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PAY HELD UP BY JUDGE'S REFUSAL TO APPROVE BILL

Cross Will Not O. K. Claim of 2 Deputy Sheriffs for Pay as Result of Strife Between County Officers.

PROCTOR'S ILLNESS IS CAUSE OF DELAY

Court Splits Over Question of Employment of Men in Department of Wilson.

Two deputies of the sheriff's office would not get any pay this month, as the result of the disagreement between the Clackamas county judge and the sheriff which has been in force for the past seven or eight months. Carl J. Long and Henry Hughes will probably go without their warrants until the next term of court because Commissioner W. A. Proctor is sick and Judge H. E. Cross refuses to sign the bills.

The action is an outgrowth of the long friction in the courthouse between the sheriff and the county judge. Since last July when the two offices clashed over the personal of the traffic officer, Judge Cross has refused to sign warrants for the payment of Wilson's two deputies who operate out of the office here, although he has O. K.'d the bills of other deputies over the county.

Under the ruling of the district attorney, the approval of two members of the county court has been sufficient to warrant payment of bills, and Long and Hughes have been drawing their pay through the approval of Commissioners Proctor and W. W. Harris.

Mr. Proctor's illness made it impossible for him to sign the bills which were presented at the term of court which opened Wednesday. The judge refused to affix his signature, so the pay has been held up, and will not be issued until the April term, unless by special court order or an attachment.

The disagreement dates from last July when the court attempted to remove Long, who was then serving as traffic officer. Wilson, who as sheriff had sole charge of the deputy appointments refused to concur, and the court put in its own man, securing state authority for him. Long's pay as traffic officer was stopped, but the two commissioners agreed that the sheriff could keep Long on the job as a regular deputy and they would approve the bills. Long has been serving in this capacity, confining his activities to the serving of papers and booze raids. W. H. Waggy, the courts appointee as traffic officer has been relieved, and the county is at present without police protection upon the highways.

Exception to published statements to the effect that his refusal to sign salary bills for two deputy sheriffs was the result of friction with the sheriff's office, is taken by County Judge Harvey E. Cross. Friday it became known that Carl J. Long and Henry Hughes would probably get no pay from the county this month, due to the fact that one of the commissioners was sick, and the signature of the other was not sufficient to warrant the issuance of the checks.

Judge Cross for several months has refused to approve bills for Hughes' and Long's services, which have been paid through the O. K. of the two commissioners.

Judge Cross' letter, explaining his reasons for his action, follows:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COURT, Oregon City, March 4.—(Editor of the Enterprise).—Allow me to answer your article in Saturday's Enterprise in which the assertion is made that I am holding up the deputy sheriff's pay for February because of some strife which is alleged to exist between myself and Sheriff Wilson.

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FIFTY-THREE ACRE FARM NEAR MOLALLA IS SOLD

S. A. D. Hungate, of Molalla, who was in Oregon City Tuesday has sold his 53-acre farm which is located about six miles from the city of Molalla, the purchaser being Paul Hartychok, recently of Portland, but a native of Russia, who, with his family consisting of a wife and nine children took possession of their newly acquired property the first of the week.

The property was sold for \$3500. Twenty-one acres are under cultivation, a portion of which is planted to fruit trees. The land lies east of Molalla and located on the main road. It was formerly owned by Mr. McAlpin, hardware merchant of Portland.

Mr. Hungate has taken up his residence in Molalla, and may decide to enter the real estate business, together with following his profession as surveyor with headquarters at that place.

BONUS TOTAL \$460,000 FOR COUNTY VETERANS

Local Ex-Service Men Will Receive Fourth Highest Cash Payments In State.

SALEM, March 2.—A total of 185 ex-service men in Clackamas county were included in the list of those to whom warrants in payment for state cash bonuses, were forwarded yesterday, according to the figures of the veteran's aid commission. Clackamas county is the fourth in the state in the number of cash payments included in the first series of warrants issued. Of the total of nearly \$800,000 which these payments involve, some \$460,000 will come to Clackamas county.

The checks average \$251, and will go to every county in Oregon. Although the checks are not in large amounts as compared with the loans to be made later by the commission, officials believe that the distribution of the bonus money at this time will do much to improve financial conditions. Multnomah county applicants will receive 1038 of the first installment of checks. Harney county will receive only one of the warrants.

Claims for cash bonuses and loans after being approved by the state commission, are certified to the secretary of state for audit and payment. The checks ready for mailing represent several weeks' work on the part of the commission.

Sam A. Kover, secretary of state who has charge of paying these claims, said today that it would be his policy to act promptly in the demands of the ex-service men, in order that they may receive their money without any unnecessary delay. Within a few days another installment of 800 checks will be ready for mailing.

SPEEDY PAYMENT UPON STATE BONUS SCOUTED

With the first rush over the issuance of the warrants for bonus payments, the state office is being flooded with requests regarding the promptitude with which further payments are to be made. According to Captain H. C. Brumbaugh, secretary of the commission, there will probably be considerable delay in future issues due to a variety of causes, which he sets out in an official statement, in which he says in part:

"A large number of applicants think all they have to do is to mail their applications to the commission and that the checks will be sent them the next day. Few realize the work involved in checking and verifying claims to comply with the requirements of the bonus law and other laws governing the audit of claims against the state.

"The filing of the initial application is merely the first step in the process of establishing the eligibility of any individual to receive the benefits of either the cash bonus or the loan. From this point on, the commission is confronted with the problem of verifying beyond any question of a doubt, the essential statements contained in the individual application.

"Examinations are made at the rate of about 300 a day. Experience has shown, however, that about 40 per cent of the initial applications filed must be returned to the applicants for correction. This is due partly to the applicant's own carelessness and partly due to circumstances over which the applicant has no control. Out of the total number of applications filed with the commission, about 8100 have been returned for correction. No further action upon any individual application thus returned can be taken until the applicant has furnished the data called for.

"Another cause for delay is finally disposing of an individual application in the fact that an official record of every application must be obtained from the offices of the war or navy department at Washington, D. C. Now that the appropriations for these departments have been minimized by congress, a long delay sometimes ensues before the record in any individual case can be obtained.

"Eligible veterans should read the instructions carefully before making out their applications, and before filing them with the commission should have them verified or examined by their local legion post, Red Cross or bonus attorney.

"Only by the fullest co-operation on the part of the applicants and the help of the commission and of the veterans themselves for a speedy distribution of the funds be realized."

ARLETA DEFEATS LOCAL QUINTET IN FAST GAME

The Oregon City Athletic Club basketball team was defeated Thursday night by the fast Arleta quintet in a game played on the local floor. The score was 25 to 16. The locals were handicapped by the loss of Goodwin, their star forward, who broke his nose when he fell during the first five minutes of play. The Arleta squad displayed some exceptionally good team work.

POWER PLANT ON CLACKAMAS WILL RANK WITH BEST

New Project of P. R. L. & P. To Make Use of Resource Surpassed by Few; Work Already Well Under Way.

COST WILL BE MORE THAN TEN MILLIONS

Improvement to Open One of Most Rugged Sections In West; Big Benefit Seen.

Work has begun on the 21-mile wagonroad on the way from Portland to the projected Oak Grove power plant on the upper Clackamas river. Part of the road is through rugged, solid granite bluffs; part of it is through the heaviest of native forests, and in all it is one of the most notable pieces of road construction undertaken anywhere in Oregon.

It is strictly a private road at that, for it is to be the means of serving the great Oak Grove power plant of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. Eventually it is to develop 80,000 horsepower, the whole year round though the first unit to be installed will be of 30,000 horsepower. As all the machinery will have to be hauled in over this road, and there will be thousands of tons of steel used in installing the great hydroelectric plant, it will have to be a good road.

Briefly, the project calls for a great storage basin on the upper Oak Grove fork, behind a 70-foot storage dam. This water will be let out so as to distribute the spring floods through the dry summer and stabilize the power for the whole year. Another and much greater storage dam, 130 feet high, is to be built across the upper fork of the Clackamas, to impound 50,000 acre feet of water for seasonal distribution. This latter storage dam, and the whole current of the upper fork as well, is to be taken through a three-mile tunnel across Oak Grove fork. From there the water of the two streams and reservoirs is carried in an eight and a half-mile conduit to the new Three Links power site for power development. Here it is put to work under the tremendous head of 860 feet, which will give it an operating pressure of approximately 358 pounds per square inch. There are hardly half a dozen places in the world where such an operating head can be gotten. It is one of the finest water powers known to man, because of this tremendous head.

Cost Estimate Is Small

It has been estimated that the great plant can now be built for approximately one half what some of the recent big high pressure plants in California have cost during the war period. The whole current is to be added to the series now in use for supplying this part of Oregon with electric current. The company already has nine hydroelectric and auxiliary steam plants, with an aggregate of 131,448 horsepower. It now serves 36 separate communities, and had 57,477 patrons on December 31, 1921. The present current will come to Salem, along with every other community served.

The upper works of this latest power development are at an elevation of 4000 feet, where the snow still lies thick and cold. It is in one of the roughest portions of Oregon, in the saddle between Mounts Hood and Jefferson. The total cost of this new project will be close to \$10,000,000. The company has been offering its preferred stock to its employees, with gratifying results. The less than 300 employees have subscribed for almost \$400,000 worth of stock.

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Over around Stayton, Sublimity and north around St. Louis and Woodburn, the signatures have been coming in large numbers. The fruit districts have usually been the most anxious to see the bureau win out—and the least able to pay up their memberships, according to Mr. Daugherty. In many cases the growers find themselves financially obligated so that they hesitate to take on even the modest farm bureau investment which they believe will help them.

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MOLALLA, March 6.—The Molalla Women's Civic club recently purchased an acre of ground adjoining the city park. Substantial improvements are contemplated. The club has raised nearly \$700 in the past 14 months for its city park project. The president of the club, Mrs. Mary M. O'Brien, an Oregon pioneer, having crossed the plains in 1852, is getting excellent results.

IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITION OVER COUNTRY IS SEEN

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—Improved conditions during February have furnished a "more hopeful prospect" for trade in the coming months, says the monthly business and financial review issued tonight by the federal reserve board.

Changes in the various industries during the month, the board asserted have resulted in diminishing the irregularity and unevenness noted during the last year. Price stability was evidenced by current readjustments of the noteworthy advances in the prices of agricultural products in February being offset by corresponding decline in other lines of industry.

The readjustment process, the board asserted, has apparently reached the stage of inter-industrial price revision, the advance in agricultural values tending to facilitate liquidation of loans at banks and the rapidity of movement of products to markets.

More satisfactory marketing and price conditions have included tobacco and other products as well as grain, the board said, although early reports from the southwestern grain regions have not been altogether reassuring.

The better outlook, the board declared, has been partly offset by labor and other difficulties in the textile industry resulting in reduced activity, although fairly good conditions in the New England shoe and leather industry were reported. Some increase in the activity of steel mills was noted, but business in the chemical industry was said to have received a severe setback, as a result of future uncertainty. Distinct increase in non-ferrous metal production, especially copper and the reopening of mines long closed, was reported.

Little modification in the volume of unemployment was seen, although continued improvement in building operations were said to have increased the demand for labor in parts of the country where the surplus of unemployed would otherwise have been larger.

SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS FOR OREGON CITY LOW

Tax Levy Is Among Smallest For First Class Districts In Oregon, Report Shows.

Only four of 23 first class school districts in the state have a smaller tax for school purposes than Oregon City, according to a report prepared by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill. The report shows that the total school levy in Oregon City is 11.4 mills. The lowest is that of Portland which is 6.7 mills, while in Bend, which is first on the list, has an assessment of 32.3 mills. The levy for the county is considerably under the average of all the first class districts is 16.4 mills. Only two cities, Portland and Salem have levies under ten mills.

FARM BUREAU MAKING GAINS IN MEMBERSHIP

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COMMISSION WILL FORCE ACTION ON SOUTH END ROAD

State Authorities to Insist on Immediate Improvement of Pacific Highway from Oregon City to Canemah.

3 PLANS SUBMITTED; NEW ROUTE TALKED

Cost of Construction Under Present Prices 20 Per Cent Less than First Estimates.

Unless Oregon City and the private interests concerned in the improvement of the south end outlet on the Pacific highway take immediate steps toward the removal of what the highway commission terms "the worst hazard" between Portland and Ashland, the commission itself will force the issue, according to word received by the county yesterday.

In a letter addressed to County Judge H. E. Cross, the commission points out that they have exercised considerable patience in the matter but as yet they have been advised of no agreement which will result in the completion of this portion of the highway, joining Oregon City and Canemah.

They regard the matter as one of the utmost importance as it is the only gap in the entire road which is unimproved between Albany and Portland. They "insist that early action be taken in the matter of right of way and construction," and point out that "if the parties interested are not now able to reach a conclusion as to a new line, the commission will insist on the improvement of the present roadway to remove this hazard which is the worst on the Pacific highway between Portland and Ashland."

Three Plans Drawn by Engineers

The matter of improving the south end road has been talked here repeatedly by both the city council and organizations of a civic and commercial nature. Three tentative plans have been prepared by the state engineers, the basin route along which the present road runs, and two routes over the hill on a five per cent grade.

The local commercial club and the city council have both gone on record as favoring what is known as the Fifth street route, involving an undergrade crossing with the Southern Pacific, but no further action has been taken.

It is understood that the financing of the work still hinges upon the extent to which private concerns vitally interested in that part of the city will cooperate. The city at present (Continued on page four.)

FIVE DIVORCES GRANTED IN CIRCUIT COURT HERE

Five divorce decrees were granted Saturday by Circuit Judge J. U. Campbell. They were issued in the following cases:

Eva against Forrest E. Packard. Plaintiff granted care of two children and \$30 a month.

Ina against Joseph Remington. The plaintiff's former name of Ina Franz was restored.

Lottie M. against Wm. England. Custody of one child granted plaintiff.

Alvina C. against Leon F. Robinson. Custody of one child granted to plaintiff and \$35 a month.

Joseph against Jedwig Durer. Suit for annulment of marriage was filed by Wayne G. against Edith Arnold. They were married in Portland March 1, 1919 and the plaintiff alleges that the defendant was married at the time and that she did not receive a decree from her first husband until a year later.

COW AND CALF BURN IN \$600 FIRE AT MELDRUM

A valuable Jersey cow and her calf were burned to death in a barn owned by Victor Erickson, of Meldrum on Thursday night, when the barn was destroyed by fire, the origin of the fire unknown, and the loss about \$600. There is some insurance.

Neighbors close by were surprised Thursday morning when finding the barn was burned to the ground, for no alarm was given.

Workman In Mill Is Hurt; May Lose Hand

Jedd Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Taylor, of this city, is suffering from an injury to his hand. While working in the paper mill on Tuesday morning his finger was badly crushed, and every effort is being made by the attending physician to save that member.

PARK BOARD DISCUSSES PLANS FOR CAR

Operating Expenses for Year Estimated \$1400; Economy Will Govern All Efforts.

The question of securing a man to look after the Oregon City auto park during the coming season was discussed at a meeting of the park board held Tuesday afternoon at the Commercial club rooms.

Payment of \$75 a month with house light and fuel for the period when the pavilion would be open was temporarily decided upon. It was agreed if the right party could be secured the privilege of house rent together with light and fuel would be extended to cover the time when the park would be closed. An effort to obtain a man under these conditions is now being made.

Economical operation was the general one of the board. O. D. Eby expressed the hope that the grant of \$600 made in the city budget for the park would not be needed. The standardization of the various auto parks which was agreed on at the recent session in Roseburg, provided for the collection of a fee of 50 cents a night from each car making use of this convenience. This collection together with any revenue derived from the pavilion is expected to offset the estimated expenditure of \$1400. Renting of the pavilion for the purpose of holding dances was discussed. It was universally agreed that if any dances were held the board would have to be responsible themselves for their proper conduct.

The operation of the park will probably be from the beginning of April to the first of November though this will be governed to a large extent by the climatic conditions.

The next meeting of the board will be upon the call of the secretary but in the interval the members will devote some time to the matter of securing a park keeper.

HEALTH ASSOCIATION TO CONTINUE FINANCE DRIVE

The drive for funds of the Clackamas County Public Health Association which was to have ended February 28, was extended until March 31, at a meeting of the association Tuesday afternoon. Of the fund of \$2,000 which the association seeks to raise to finance the work during the coming year, about ten per cent has been subscribed, but inability to completely cover the territory due to several reasons, has necessitated the prolongation of the drive.

The meeting also decided to cooperate with the State Board of Health in the matter of holding a "health week" here during which time clinics for the instruction of the general public will be held. It is probable that an attempt will be made to hold this in conjunction with the Chautauqua this coming June. The association also granted the request of the state board to allow graduates of the Unit-ary Oregon nursing school to take over the activities of the county health nurse for a short time in order to gain the required amount of practical experience.

Miss Hilda Morris, county health nurse, gave her monthly report, showing a varied field of activity. Her work was highly commended by the association.

NO LICENSE, NO DANCE; DAMASCUS MAN FINED

The first arrest this year on charges of conducting a dance hall without a license was made Monday when Frank Everhart was taken into custody by Officer Long on a specific charge of running a dance at Damascus. He pleaded guilty before Judge E. J. Noble and was fined \$20 and costs. A. G. Meyers, of Portland, arrested by Long at Canby for driving 30 miles an hour thru the city limits was fined \$10 and costs in the justice court. Alfred Danielson, of Colton, paid \$10 for driving a car without a license.

Frank Smith, arrested by Constable Ed. Fortune in Portland, on a statutory charge, was committed to the county jail after a preliminary hearing, in default of \$1,000 bail. He is to await the action of the circuit court grand jury.

EXPERT ON INCOME TAX HERE FOR WEEK'S STAY

John J. Collins, official representative of the department of internal revenue, arrived in Oregon City Monday morning, where he is aiding in interpreting the mysteries of the income tax.

Mr. Collins has made his headquarters in the court house, where he is giving free assistance to any persons having trouble with the filing of their return. His hours are from eight a. m. until five p. m., and he will remain in the city until Friday evening. His office is in the petit jury room.

URBAN FEE FOR AUTO TRUCKS IS COMPROMISED

License of \$25 a Year Will Be Inaugurated; Action of Quorum May be Reversed at Full City Council Session.

SCIENTIFIC DATA ON CASE RATES LACKING

Representatives of Transfer Company and Railroad tell Woes of Present Condition.

A license fee of \$25 a year for all motor trucks and buses passing thru Oregon City was decided on by the council at their special meeting in the city hall Monday night.

The vote which passed this measure consisted of three for and two against, as only five councilmen, a bare quorum were present. As it will be necessary to decide each franchise separately in the future it is possible that the vote of the members who were absent from this meeting may reverse the decision of the quorum in so far as it applies to the granting of each individual franchise.

\$5 a Month Protested

R. Bishop appearing on behalf of the Willamette Valley Transportation company protested warmly against the suggestion of Dr. H. S. Mount that the amount charged for the use of the streets should be \$5 per month. This sum he stated would effectually destroy his business as at the present time he could not raise the rates and rents in existence. He said that he was willing to offer the city \$1 per month, a figure which he understood was acceptable to the other towns along the highway. The present proposal he classified as being similar to a system of toll gates and in the nature of a discrimination against the lawful efforts of a legitimate business.

As to the damage to the streets which the various members of the council contended had to be paid for from either the civic funds or a tax on property, he pointed out that in his native town he paid for the pavement as a taxpayer and yet there were many others using it who did it far more harm and paid no special levy towards its upkeep. He said that he was willing to do all in his power to help the city out of their problem but that the payment of \$1 a month represented the maximum and that insistence by the city on a higher fee would be met by legal procedure.

S. P. Counsel Speaks

Paul P. Ferrans, counsel for the Southern Pacific, said that speaking for the railroad who were possibly the heaviest tax payers on the roll of Oregon City, they were compelled to pay at very much higher rates than the council proposed for similar privileges to those which the railroad enjoyed in the city. Transportation by motor truck had become a permanent feature of the traffic situation, he said but urged the members not to forget that at the present stage of affairs many of the motor transport companies were purely ephemeral, and referred to the remarks of Mr. Bishop that his company would be compelled to go out of business if they had to pay any larger amount than \$1, and stated that the council's duty to the citizens would forbid them to introduce any ordinance which would amount to a free gift of the right to tear up the streets with heavy trucks.

No definite figures being available as to the cost of maintenance upon which a base for the proposed license could be established, O. D. Eby suggested that an adjournment be made and a meeting be arranged with the Public Service Commission, at which representatives from all towns in the state which were confronted with a similar predicament, could be present.

Some of the members voiced the opinion that the matter was properly a consideration to be decided by the council themselves and accordingly the motion outlined above was put to the meeting.

ACCIDENT REPORTS ARE FEW FOR PAST MONTH

During the month of February a total of 15 accidents were reported to the sheriff's office, according to the reports compiled by Chief Deputy E. C. Hackett. This is a decrease of 2 over the similar period for the year of 1921.

The report, however, is not taken as an accurate indication of any decrease, for the reason that there is no traffic officer in the county and the larger part of the accidents of a minor character are not heard of, despite the fact that the law provides heavy penalties for failure to make a report. The list for the past month shows no injuries received in auto accidents.