officials to believe that his death was not due to association with bad company. Questioning of residents of the district has added little to the information regarding his activities. He has been on the homestead only a short time, the people say, but no one seems to know the exact date of his arrival.

MURDERER ESCAPES

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 9.—Tom Slaughter, murderer and bank robber, wanted in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and Pennsylvania, last night took charge of the penitentiary here, locked the warden, his family and guards in cells, opened the gates and doors of the prison, offered freedom to all prisoners, and after ruling the place for five hours, escaped in an automobile early this morning.

ELK ROCK TUNNEL IS COMPLETED



First Southern Pacific Electric goes through big cut near Oswego.