

LOCAL POSITION IN WAGE SCALE AVERAGES WELL

Reduction in Rates for Road Labor Is More Than Offset By Figure at Present Paid By Oregon City Industries.

DECLINE IS SHOWN TO BE WIDESPREAD

State Commissioner Gram Makes Report Comparing Pay During 1920 and 1921

In view of the large program of road work which it is intended to carry out this summer, the county court, as the result of a recent survey of conditions in the local labor market, has fixed the rate for common labor at \$2.50 a day, representing a reduction of 50 cents over the scale which had been in force for this class of labor prior to February 1, the date from which the new rate was made effective. The character and scope of the road improvement program will give employment to a large number of men throughout the summer.

ADDED CUT IS SCOUTED

The present rate is the lowest point reached since the downward trend first started in June 1920, and it is not anticipated that there will be any further reductions in the immediate future. The decrease in wages has been pretty general over all classes of labor and a falling off of from 30 to 50 per cent is recorded in a comparison of wages paid to various forms of labor in Oregon compiled by C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner.

Notwithstanding the general state of depression for unskilled labor the going rate in Oregon City is for paper mill hands \$3.00 per hour, sawmill \$3.00 per day. Skilled labor in this district although not so seriously affected as ordinary labor, has nevertheless suffered in the general cut.

PAY IS READJUSTED

The county rate for team and teamster has been returned to the old figure of \$5.00. This amount, though not so high in the aggregate, is proportionately better than that which has been paid during the last few years as it is exactly twice that paid a man for eight hours work. During the war, this figure was out of proportion to some degree, as a team and teamster received \$7 while the common laborer was getting \$4. The report which has been published by the state commissioner covers the period from June 1920 to the end of December 1921 and shows that farm hands, who were receiving an average of \$73.62 a month, with board, in June, 1920, were receiving an average of but \$37.16 a month and board in December, 1921, a decrease of almost 50 per cent.

CARPENTER'S PAY LOWER

Carpenters, receiving \$7.14 a day in June, 1920, were receiving \$5.19 a day in December, 1921, a decrease of slightly less than 30 per cent. Teamster's wages dropped in the same period from \$5 a day to \$3.52; head fallers from \$7.12 to \$4.69; second fallers from \$6.71 to \$4.43; laborers from \$4.95 to \$3.53; camp cooks from \$137.69 a month and board to \$96 a month and board; dishwashers from \$77.25 a month and board to \$53 a month and board; milkers from \$88.33 a month and board to \$50.23 a month and board.

The compilation shows the greatest percentage of decrease between June, 1920, and June, 1921. In the last six months the variation has not been so great, except in the case of carpenters whose wages have been dropped from \$6.18 a day to \$5.19 a day. Wages of common labor show a slight increase in the last six-month period, from \$3.23 a day in June, 1921, to \$3.52 a day in December.

LOCAL HEIRS TO ESTATE ARRIVE IN ISLE OF MAN

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. King and their daughter, Miss Hormina, have arrived in the Isle of Man, where they have gone in response to a message that Mr. King was left an estate by his sister who recently died there.

This news was received by Mrs. Lawton of this city, who is a sister of Mrs. King. Mr. King and family left here early in January for New York City, from this point they sailed for England on January 14. They had originally planned to remain several days in England, but decided to continue their journey and make their visit en route home.

SKELTON IS UNEARTHED BY WORKMEN ON FERRY

Bones, Thought to be Those of Old Indian, Found Buried On West Bank of River.

A human skeleton, buried probably during a flood stage of the Willamette river many years ago, was unearthed at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon on the west side of the river bank. A crew employed in grading the approach for the new ferry which is to operate from 17th street, discovered practically a complete set of human bones at a depth of about seven feet in the soft river silt and sand.

The skeleton, judged from the shape of the skull, is thought to be that of an Indian. The elongated skull, according to Wm. Dutcher, the foreman, is evidently that of a native.

The bones were uncovered by a scraper plow, which probably accounts for the fact that the finger and toe bones were not found. The body was probably deposited there several hundred years ago, judged from the formation over it, but such estimates are only guesses.

A theory has also developed that it might signify that the place was once an Indian burial ground. According to N. A. Boyd, a workman there, a number of stones, evidently used as mallets and other savage implements have been found in that vicinity. The nearness of the body to the river causes this contention to be scouted, and others hold the belief that it was washed onto the bank at a high water period.

WORK IN COUNTY SHOWN BY HEALTH ASSOCIATION

A report of the work done in Clackamas county during the past four months has been prepared by the County Health Association, prior to its annual drive which is to start here on the 14th to raise a fund of \$2,000 to support its work during 1922. The report shows a total expenditure of \$744 during the four month period, a fund which accrued from the sale of Christmas seals. It says in part:

"Clackamas county has, by actual count, 69 diagnosed cases of Tuberculosis between the ages of 20 and 40; the efficiency period of life. Its other living cases total 119. During the last four months the Public Health Nurse has made 15 calls in tubercular homes. According to the records of the State Board of Health, there were seven deaths in the county in 1920 and 19 deaths in 1921.

Visits have been made to the homes of poor people who have spent their last dollar trying to gain relief, the health they have realized too late, was very precious to them. The Nurse has gone into homes where Mothers, untrained for a too heavy burden, are trying, in a vague, well-intentioned way to care for a husband at the sacrifice of her own and her children's health. Children, whose parents have apparently given up hope of having them physically healthy, or have disregarded their ailments in their struggle for existence, has been, under the nurse's guidance, able to receive special care.

"The nurse's work in the county has included the routine physical inspection of school children, observing defects of posture, skin, vision, hearing, throat and teeth and general appearance. Under her supervision 1,000 children have been weighed and measured; boards have been interviewed in the interest of sanitary conditions, various methods of health education have been introduced into the schools; 78 calls have been made in the homes of school children.

"The Portland Railway Light and Power company and the Willamette Valley Southern Railway company have given free transportation to the nurse. The County Court has donated office space."

SUIT FOR FORECLOSURE OF PARTNERSHIP FILED

Suit for a settlement over a 15 per cent interest in the store of Joe Swartz, was filed in the circuit court Friday by Joseph M. Justin. According to the complaint, Justin on March 30, purchased an interest in Swartz's clothing store with the condition that in event of the dissolution of the partnership, he was to receive a settlement of 15 per cent of the involved value of the concern. The partnership, according to the complaint, was terminated February 1, 1922, but settlement refused.

An order, restraining disposal of the property other than that necessary in the course of business, has been issued by Judge Campbell.

Justin and Montgomery were recently refused a lease on the city hall property where they intended to start a haberdashery.

CLUB WORK TO CONTINUE WITH FEDERAL FUNDS

Failure of County Budget to Provide for Local Activity Partially Offset by Aid of Governmental Contribution

FARM BUREAU GIVES SUPPORT TO PROJECT

Operation Throughout Entire Year Is Not Possible Under Present Finance Shortage.

Notwithstanding the cutting of the appropriation for boys and girls club work from the county budget, the activities of the local club leader will be continued, according to definite word received from the state director's office Monday. Federal funds still available for the work in Clackamas county will be used, and although they will not carry the club activities for the entire year, they will provide for a club leader during the period of organization which will probably extend until early summer.

Added to the federal funds will be support of local people who are interested in the continuance of the agriculture club work. It is felt that by providing for the organization of the boys and girls work this year, enough impetus can be given to guarantee the exhibits at the county fair late in the fall. The juvenile department at the fair in 1921 was one of the biggest drawing cards of the week's period.

Mrs. L. Purcell, who for the past two years has had charge of the club work here, will continue with the organization this season. State reports covering Clackamas county activities in this line show material gains during the recent periods and an exceptionally high average of clubs completing the entire year's work.

The county appropriation for the club work was cut off at the budget meeting preceding the definite outlining of county finances for the year of 1922. Every effort to have the activities continued has been taken by the county farm bureau which has aided materially in the independent support which is being given the work.

LOCAL BONUS OFFICIALS TO GO TO CONFERENCE

Clackamas county officials who are connected with the administration of the so-called bonus act, will meet at Portland February 17, under orders from the war veteran's aid commission. The meeting is called for the express purpose of instructing the appraisers who are to pass on the valuations of the property put up as security for loans under the act.

Appraisals of property and actual passing upon loan applications are expected to begin within ten days after the conference. This will mean, according to Phil Hammond, local bonus attorney, that ex-service men in Clackamas county will begin to get money on their loans by the end of the present month.

COUNTY GAME WARDEN ATTENDS STATE MEET

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—To discuss district cooperation in observance of the game laws and to consider details of the game code and methods of enforcing the rulings, district deputy game warden of the state gathered in Portland today for a two-day session.

The first session convened in room 612 of the Oregon building at 10 o'clock and was presided over by Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden. Another meeting convened at 1:30 p. m. and addresses were scheduled from H. B. Van Buren, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. E. C. McFarland.

H. E. Meads, game warden for Clackamas county district, was in attendance.

4 INJURED IN MOVIE FIRE

KELSO, Wash., Feb. 10.—A blaze in the projection room of the Vogue theater last evening at 9 o'clock precipitated a small panic, during which Mrs. George Hoover was hurt in the crush, and Haven Boomer, operator at the theater and son of the proprietor, J. H. Boomer, and J. Meisenzahl, who was in the projecting room, were painfully burned in fighting the flames.

The building, of frame construction was saved from serious injury by the fire-proof nature of the operating room. Byron Oysters, a member of the fire department, was painfully cut when he slipped and fell beneath a hose cart as the department was bound for the fire.

CLEANUP IS ORDERED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Rigid review by the inspector-general of all war department activities in Washington to determine how many of the approximately 1100 officers on duty here can be made available for service with troops or in establishing the organized reserve system has been ordered by Secretary Weeks. With various post-war agencies completing their work, it is believed possible that from 200 to 300 officers can be obtained in this way for service in corps area.

Veteran Woodsman To Forsake Forest and Turn Plumber

After years of life in the forest, trailing and snaring the wolf, bear, cougar and coyote, A. G. Ames, trapper of Santiam national forest fame, is selling his dogs, traps and guns, and has declared his intention of turning to his long neglected trade of plumbing.

Ames has lived in the forest since his earliest youth—as he says, since the age of 9 years—"when he bought a one eyed hound and set out after coons." Since that time his sole pursuit has been trapping and hunting. In the spring of 1917 he joined the government service, working under Stanley G. Jewett, chief of the Oregon division of the predatory animal branch of the bureau of biology. From that time until the present, his "catch" totals 259 predatory animals, including wolves, cougar, coyotes, sheep killing bear and bobcats.

He recently acquired considerable fame with the capture of a huge timber wolf. "I'm going to sell Trailer and Teenie"—these being his two dogs, Trailer a cross between a bloodhound and red setter, and Teenie, half bloodhound and half Airedale. "I hate to do it, but I've been with the game long enough," Ames declared. His home is in Estacada, where he will make a strong attempt to break away from the lure of the woods.

COMPLETION OF POWER PLANT IS NOW ASSURED

Improvements On Clackamas River to Cost \$10,000,000 Says President of P. R. L. P.

The complete development of the power plant of the Portland Railway Light and Power company on the upper Clackamas is now assured, according to the statement of Franklin T. Griffith, president of the company. The undertaking is being financed through a new plan of the corporation involving the sale of its securities in small blocks in the district in which the company operates.

The improvement projects under way include the new Oak Grove power plant which will cost \$10,000,000 when completed and add 30,000 more horse power to present facilities. The work will furnish employment to a large number of men for an indefinite period and is expected to reduce the acuteness of the present unemployment situation.

"The greatest need of the public utility industry at the present time," said Mr. Griffith, "is new capital for the construction of additional generating equipment, transmission lines, substations, transportation equipment, trackage, overhead construction, etc., so that plant facilities may be equal to the demands made upon them.

"All the proceeds from the sale of our 7 per cent prior preference stock will be put to work right here in new plant and equipment as well as in the big new development on the Upper Clackamas river where we hope to be able to furnish steady employment to a large force of men for an indefinite period. This large undertaking should help materially to reduce the acuteness of the present unemployment situation in case our 'Home Ownership' plan continues with the same degree of success with which it has progressed so far."

FURTHER STUDY TO BE GIVEN TO OLD RECORDS

That the records in Clackamas county concerning the old census and tax rolls will have a great value in the reconstruction of the history of the state of Oregon was the opinion expressed Saturday by Professor R. H. Down, head of the history department of Franklin high school. Mr. Down was in Oregon City where he spent last summer conducting research work among the old archives of the county.

Mr. Down's work is part of an extensive program being carried on by the extension division of the University of Oregon in preserving the old records of the state. Similar work is to be conducted in other county seats this year.

"I found the school records in Clackamas county particularly complete," said Mr. Down. "There is however, need for the gathering together of all the old records, some of them of inestimable value, and placing them where they are in no danger of destruction. There is considerable more work to be done along this line in Clackamas county, and much of the material unearthed from this study will be a valuable contribution to the history of the county and the state."

CARVER LAD HIT BY FALLING TREE; DIES INSTANTLY

Amos, Fifteen Year-Old Son Of O. J. McQuaw, Is Fatally Hurt; No Inquest Will Be Held, Says Coroner Pace.

ERROR IN CUTTING OF TIMBER DISASTROUS

Body Is Brot to Oregon City; Funeral Arrangements Are Not Definitely Completed.

Amos McQuaw, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. McQuaw was instantly killed by a falling tree Tuesday afternoon, at Carver.

The lad, after school was out, went to the edge of the timber where a number of boys were felling trees. McQuaw was caught beneath one that fell in the opposite direction to what the boys contemplated, and although he made an effort to get out of the way, was unable to jump clear.

The body was brought to Oregon City by Coroner O. A. Pace last night. No inquest will be held. Funeral arrangements are to be made today.

The lad is survived by his father and mother, five brothers and two sisters. The family have resided in Carver about three years.

MACHINERY CONTRACT IS SIGNED BY FARM BUREAU

A contract for the year of 1922 has been signed by the Clackamas county Farm Bureau with the Moline Plow company for the purchase of farm implements and machinery. J. J. Simons, representing the company was in Oregon City Monday concluding the deal.

Under the contract, which has been in operation for the past six months, members of the farm bureau are sold farm machinery for the wholesale price plus five per cent as handling charges. These rates are given only to members of the organization.

At a meeting of the executive committee which was held Saturday the annual meeting date of the farm bureau was recommended changed from the first Thursday in February to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January. This, as a change in the constitution, will be voted on at the annual meeting February 23. The executive committee also outlined additional plans for the organization's membership drive which will include the appointment of district representatives to handle the membership work in their own communities.

TIMBER LANDS HERE ARE LISTED IN SHIPP ESTATE

A valuation of \$73,711 was placed on the personal and real property of the estate of Nicholas W. Shipp, former Salem business man who died a short time ago, according to the inventory and appraisal papers filed in the Marion county probate court. The real property consisted of timber lands in Clackamas, Jackson, Douglas and Josephine counties, with property in Portland, and lots and small parcels of real estate in Malheur, Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn and Marion counties.

The Clackamas county property consists of the east half of section 30, T 6 S. R 4 E, near Colton. It is assessed at \$5,750, and as the timber and land rating in Clackamas county is less than 50 per cent, its actual value is probably more than \$12,000.

LOGGING TO BE RESUMED BY CROWN WILLAMETTE

SEASIDE, Feb. 12.—The Crown-Willamette company's logging camp near here is to be re-opened in the near future, it was learned yesterday. The opening of the camp after its long period of idleness is expected to improve business conditions greatly in this locality. For some time repairs have been made to the camp and road beds. The company owns a large tract of spruce timber south of Seaside. Logs from the camp are used mainly in the manufacture of paper and pulp at the company's mills in Camas, Washington and Oregon City.

FOREST FIRE LOSS CUT

SALEM, Feb. 10.—Loss from forest fires was minimized during the forest fire season of 1921, according to the annual report of F. E. Elliott, state forester. The report shows that while the number of fires exceeded by 30 per cent the number of the preceding year, they were controlled with little expense and a resultant loss to merchantable timber equal to only one-sixth that of the previous year.

ROAD EQUIPMENT PUT IN SHAPE FOR 1922 WORK

Extensive Repair Program Contemplated; Tax, Bonds, and Good Weather are Awaited.

While the road building program for the present year is still in the process of formation, the construction department is rapidly getting its machinery into shape for the activities which will be commenced in the near future. Overhauling of all county road equipment is well under way, according to Abe Gilbert, road supervisor, who is in general charge of all of the county's repair and construction work. The work this year in getting the machinery into shape is being carried on to a far wider extent than it ever has in the past. Much of the county equipment has never been kept accurate trace of, but during 1921 a number of new machinery buildings and sheds were constructed, which at present are housing more than \$300,000 worth of machinery.

As soon as weather conditions will allow extensive work and the 1922 tax funds have been collected sufficient to finance the operation of the crews, the work of putting the roads into shape throughout the county will be begun. There are some 1,700 miles of road within the county and a large portion of these which will need attention this year.

WOMAN'S CLUB IS TOLD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

A general discussion of natural resources, forestry, water power, scenery and the greatest national highway undertaken and instructed the Woman's Club Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Jeanette Fairclough Scott outlined the general direction of the Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Dixie highways the Columbia River, Pacific, Washington and Olympic roads, with glimpses of their construction and plans of parking with trees indigenous to the regions through which they pass. Mrs. H. E. Straight discussed forestry and its influence on the fate of a nation, and Mrs. Rosina Fouts-Evans predicted the future of water power in heating, lighting and warming the world.

So great was the interest that one after another arose to relate personal observations along the Oregon coast where magnificent views have been wantonly slashed away, and in California where sawmills are rushing in to cut up the redwoods. It was declared that Willamette Falls were not what they once were, and that people yet living remember a greater Niagara Falls. General approval was voiced for Governor Olcott's demand that no more forests be destroyed along the highways.

COUNTY FATALITIES ARE SHOWN IN STATE REPORT

SALEM, Feb. 15.—Two of the seven fatalities in Oregon during the week ending February 9, due to industrial accidents, were in Clackamas county, according to the report issued by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Frank L. Trefren, logger, Butte Falls; Robert D. Parker, machinist, Cochrane; Amos Nelson, engineer, Portland; Daniel Furrar, carpenter, Salem. Lloyd W. Bergstrom, powderman, Oregon City; Silas Adkins, baker, Mulino, and Clifford Weist, fireman, Portland.

Of the total of 325 accidents reported for the week, 302 were subjected to benefits under the compensation act. 17 came from firms and corporations that had rejected the law, and six were from public utility corporations not entitled to compensation.

Local Couple Given Marriage License

A marriage license was granted Friday to Fred J. Muhleman, and Cecelia Birkholz, both of this city.

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Students of high schools in Clackamas county who are connected with student publications or leading student body activities, have been tendered an invitation to attend the high school conference at Eugene.

The Oregon High School Press Conference which was originally to be held in connection with Junior Week-end, the 12th and 13th of May, has been advanced in the calendar three weeks and is now definitely arranged for April 14 and 15 at the school of journalism. At the same time high school student body presidents will meet and leaders of girls' activities will come together for a conference. It is expected that three hundred high school delegates will be present. An interesting two-day program is being arranged.

LARGE STREET PAVING PROGRAM FOR 1922, PLAN

Molalla Avenue to be First Artery Considered; Aid of County Court to be Asked by City Council Committee.

EIGHTEENTH STREET IMPROVEMENT LIKELY

Use of General Road Funds On Highways Tributary to Local Markets Requested.

Plans for an extensive street improvement program during the year of 1922 are being formulated by Oregon city. First among the new projects to be inaugurated is the paving of a half-mile section of Molalla avenue, characterized by members of the city council as one of the most necessary improvements toward which the city must bend its efforts in the coming year.

A committee of four to solicit the aid of the county court in the Molalla avenue improvement has been appointed. It consists of Councilmen R. Petzold, H. S. Mount, J. E. Jack and City Attorney O. D. Eby.

SOME AID PLEDGED

The county court has already agreed to give the city some aid in the improvement for the reason that the municipal limits extend east for a considerable distance and the street is practically a county road, tapping one of the rich farming districts, and at the same time being the only available artery into this part of the county. The entire improvement, which is to include the preparation of the grade and the paving, will cost approximately \$12,000. The county is to be asked to expend an added portion of the general road fund tax paid by Oregon City.

The general road fund is divided into two portions. A total of 70 per cent goes back to the district in which it is collected, but the remaining portion, and it serves a large portion of the people living in the Oregon City vicinity as well as being a means of ingress and egress to the south end of town.

"Other streets in Green Point, the improvement of which was contemplated in 1921 will probably go through the mill. "A big part of the work we will have to do the first part of this year," says Mr. Petzold, "is the finishing up of the plans which were started in 1921."

Estimates on the Railroad avenue improvement have been placed in the hands of the Southern Pacific company and it is expected that in a short time a decision as to the opening of this thoroughfare will be reached.

PLEA ON LIQUOR CHARGE IS CHANGED BY BENNETT

Walter Bennett, arrested on charges of being intoxicated Sunday night, Tuesday waived trial by jury, and pleaded guilty before Judge Charles Kelly. He was fined \$75. Appearing before Justice E. J. Noble he pleaded guilty to a joint charge of having liquor in his possession. He was fined \$25 and sentenced to serve 90 days in jail. The sentence was suspended.

LOSS TO BROCCOLI CROP IS LESS THAN EXPECTED

The loss to the Clackamas county broccoli crop during the recent cold spell, will run approximately 50 per cent of the total valuation of the product, according to a report prepared by C. C. Russell and J. W. Savage, who passed several days in the rural districts investigating broccoli conditions.

As a result of the unsatisfactory weather conditions, the report said the main part of the crop to be harvested will be late, and carload lots of the product will not be shipped until early in March.

The monetary loss in Clackamas county due to the damage done the crop will not, according to the results of the report, aggregate more than about \$15,000. Estimates at the time ran from \$30,000 to \$60,000.

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