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COUNTY PROGRAM IN MARKET ROAD WORK COMPLETE

State Funds to be Used This Year Independent of Bond Money; Relief to be Given to Present Bad Conditions.

FEW DETAILS STILL MUST BE ARRANGED

Routing Changed on Some of Original Lines; Betterment of Grades Is Held Possible.

The so-called bond roads in Clackamas county, which were to be improved through the expenditure of the \$1,700,000 issue voted in 1919, will be taken care of independently through the market road funds, for the present ignoring the bond issue which is being held up through a complication of causes.

This decision was reached Saturday by the county court, following the consideration of the matter for more than a year. Although the outline of the exact expenditures to be made and the roads which will be recommended as market highways will not be completed until next week, the plan of action is definitely settled.

Relief Is Afforded

The decision, according to County Judge H. E. Cross will amount to the improvement of the roads as market roads alone. In the event that the bond issue can be made operative, it will be used for the laying of the hard surface pavement as provided in the original act. If nothing can be done with the bond funds, the judge points out, the districts in which these highways lie will be afforded the market roads to relieve the present condition.

The routing of a number of the bond roads has been changed under the market fund plan. The reason given by the court for this is that the surfaced highways were laid in a way that in many cases served directly but a few farm houses. An effort has been made to lay the roads where the majority of the people in the district can be served. In several cases the grades have been improved by these changes.

One Plan Pending

The one road which is holding up the issuance of the order is the Happy Valley. The original bond road ran over the Mount Scott line at a heavy grade. By a 19 to 1 vote at a meeting of the people in the district Friday night it was decided to change the road so as to run it from the Sunnyside school, northeast, dividing the valley. Definite plans for this are to be worked out by the engineer and as soon as they are completed the entire order covering the market road situation in the county will be issued.

The road bonds are at present facing the possibility of a recall. Initiative petitions are being circulated to recall the unsupervised portion. Opposition to the issue is based on the contention that it is unworkable as the districts are forced to prepare the base of the bond money in used only in pavement. Excessive costs, it is said, have made this impossible, and the court has felt that the issue in its original form could not be applied economically.

EX-SERVICE MEN PLAN DRIVE FOR NEW HOME

The first event in the campaign of the local post of the American Legion to raise funds for furnishing new permanent quarters will be a grand military ball to be held at the Moose hall Wednesday evening, April 26th. This decision was the outcome of a meeting held in the Willamette hall Monday night. According to Julius C. Spagle, secretary of the post, a movement is at present under way to procure a permanent home and exclusive club rooms and the dance is but the forerunner of other novelties which will be introduced in the near future.

The secretary announces that the post has recently received official grave markers to be placed on the graves of ex-service men. This ceremony will be held on Memorial day and a large attendance is assured. At the next meeting the local body plan an entertainment for all veterans in the county, this to take place April 24. At Monday night's meeting a committee was appointed to inquire into the Japanese situation in Clackamas county and to take whatever steps they considered necessary. A debate was also held on the question of unrestricted immigration into the United States.

A visit to the Molalla post at their first meeting is contemplated by the Willamette branch of the legion.

TAXES SHOW REDUCTION IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

State Survey Gives Local Cities Good Position In 1921 Schedule of Imposts.

Clackamas county was one of the 11 in the state which saw a decrease in taxes this year over the assessment for 1921. According to figures available at the office of the county assessor, civic taxes in Oregon City in 1922 show a decrease of \$4397.17 or 7 per cent from the amount collected in 1921. Taxes levied in 1921 at a rate of 18.09 mills totaled \$65,223.17. In 1922 the rate jumped to 19.1 mills, yet the total collected evinced a falling off to \$60,826.

This condition contrasts favorably with the fluctuations in other towns throughout the county. West Linn where the rate remained stationary has an increase in 1922 of \$4519.19 over the 1921 collections, a percentage increase of 24. Milwaukee also shows an increase of 7 per cent though this may be explained by the increase in rate from 10.90 to 11.5. Other towns in the state are listed as levying less in 1922 than 1921 though in no instance is the decrease so great as in the case of Oregon City.

Figures Are Compared

In contrasting the figures given for county taxes imposed during the current year with those of the preceding period Clackamas county can be credited with almost 1 per cent of a decrease. This reduction analyzed on the amount collected through state and county sources shows that the local assessing body effected a saving of \$45,902. This saving is more than two-thirds offset by the increase embodied in the state levy, due principally to the soldiers' bonus levy and state appropriations for new buildings.

The actual figures for Clackamas county are 1921, \$1,512,159; 1922, \$1,498,401. There are but ten other counties in the state where the decrease is greater than in this district. These counties in their respective order are Morrow, Multnomah, Malheur, Columbia, Clatsop, Sherman, Harney, Gilliam and Baker. The totals for Morrow county where the greatest falling off is shown are 1921, \$544,681; 1922, \$456,377; this represents a decrease of 16.21 per cent.

Deschutes Increase Greatest

Deschutes county with a total for 1922 of \$1,955,983 compared with the 1921 amount of \$1,948,028 has the largest increase registered in the state. This is approximately 23.50 per cent and while exceeding any other county is closely followed by Lincoln where the 1922 levy is given as \$428,568 and the 1921 tax as \$349,978 an additional burden of 23.45 per cent.

Examination of figures available reveals the fact that the increases registered in all counties outside of Clackamas county are directly attributable to the local voters or assessing bodies. State figures are less in all communities other than this district and the total for the state as a whole indicates an average decrease of 1.75 per cent. The biggest factor in this showing is the reduction in the college millage taxes which in 1922 was levied for one year only in comparison with the amount collected in 1921 which included the 1920 tax.

JUDGES ARE NAMED FOR ENTERPRISE 'T' CONTEST

Rev. H. G. Edgar, R. W. Kirk And Philip Hammond Will Have Charge of Awards.

Rev. H. G. Edgar, R. W. Kirk and Philip Hammond have been chosen as judges in the "T" Word Picture Puzzle and on Monday evening, April 17, will grade the answers that have been turned in by that time and will name the winners of the big prizes offered.

The judges will have absolute charge of the choosing of the winners and no one connected with the Enterprise will have any action in the matter nor is anyone connected with this paper in any capacity permitted to enter the contest in any manner whatsoever.

Answers to our "T-word" picture puzzle are coming in at a lively rate and the prospects are that it is going to be an interesting and exciting game at the end.

SCOURGE CLAIMS FIVE

PORTLAND, March 31.—Two more children and one grown man were victims today of septic sore throat which has been epidemic on Portland Heights and which has led to the taking over by the public health bureau of the Pleasant View dairy near Hillsdale. This brings the total deaths since the disease spread to five.

SCENIC HIGHWAY NEW PROPOSAL FOR OREGON CITY

E. P. Rand Suggests Route For Road to South Over Bluff from Northern End of City On Good Grade.

VALUE OF PLAN FOR FUTURE IS OUTLINED

Idea Held In Advance of All Present Programs to Get South End Traffic Outlet.

A new plan for the South End road has been unofficially advanced, with the intention of opening a way for what is said by its proponent to be the possibility of one of the most scenic routes along the Pacific Highway. Ernest P. Rand is the originator of the idea, which would start the ascent of the bluff from the North where the hill commences, taking it in a comparatively even grade over the top of the hill, and through Canemah.

Route Is Given

"By reason of its rugged bluffs, falls and manufacturing industries, Oregon City possesses a setting for one of the most scenic highways of the state," writes Mr. Rand. "Commencing at the northerly end of the city, at the intersection of 14th and Washington streets, thence proceeding southerly on an ascending grade, following the contour of the hill through the blocks, bounded by Center and Washington streets and between 11th and 14th streets, to the intersection of 11th and Center streets; thence continuing southerly on an ascending grade along the face of the bluff on the easterly side of the Southern Pacific railroad, crossing the present main highway, to the upper end of the bluff near the end of the 7th street stairway. Thence along the crest of the bluff on what is known as Bluff Street or Public Promenade to the southern limits of the city to the intersection of Main street Canemah."

Details Yet Unsettled

While the writer is not prepared to state off-hand just what, if any, engineering obstacles will be encountered, following the cursory examination it would seem that a practical roadway could be constructed along this route on a grade of 6 per cent or less.

This boulevard or highway, if constructed, would afford an unparalleled view of the Willamette river, its falls, the bridge, the lower part of the city, West Linn, Willamette and Bolton, and show off to advantage the great industrial plants of the Hawley Pulp and Paper Co., the Crown-Willamette Pulp and Paper Co., Portland General Electric Co., and the Oregon City Woolen Mills.

All this and more would be presented in one sweeping panoramic view to the passing motorist and would be one of the great attractions of Oregon City. In this way only could the stranger within our gates grasp the enormity of our manufacturing plants as well as our scenic advantages.

While it is probable that this could not be undertaken at the present time, the opportunity to construct a great scenic highway should not be lost sight of in the plans for the future development of the city.

COUNTY OFFICIALS OPEN TENDERS FOR ROAD WORK

The county court will again call for bids on grading and macadamizing 1400 feet of Market road number 5 situated between Carver and the bluff according to a decision arrived at Saturday. In response to the county's request for bids asked for on this section some time ago, one offer was submitted yesterday. This was from John A. Powell, of 424-54th street, Portland, and the figure quoted was \$3177. In view of the fact that the engineer's estimate was only \$2760, it was decided by the court to reopen the bidding.

L. A. Smith, of Oregon City, will in all probability get the contract for supplying rock from Kruse quarry for the roads in that vicinity. This fact became known Saturday when the county court opened the bids submitted for this work. There were nine tenders received in all and it is considered highly probable that Smith will land the work, although final decision is not yet made.

The tender sent in by Smith quoted a price of 97 cents per cubic yard f. o. b. the county trucks. In addition to this his bid contained other provisions which tended to create a favorable attitude on his behalf. The work entailed is the quarrying of approximately 6000 yards of rock, mainly for use on the Boone's ferry road.

CASH BONUS THREATENED

WASHINGTON, March 30.—A move will be made in the senate to eliminate completely the cash bonus feature of the soldier bonus bill as passed by the house, Senator Smoot, Utah, said today, after a conference with President Harding.

AUTO PARK WILL BEAR NAME OF W. P. HAWLEY, SR.

A resolution, changing the name of the Oregon City Auto Park to "Hawley Park," is being prepared by the city attorney and will be presented to the city council at its next session, probably on April 18. Passage of the resolution is assured as the council, at its last meeting, by a vote of 7 to 1, decided to instruct Attorney Eby to outline the necessary legal re-naming of the park.

Agitation for the change in the name of the park was begun during the recent movement of community betterment started through the local commercial organizations. In a resolution addressed to the council they asked for this recognition to W. P. Hawley, Sr., in appreciation of the public spirited work which he is doing along various lines. His activity regarding the auto park prompted the decision to cast it as a memorial which will bear his name.

As the auto park, which is owned by the P. R. L. and P. is leased to the city, the action of the council will be sufficient to change the name. The park lease, at \$1 a year, gives the municipality complete control of the bluff site, which has been removed from the tax roll as in its present use is considered in the same class with other public property.

The Commercial club is planning to inaugurate a movement for the improvement of the park. The adoption of the state wide system for park fees will make the grounds self supporting, it is hoped, and the work of the civic organizations, hitherto directed toward upkeep will be toward the improvement of the location.

2 NEW BONUS RULINGS MADE BY COMMISSION

Two important decisions regarding the application of the so-called soldiers' bonus law in Oregon, have been handed down by the bonus commission. Regulations regarding insurance of property on which a mortgage is given in security for a loan, and a decision on the eligibility of husband and wife who were both in the service, have been made. These decisions received yesterday by Phil Hammond, local bonus attorney, follows:

Question: Are policies written by the Oregon Fire Relief Association to be accepted by the Commission equally with standard fire insurance policies, on property mortgaged for soldiers' loans?

Opinion: Its policies contain the standard form of policy required by the laws of this state. They all have, and the law requires, a provision that in case of foreclosure and sale of the property covered by the policy, it becomes null and void unless otherwise provided in a condition written upon, or attached to said policy. Policies therefore acceptable equally with standard fire policies.

Question: Where a man and wife both in the service and both are eligible for benefits under the law, can their claims be pooled to purchase a home or farm of sufficient value to secure the double loan which, at the maximum, would be \$6,000.00, both jointly signing the note and mortgage and each of them, therefore, becoming liable for the entire loan?

Opinion: If the property is held by them by an estate of entirety, under the decisions of our Supreme Court, the husband and wife each have title to the entire property which is so held by them; therefore, each can comply with the law by giving security upon property which he or she owns; or if the title to the property stands in the name of the husband or wife alone, the other complies with the law by giving a mortgage upon property owned by his or her wife or husband. It seems to me, though, that the loans should be evidenced by separate notes of the parties since the statute limits the amount of any loan to \$3,000. The underlying principles are that each is entitled to the loan security to the amount required by the statute therefor. The mortgage being signed by both, subjects the entire property to the lien of the mortgage and the obligator to pay the same. The relations of the parties makes it possible for them to comply with the requirements of the statute in this way while others probably could not. Affirmative with exception above noted with respect to the note.

Califf-Cameron Nuptials are Held

The marriage of Margaret Nannie Califf to Lewie Hiram Cameron occurred Monday evening at 6 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Willis E. Pettibone at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bristow, 608-3rd St. Those witnessing the ceremony were Mrs. O. P. Califf, and Mrs. Bristow, mother and sister of the bride, Mr. Bristow and son, Walter Bristow. Mr. Cameron is connected with the Falls Bakery. Mrs. Cameron is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Califf of Estacada, but has been residing in this city with her sister for some time.

An application for their marriage license, which was refused Saturday due to the fact that Miss Califf is under age, was granted Monday when her mother gave her consent to the wedding.

HOODOO ON POSTOFFICE AT LODGE THOT BROKEN

Mrs. L. Nordstrom Succeeds To Ill Fated Appointment; Jinx Tossed Into Discard.

Another chapter in the jinx-pursued career of the Jennings Lodge postoffice has been closed with the appointment of Mrs. L. Nordstrom as postmistress. Six years of trouble, marked by failures, robberies and fires, during which time six people have served in governmental capacity and the bad luck believed broken with the moving of the office back into the store building where it was originally located.

Six years ago C. A. Elwell was postmaster. The office was located in the general store near the station. Elwell owned and operated the store, which he purchased from the former postmaster. He owned the place for two years when the building was burned. Elwell was indicted for arson, and confessed. Later he changed his plea and stood trial, being convicted and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The case is at present pending before the supreme court.

Elwell was later arrested and convicted on a charge of being short \$24.00 in the federal funds. He was sentenced to a year on McNeil's Island, but upon plea of friends, it was changed to a jail sentence and he served it in the Multnomah county jail. During the fire, Elwell's wife had barely time to escape, and in leaving the building fell, fracturing her hip. The injury leaves her a permanent invalid.

Alfred L. Barker rebuilt the store where he served as postmaster for two years. He suffered a nervous breakdown during which period his wife served as postmaster. Treatment at the state hospital failed to save Barker, and he died January 13, 1922.

After Barker was incapacitated and Mrs. Barker resigned, L. J. O'Brien received the appointment, employing L. Nordstrom as deputy. Later O'Brien sold the store to Nordstrom and a dispute arose, Nordstrom claiming that he was to attain to the postmastership under the agreement. O'Brien moved the postoffice to the Atchley building across the street, and there was considerable controversy though O'Brien, under the original appointment, conducted the office.

A month ago, Nordstrom died. Since then, Barker has resigned and Mrs. Nordstrom has won out in the competition for charge of the office. She has moved the postoffice back to the store building which was originally owned by George A. Morse, and once more there is peace in the postal affairs of Jennings Lodge.

APPLICATIONS FOR CASH BONUS SURPASS LOANS

Of a total of 872 applications under the bonus bill made from Clackamas county, 543 were for cash and 329 for loans, according to a report completed by the bonus commission. In the county the total amount of cash included in the claims is \$135,750 while the loans will aggregate \$919,900.

Throughout the state as a whole, or approximately 23,000 Oregon ex-service men who have filed their bonus claims with the state bonus commission, 59.7 seek cash and 40.3 prefer the loan.

The applications filed to date involve an aggregate outlay of \$30,136,500, including \$3,412,000 cash and \$26,724,500 in loans.

While in the aggregate the cash applications exceed those for bonus loans, in many counties this situation is reversed. For instance, in Gilliam county but 20.7 per cent of the applications are for cash, while 79.3 per cent prefer the loan. Virtually the same percentage applies to Deschutes county.

Ex-service men of Columbia county are strong for the cash provision, 74.2 per cent requesting cash, while but 25.8 desire loans.

Of the 3463 non-resident applicants, 3250 want cash, and but 213 loans.

BIDS FOR REMODELING JAIL TO BE CALLED FOR

Bids, including competitive plans, are to be received by the county court during the May term for the reconstruction of the county house jail. At the budget meeting in December, \$6,500 was included for the rebuilding of the county bastle. The court, due to the press of business, has so far been unable to give the matter attention, but it is expected to make the arrangements in the coming term, according to Judge H. E. Cross.

DOWN TOWN SITE FOR CITY HALL IS TO GO ON BALLOT

Main Street Property Looms As Counter Proposition to Offset Movement to Place Building on Hill Location.

BIG FIGHT-IMMINENT BETWEEN FACTIONS

Internal Discord Marks New Contention Over Question; Recall Plan Is Said Bluff.

Build the city hall on Main street location where the old municipal structure now stands; this in all probability will be the counter proposition submitted to the voters at the May election to fight the issue of purchasing the Caulfield property on 7th street.

Action to fight the move to locate the city hall on the hill, was taken by the Live Wires of the local Commercial Club at their meeting, when a committee was appointed to take the necessary procedure to place a downtown location on the ballot. L. A. Henderson, L. A. Morris and Willard Hawley were named by Main Trunk E. L. Pope to select the location and get immediate action. Both Henderson and Morris acted from the floor that they favored the locating of the new building on the present city hall property on Main street, Hawley is also in favor of this location. As the matter rests entirely in the hands of the committee, there is little doubt but that this site will be chosen.

The discussion before the Wires was opened by Al Price who urged that the organization take action to defeat the hill site. Price was instrumental at the last meeting in holding up a vote on a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to undertake the work of pushing the hill agitation. The resolution also condemned the recall of the bonds, Main Trunk Pope, in naming the committee, placed Price as chairman. Price refused to serve, saying: "Put me on a committee to see that the recall goes on the ballot as a third issue and I'll act."

The status of the city in the case was described by O. D. Eby, city attorney, who informed the Wires that there was yet time to place a site on the ballot if they desired to do so.

Prospects not only over a fight regarding the location loom hotter than ever upon the municipal horizon, with dissent not only between the hill and the downtown sections but with disagreement between the two factions.

There is considerable difference on the hill over the purchase of the Caulfield property. Some maintain that \$8,000 is too large a sum to spend for any property, and claim that the issue that carried the McLoughlin Park site was one of economy, and that the contention was more over whether or not property should be purchased than the exact location.

Proponents of a site below the bluff are divided on the Main street question. Some claim that the present building, because of its size and the fact that it is located in the heart of the city, is not suitable for a new building.

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MIXED JURY WILL SERVE UPON STATUTORY CASES

Jess Poyser, Facing Indictment Of Circuit Grand Jury, Is Admitted To Bail of \$500.

Jess Poyser, awaiting trial on an indictment charging him with a statutory offense, was at liberty Saturday on \$500 bond. The bond was placed by Charles Mann and John Rain.

Poyser, who had been held in the county jail, was released on an order from Judge J. U. Campbell, pending the trial, but was re-arrested and required to furnish bond. His case, and a number of similar offenses will be heard in the April term of court which opens on the 17th of this month. The juries will be the first in the circuit court here composed of both men and women.

CALL FOR GRAND JURY ON APRIL 13 IS ISSUED

The circuit court grand jury will convene on April 13 for the last time in the November term, according to District Attorney Livy Stipp. At that session, which Judge Stipp expects will last about two days, the final report of a number of similar offenses will be heard in the April term of court which opens on the 17th of this month. The juries will be the first in the circuit court here composed of both men and women.

ALGON CITY TO ASK REDUCTION IN FREIGHT RATE

Commercial Club Will Send Representative to South To Attend Hearing Before Interstate Commerce Body.

RALPH L. SHEPHERD IS NAMED AS COMMITTEE

Vigorous Clean Up Drive to Be Undertaken; Stipp Will Head Municipality Survey.

Oregon City will be represented at the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing in San Francisco, April 25, to urge the allowance of revision of freight rates on the Southern Pacific. Ralph L. Shepherd has been appointed a committee of one by the Live Wires to take the matter of representation up with the board of governors and will in all probability attend the hearing in the name of the city, its commercial interests and the commercial club.

The situation, as described by Mr. Shepherd to the club, involves the reduction of freight rates to meet water competition. If it is not granted, he says, the result will be the inauguration of mileage rates, which would establish a fatal differential in the case of Oregon City, which is at present enjoying a low arbitrary over Portland.

Readjustment of the rates, he pointed out, would result in a considerable saving on movement of tonnage to main points in California and greatly facilitate the shipping of local business houses and industrial plant's tonnage.

Reception to Be Held
Announcement was made by Secretary Sam Clay that a reception to new members and old fashioned house warming is scheduled by the Commercial Club in the club rooms in the Masonic Temple on Friday night, April 21. At the meeting of the board of governors the whole matter of arrangements was referred by the board to the House committee entertainment committee and executive secretary, to work out all plans and details for the affair.

Frank Cramer, chairman of the House committee is at work arranging the program of features.

The committee announces that admission on that night will be by membership card only. Any member of the Commercial club in good standing will be admitted to the inner circle of enjoyment upon presentation of his membership card at the door.

Clean-Up Survey Plan
A resolution was adopted instructing the Main Trunk to name a committee to further the clean-up campaign. The committee is to make a personal survey of conditions, reporting to the property owners things found which need rectifying, and make a final survey of the state of affairs, before the Wires at a subsequent session. Livy Stipp was named as chairman, with A. C. Howland and C. H. Dye as joint members.

J. D. Lee, candidate for Republican nomination for governor, spoke on the early development of Clackamas county, of which he was one of the pioneers. Tracing the progress of some growth of the districts, he drew as a small beginnings toward betterment and improvement of conditions and lauded the commercial organization for the way it had undertaken the aiding of the community.

Morris Duyrea, secretary of the department of service and organization of the state chamber of commerce, was present at the hearing, but did not speak, deferring his address until a later date. Press of discussion over the city hall question so limited the time that there was no room for the program after the other matters had been thrashed out. Mr. Duyrea is expected to address the Wires in about two or three weeks.

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN BY LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary held their regular meeting at the Commercial Club parlors Monday evening. Mrs. Glen Eppler was elected second vice-president and Mrs. Leslie Crawford sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Blake Bowland was appointed past-president. A fund to decorate the graves of our soldiers who fell on a foreign field was established.

Plans for a joint social meeting with the legion were made. Mrs. Minnie Donovan was appointed chairman of the refreshment and entertainment committee.

Several new members were elected to membership, the initiation ceremonies will be held at the next regular meeting, April 24.