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RAIL EXTENSION ON OREGON CITY LINE IS STARTED

Nine Mile Road Will Reach Virgin Timber Holdings Near Molalla; Cost to be \$90,000; Work Is Begun.

OPERATION TO START LATE THIS SUMMER

Route to Cross Clackamas at Baker's Bridge; Logs Will Be Hauled to Clear Creek.

Extension of the Portland & Oregon City railway, commonly known as the "Carver line," from Carver, in Clackamas county, a distance of nine miles to Viola, on Clear creek, was announced by incorporators of the Viola Halfway company, headed by Stephen Carver.

The new extension has already been started, one mile of the new rail line having been completed and the grade prepared for the entire distance. The total cost of the project is approximately \$90,000.

The purpose of the extension is to open up the vast body of virgin timber situated on Clear creek near Molalla. Numerous holders are located in that district, including the Carvers, Spreckles and Swifts.

\$100,000 Is Capital Plans are being made to have the extension ready for operation late this summer, or even sooner, according to the incorporators, who are Stephen Carver, president of the Portland and Oregon City line, C. E. Cunningham of the U. S. Mortgage and Investment company, and George F. Heuser of R. E. Menefee & Co. The incorporation has a capital of \$100,000.

The Carver line as at present constituted is 27 miles in length, and has its Portland terminus at East Eighth street and Hawthorne avenue. Railroad motor car service is maintained regularly by the line. The rail line was originally constructed as a standard gauge route about eight years ago.

In pushing the line through to the new terminus in the timber, the route will be across the Clackamas river at Baker's bridge. For the extension, the timber owners are to supply their own ties.

Mills to be Enlarged It is planned that the road when completed will haul both logs and milled lumber. Several mills are located in the Clear Creek district, and the incorporators predict that enlargement of these mills and construction of others will follow the completion of the rail lines.

Logs can be brought to the Willamette river also, according to a statement made by Heuser, who said that the line has an extension for log dumping purposes located between the golf links and the Oaks.

S. P. TRAIN HITS TRUCK; ONE MAN BADLY INJURED

Thrown from a truck which was struck by Southern Pacific south-bound train 17 at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, A. Lavine, 37 1/2 First Street, Portland, is in the Oregon City hospital with a broken leg. H. Lavine, his partner, who was driving the machine, escaped uninjured.

The accident happened just north of Oregon City where the east side highway crosses the S. P. track near Park place. H. Lavine, who was driving, said that he was not running faster than 15 miles an hour, but that the slight rise in the road at the crossing obscured his vision and he was just able to swerve the truck to the right when the locomotive struck it a glancing blow, tearing off the frame top, and hurling A. Lavine from the seat.

The injured man was taken to Oregon City on the train. According to the statement of the engineer, the train had whistled before approaching the crossing, but the driver said that he heard nothing, probably because the wind was against him.

Examination of the injured man, made by Dr. H. S. Mount, showed a compound fracture of the leg. There was one break at the knee joint and one below the knee cap. At the hospital Monday evening Lavine was reported resting easily.

The driver of the car was able to return to Portland with the somewhat damaged machine. They were on their way here from that city with a load of fruit on one of their weekly trips to supply the camps in this vicinity.

Oak Grove Pair Get License to Marry

A marriage license was issued by County Clerk Fred A. Miller Tuesday to Ward A. Yeom, 20, and Grace L. Woodie, 19, both of Oak Grove. The boy, being under age, obtained his mother's consent to the marriage.

MORTALITY HERE DROPS; BIRTH RATE ON INCREASE

Figures for Clackamas County Given in Report Compiled By State Board of Health.

An increase in the birth rate in Clackamas county and a decrease in the death rate, is shown in the latest available figures, incorporated in a report published by the State Board of Health, which has been received here by Dr. O. A. Welsh, county health officer.

The statistics show an increase of .7 in the birth rate in 1920 over 1919, and a decrease of .4 in the death rate during the corresponding period. The 1920 birth rate was 16.4 per thousand which on a population of 37,698 amounted to 619. Clackamas county has the 28th highest birth rate in the state. There are 27 counties with a higher rate and eight with a lower rate. The highest birth rate in the state is 26.5 for Tillamook county while Grant is credited with the lowest of 12. The average rate throughout the state for 1920 is 19, an increase of 3.4 over the figures given for 1919.

Death Rate Low During 1920 there were 382 deaths, representing a per thousand mortality of 10.1. This is the 14th lowest in the state and is slightly under the average which is 10.7.

The increase in the population of the county during the year from 1919 to 1920 was 386 or 10.2 per thousand. There was an excess of births over deaths of 194, which leaves a 192 increase from other sources, showing that for that particular year the gain was 5.1 per thousand population from births as well as immigration. The ratio of increase by births to increase by immigration between 1918 and 1919 bears a different proportion, being about 5 to 15 instead of 5 to 5.

Comparison of deaths caused from influenza during 1918, 1919 and 1920 are shown by the report to be smaller in the last year cited than during any of the preceding periods. Figures given respectively are 78, 23, and 8. The proportion of deaths to the number of cases in 1918 is 1 to every 15, in 1919, 1 to every 32 and in 1920, 1 to every 43.

A slight increase in the number of deaths from tuberculosis is shown since 1918 when there were 24. In 1919 there were 25 and in 1920, 28. The report indicates that there have been no striking alterations in the number of contagious diseases contracted and deaths from such cases during the past four years which the figures cover.

TAX COMMISSION WILL TOUR WESTERN OREGON

PORTLAND, March 13.—Eastern Oregon's problems in taxation and Eastern Oregon's suggestions as to their solution will be heard this week by the state tax investigating commission now on tour of Baker, La Grande, Pendleton and The Dalles.

On the return a hearing is expected to be held also in Astoria and a meeting in Portland to prepare the commission for attendance at the convention of the tax education league here one week hence. Invitation to attend the four Eastern Oregon hearings have been sent to county clerks, assessors, school superintendents, mayors, legislators and taxpayers' organizations to make complaints and recommendations. The commission was scheduled to meet in Baker today, La Grande tomorrow, Pendleton Wednesday, and The Dalles Thursday. All sessions will begin at 10 a. m. Meetings in Portland Friday and Astoria Saturday are to be made later.

I. N. Day, chairman of the commission, Walter M. Pierce, Coe McGeehan, Charles Grand and C. S. Chapman are taking the Eastern Oregon trip. Commissioners Henry E. Reed and Judge E. H. Smith, who are not going to Eastern Oregon, will take the Western Oregon trip.

At the present stage of its investigation the commission is of the expressed opinion that the burden of taxes is unequally distributed, falling too heavily upon farm and town realty.

GRAND JURY RETURNS 17 BILLS; 5 ARE INDICTED

Seventeen bills, four not true bills, five secret indictments and eight indictments were returned by the grand jury in the circuit court here Friday. Four indictments were returned against James Moore, 60 years old, of Clackamas Heights, on statutory charges. One indictment against Frank Smith and three against Jess Poyser on similar charges were filed.

Not true bills were given in the cases of Millard Francis charged with larceny of dwelling; W. H. Ferguson, non-support; Sidney Miller, larceny and R. A. Travers charged with embezzlement of \$43.50 from W. H. Harris. The grand jury was dismissed to await the call of the district attorney.

E. L. POPE WILL HEAD LIVE WIRES FOR NEXT TERM

Arthur Beattie Is Elected Sub-Trunk; Hoss Is Chosen Transmission Wire; Edgar To be Insulation Chief.

MORRIS, LATOURETTE TIE WITH 13 VOTES

Banquet Planned for March 28th for Tax Discussions; Wives to be Guests of Men.

E. L. Pope, of Parkplace, was Tuesday elected Main Trunk of the Live Wires of the local commercial club, to succeed Judge Grant B. Dimick, who for the past term has headed the organization. Arthur G. Beattie was chosen sub-trunk. Hal E. Hoss was re-elected transmission wire and Rev. H. G. Edgar was re-elected insulation wire.

Mort Latourette and L. A. Morris tied for the office of guy wire, with 13 votes each. A coin was flipped and Latourette's choice of tails won him the election.

Captain James P. Schwerin, in charge of the Oregon division of the Marine Corps recruiting service spoke upon present condition of the army and navy service. He lauded the accomplishments of the armament conference and pointed out the savings which would result from the limitation of arms, though he decried the fact that the original plans for greater limitation had not been adopted.

Touche upon the matter of governmental economy, Captain Schwerin, pointed out the necessity for not carrying custodial expenditures to a point where adequate service and protection would be impossible. As an example of the need for an efficient armed force he pointed to the recent actions in Haiti and told of the various activities of the marine force in guard duty of both a foreign and domestic nature at present. The keeping of a suitable armed force available has become the administration program, he said, which has culminated in the combination of the state militia, or national guard with the regular army.

The Live Wires, at the suggestion of Judge Dimick, decided to hold another meeting to take up the question of taxation. On motion of Chris Scheibel, Tuesday week's meeting, March 28, will be set aside and a banquet held at six o'clock, after which a general meeting for the discussion of the subject will be held. Wives of the members of the club will be invited to attend.

MAN FOUND NOT GUILTY. CONFESSES TO MURDER

Charles Beebe Charged With Killing, Freed on Insanity Plea, Admits Double Crime.

SALEM, March 9.—Carson D. (Pete) Beebe, who arrived at the state hospital here a few days ago following his acquittal in the Linn county circuit court on a charge of murdering John Painter, today in a confession made to Dr. John C. Evans a physician at the institution, admitted that he killed both Painter and his son William and buried their bodies in a shallow grave some distance from the Painter home.

At the time Beebe was tried for the murder of the elder Painter, he denied the charge and alleged that John Painter killed his son and then committed suicide. For fear that he would be implicated in the affair, Beebe told the officers that he buried the bodies where they later were found by searchers. The jurors, after hearing the testimony at the trial, acquitted Beebe on the grounds of insanity.

GOVERNMENT EXPERT TO STUDY BROCCOLI CROPS

R. R. Pailthorp of the bureau of markets, United States department of agriculture, is to investigate the broccoli situation in the Willamette valley and in southern Oregon.

Mr. Pailthorp is here to work out the problems of marketing broccoli without the occurrence of yellowing of the jackets surrounding the curd, which has met with much disfavor in eastern markets. Whether this discoloration is due to improper ventilation, inadequate icing, unsuitable methods of harvesting and packing or variety of plants, will be some of the angles of the problem to be taken up.

Investigators will be detailed to accompany shipments and to study the conditions surrounding broccoli in transit and at the unloading points.

HAWLEY PAPER COMPANY NAMED IN DAMAGE SUIT

Suit for \$10,000 damages for the death of their father, W. J. Gortmaker, was filed here Saturday against the Hawley Pulp and Paper company by the man's two sons, John and Henry Gortmaker.

The elder Gortmaker was killed September 3, 1921, while in the employ of the Oregon City Manufacturing company. He was working on a wooden flume of the woolen mill's which runs beneath the Hawley mill. An operator in the Hawley plant turned on a blow-off pipe, in front of which the man was standing. He was badly scalded, and died a few hours later.

The accident occurred at 3 a. m., and Gortmaker, who was a carpenter by trade, was the only one of the crew of men who was injured. Shortly after the man's death, a corner's jury investigated reporting that "carelessness existed on the part of the Oregon City Manufacturing company in a property notifying the Hawley Pulp and Paper company that men would be working near the vicinity of the blow-off pipe." They also recommended a system of signals to prevent further accidents. The jury was composed of W. C. Green, W. D. Honat, Carl Green, E. A. Osborne, Geo. Rath, and F. W. Cox. The attorneys' names of the complainants are William Stone and Roland Glover.

PREVENT DELAY, IS OPINION UPON SOUTH END ROAD

Oregon City Expected to Get Action Upon Building of Highway Outlet; Financing Of Project Is Considered.

MUNICIPALITY MUST AID DECLARES MOUNT

Bond Issue One Way Out Says Mayor; Commission Asked for Additional Information.

That there will be no procrastination on the part of Oregon City in securing the improvement of the South End road, is indicated by Mayor James Shannon, and Dr. H. S. Mount, head of the street committee.

Negotiations regarding the improvement of the south outlet to the Pacific Highway were given considerable added impetus by the announcement by the state highway commission that unless immediate means were taken to provide for the improvement, drastic action upon the part of the state would follow.

Also they concur in the opinion that further delay must be avoided, they are not together upon the matter of how the improvement should be financed. Mayor Shannon believes that the entire matter should be left up to the private interests as the city is not in a position to make any expenditure for the work. He points out that under the present budget system, there are no funds for the work and that the only way that provision for it could be made would be to float bonds, which could not be done without a special election.

Dr. Mount, who is also head of the Commercial Club committee which has the matter in hand, feels that it is essentially the duty of the city to take care of the improvement, though he believes that aid should be asked from the industrial plants and other interests, to some extent. The new bridge appropriations, he points out, were made in the face of the fact that no way appeared open for the expenditure, and he believes that a similar method can be worked out in this instance.

If the matter should come to a show down, he says, the commission would order the improvement made, and then by taking it into court, could assess the entire cost to Oregon city. No action of this nature is expected, because of the fact that an adjustment will probably be reached in the near future.

A request has been forwarded to the state highway commission for accurate figures as to the revised costs of the improvement along the different surveyed routes, and a definite expression as to what portion will be borne by the state. This information is expected to form an accurate working basis for further negotiations.

Four Divorce Suits Filed In Local Court

Four suits for divorce were filed in the circuit court here Tuesday. They are: Edna against Edward Ellis, married in Portland March 18, 1920; Edna against J. Robbins, married in Portland in 1920; Susie against Jack F. Wilson, married in Portland April 24, 1920; Olive against Don Carlos Craddock, married in North Dakota in 1910.

TAX REDUCTION LEAGUE NAMES FIVE DELEGATES

Convention Representatives To State Meeting March 20 Chosen; Platform Adopted; Non-Partisan League Is Hit.

SINGLE TAX SYSTEM FULLY REPUDIATED

Public Service Commission Recall Advocated; Cut In Official Salaries Approved.

Adopting a platform embracing practically the same principles as those advocated by county branches throughout the state the Clackamas County Tax Reduction league held its organization meeting here Monday, electing delegates to attend the state convention in Portland the 20th of this month.

The delegates are R. Scheibel, F. St. Clair, C. E. Spence, Henry Thieson, Chris Scheibel and R. E. Cherrick.

The meeting passed a series of resolutions outlining the general policies that will be followed. "The non-partisan league and the single tax system were repudiated. Reduction of administrative salaries, the recall of the public service commission and general reduction of governmental expenditures were among the chief points covered.

Tax reduction leagues over the entire state were in convention during the past few days, preparatory to the state-wide meeting in Portland. A general resume of the policies adopted, follows:

Recall of public service commission, opposition to world's fair by direct or indirect taxation; no person not a taxpayer should vote on any measure bonding the state, county or other municipality; revision of salaries of state officials and members of the supreme court; to make the emergency clause a judicial instead of a political question and giving the supreme court original jurisdiction in all questions involving the emergency clause; no measure appropriating money should be submitted to the people except at a general election; \$5000 urged as maximum salary for state officials and heads of institutions of higher learning; that no salary be increased during the term of the incumbent; opposed to educating doctors and lawyers and maintaining buildings for their education at public expense; elimination of some boards and commissions and consolidation of others; abolition of 6 percent limitation; opposed to further bonding of state, and to disposition of new authorized at less than par; in favor of resubmitting millage tax law that was enacted by the people in 1920; in favor of higher educational schools, except the state normal school.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL APPOINTMENT IS MADE

The appointment of Floyd D. Browne as special traffic operative for Clackamas and a part of Marion county has been announced by T. A. Raffety, chief inspector of the state motor vehicle department. Browne is a resident of Jennings Lodge, was formerly in the employ of the Pacific Highway Garage here. The problem of regulating the summer motor vehicle traffic is expected by the department to be more extensive this year than in the past.

To cope with the contemplated condition, the chief inspector announces the dividing of the state into 11 districts and the assigning of a special operative to each district. The scheme as outlined by the state traffic department is the most extensive highway patrol service ever attempted by the state.

Mr. Raffety said that courtesy to the public is one of the chief requirements demanded by his department. Each operative has been warned to obey the laws and render assistance to the traveling public whenever possible.

Two Local Couples Get License to Wed

Marriage licenses were issued in this city Saturday by County Clerk Miller to George Leneer Kruse, 1135 1/2 Alvinia avenue, Portland, and Violet Martha Wetlaufer, of Hoff; Harvey Morton Barnes, of Milwaukie, and Vallie Brewer, of Milwaukie. The two latter couples will be married on Sunday, and the first couple was married on Saturday. Another couple was granted a license on Saturday shortly after the clerk's office closed. This was Dave Sewerd, and Emma Hochhalter, both of Oregon City, Route 6, whose marriage will take place today.

NEW COMMITTEE WILL ACT ON SOUTH END ROAD

Body Led by W. P. Hawley Has No Recommendations; Municipal Funds Lacking.

Accepting the report of the South End road committee which made "no recommendations," the Live Wires of the local Commercial club Tuesday discharged the committee and unanimously moved for the appointment of a new body of men to carry on the negotiations for the improvement of the south outlet from Oregon City on the Pacific highway.

The south end outlet has been pending for some months, and matters were recently brought to a head by the demand of the highway commission that measures toward its improvement be inaugurated immediately. There is no dissent over the routing but the matter of finance is to be arranged before any definite action can be taken. Attempts are under way to secure the cooperation of private industries in that vicinity.

The report of the committee, composed of W. P. Hawley, A. R. Jacobs and W. Brown states that they had "individually or collectively interviewed both the county and city officials, and find that there are no funds available for this improvement. In view of the existing circumstances, this committee has no recommendations to make and begs to be discharged."

E. L. Pope, newly elected Main Trunk of the Live Wires will announce the new committee within the present week, it is expected.

LICENSE IS GRANTED TO OAK GROVE DANCE HALL

Commissioner's Action Taken Over Head of Judge Cross; Sunday Closing Provided.

Controversy which has been rife for the past few months over the granting of a license to the dance hall at Oak Grove beach, six miles north of here, was ended yesterday afternoon when the two county commissioners signed an order for the issuance of a license over the head of county judge H. E. Cross.

The license grants the application of H. Tregaskis and M. L. Hubbard for the operation of a dance hall there, and was awarded in face of a lengthy petition protesting against the moral tone of the beach. Judge Cross, in view of the reputation of the beach last year and the complaints which have been made, has refused to approve of the granting of the license.

The application had been pigeon-holed for such a length of time that it was quite generally believed a license would not be granted.

Judge Cross stated that the matter had not come up while the court was in session, but the commissioner has signed an order prepared by a local attorney when the court was not in session. The license prohibits Sunday dancing and provides for a special deputy sheriff, the expense to be borne by the operators of the hall.

The pavilion as operated last year was the object of frequent complaints and strong opposition to granting a license to continue operations. The coming season has been voiced from the section in which the hall is located.

DATES ARE DETERMINED FOR FINAL EXAMINATION

County School Superintendent Brenton Vedder has sent out to all grammar schools of Clackamas county notices giving the dates of the eighth grade final examination, also for the fourth test in arithmetic and spelling.

The date of the fifth and last test in arithmetic has been changed from April 21st to April 14th. This has been done in order that the County School Superintendent Vedder may make up his exemption records for the eighth grade pupils in spelling and arithmetic for May examination. He is arranging special review questions in physiology, geography, civics, history and grammar, and these will be sent to the grammar schools of the county within a few days.

There are about 135 grammar schools in the county where these questions will be sent to.

Examinations will be given in arithmetic and writing on Thursday morning and on Thursday afternoon history and spelling. On Friday morning examinations will be in physiology and language, while the afternoon will be devoted to geography, civics and government, and reading.

KAISER SAID DEAD

AMSTERDAM, March 13.—A report spread through Holland today that the former Kaiser Wilhelm of Hohenzollern had died suddenly at Doorn.

MILLS HERE LEAD PAPER INDUSTRY ON PACIFIC COAST

Resume of Industrial Plants Plaes Oregon City High In List; Pay Roll One of Largest In Classification.

POWER RESOURCES AID IN DEVELOPMENT

Ease of Transportation Adds To Value; West Side Plant Installs New Equipment.

That the paper-making industry has grown to be one of the chief manufacturing industries of Oregon is a fact well recognized in the trade, but little known by the general public. Yet this industry now gives employment to over 3000 men in this locality.

The great lumber resources of the Northwest, with wonderful water power, have long been recognized as ideal for paper making, and various kinds of paper have been made here for many years. It has, however, been chiefly developed in the last 10 years to the present important place that it holds.

The greatest development has taken place at or near Oregon City, where the Crown-Willamette Paper company developed two large plants employing about 1200 men, and where the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, established in 1908, employs about 600 men. However other plants have been built at Salem, at Lebanon and at Camas, Wash., that employ altogether about 1200 more men.

Power Is Plentiful The chief reason for the large development at Oregon City is the abundant water power provided there by the falls of the Willamette river, in addition to the water transportation available, and the raw material near at hand.

The plant of the Hawley company here consists of a wood pulp mill, a sulphite mill, and four paper machines. The plant produces newsprint for newspapers, fruit wraps in which apples, citrus fruits, etc., are wrapped for market, paper toweling, tissue paper and bread wraps. The product is largely used by Pacific coast consumers, though some shipments are made to the Philippine islands, and Hawaii.

The Crown-Willamette company plant at West Linn makes nothing but news print paper at this mill. New paper machines were recently installed, built especially for this company and it has made what is believed to be a world's record for news print production, turning out on a continuous run as high as 1000 feet of finished paper per minute.

This run was made on what are called the new "No. 9" machines. About 300 tons of paper are produced every day. Sales of this paper is made to many of the leading papers of the Pacific coast and some shipments are made to the Orient.

The Crown-Willamette company has a bag factory and paper mill at Camas, where about 850 men are employed, and where the company fills its orders for paper bags and wrappers. Here are made all sizes of paper bags from the small envelope size to the large banana size, about five feet long. Fruit wrappers and tissue papers are also made at this plant. In the last year were produced at this plant about 100,000,000 fruit wrappers.

The company also has a smaller plant at Lebanon for the making of wrapping paper of various kinds. Here are employed about 200 men and use two paper making machines. High grade wrapping paper is sold from this plant all over the West. Another tissue mill is operated at Florence, Cal., where about 200 men are employed. This plant makes wrappers principally for the California citrus trade.

The Salem plant of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company gives employment to about 200 men and operates two paper machines.

Other paper plants in the Northwest include the two large plants in British Columbia, one at Ocean Falls, which is one of the largest and most modern in the world, and one at Powell River. Smaller plants are operated at Everett, Wash., at Spokane, and several other points.

2 ENTRIES LISTED FOR GLADSTONE POSTOFFICE

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Application for the position of Postmaster at three Oregon offices closed today. Gladstone, Shedd and Bay City were the three offices for which entries were received. Names submitted for the Gladstone vacancy were: Frank F. Barlow and Mrs. Carrie N. Parker. Examination to fill the vacancy at Hubbard postoffice is announced for April 8.