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ROAD PROBLEMS ARE DEBATED AT LIVE WIRES MEET

C. W. Kruse, Candidate for County Commissioner, Views on Maintenance and Construction of Arteries.

POLICY OF BOARD IS DEFENDED BY HARRIS

John W. Hall, Candidate for Joint Representative Talks on Tax Questions in State.

That the road program of Clackamas county is costing the taxpayers \$74.00 per day in interest charges was the statement of H. W. Kruse, candidate for county commissioner, at the regular weekly luncheon meet of the Live Wires held in the Commercial club rooms Tuesday.

Assessing the present road commissioners in their handling of the road projects in the Oswego districts, the candidate for commissioner stated that the expenditure in this section was double that provided for under the road bond act, instancing one particular project where the cost of little more than a mile was \$22,000 and the amount provided for under the bond act was \$11,000 per mile.

Both the Oswego and the Monitor roads were not a success declared the speaker and were breaking up in less than a year's time. The question of the maintenance of these roads and other roads throughout the county was one that should be taken care of by a repair fund which Mr. Kruse stated should be administered so that the renewals would not consist of merely filling up pot holes with sharp rock.

Road Repair Necessary.
To exemplify the urgent need of some comprehensive system of road repair, he cited the condition of the road at Clackamas bridge, to drive over which at the present time was to incur the risk of being hurled through the top of the car. Another salient blot on the fair reputation of the roads in this county was to be found in the condition of the crossing at Milwaukie which had been permitted to get into such a state as to be almost impassable.

Reviewing the results of the road program Mr. Kruse declared himself as favoring the concrete roads, which if more costly in the beginning were in the long run more economical in comparison with the macadam roads. To insure satisfactory results in the road building work the speaker stressed the necessity of close cooperation between the taxpayers and the commissioners and said that if he were elected he would work toward the reduction of the county debt and taxlevy and would oppose any diversion of funds by curtailing the road expenditures through efficient management.

County Commissioner Harris in reply to Mr. Kruse stated that the present board of commissioners enjoyed the complete confidence of the taxpayers in the county and pointed to the fact that 23 districts were levying a road tax as an illustration of the cooperation existing between the commissioners and the taxpayers. He agreed with the previous speaker as to the superiority of concrete roads and turning to the subject of excessive expenditures, reminded the assembly that the present administration had had to contend with many difficulties.

Harris Makes Reply.
The Oswego project he said had been undertaken at the request and with the full knowledge of the residents affected and whereas a few years ago the county had possessed very limited equipment for road work it now boasted a considerable increase in facilities for construction. The evil in the taxes originated and ended at Salem said Mr. Harris and the remedy consisted in more care in the selection of the man sent there to represent the county's interest.

John W. Hall candidate for joint representative from Clackamas, Columbia and Multnomah counties gave a short talk in which he decried the tax on real property and stated that if he were elected he would give equal consideration to all whether they held the same political opinions as the speaker or otherwise.

Jude Perry of Milwaukie gave it as his opinion that the prevailing trouble was a habit which had developed of delegating authority in the hands of a few and the subsequent loss of interest by the great majority. This he said applied equally to the road commissions and the school boards and other boards and commissions. He also condemned the practice of leasing land to the orientals and was strongly opposed to the present high taxation.

An announcement was made by the Rev. Edgar that the county health institute would be held on the 18th, 19th and 20th as he believed that the philanthropic actions of the commercial club the county court and the city would make this possible.

Mike Groznik, 24, and Mary Zontar, 24, both of Oregon City were granted a marriage license at Vancouver on Tuesday.

LOCATION OF GROCERS' PICNIC IS NEAR DECISION

Final Action Expected to be Taken at Meet of Merchants Association On May 15th.

The decision as to whether or not the Grocers' Picnic will this year be held at Gladstone Park, is to be made on May 15 at the meeting of the Retail Merchant's association. A committee of Portland men together with local representatives have been making the preliminary arrangements and the final report to the organization will be made next Monday evening. The picnic for a number of years has been held at Bonneville and the local merchants are attempting to have it brought to Clackamas county. Among the requirements made are accommodations for 5,000 people, police protection, transportation, parking space for automobiles, and similar arrangements. All of the details have been practically worked out. The picnic will be held on July 26, and in the event that it will be staged on the chautauqua grounds, all of the local stores will be closed for the occasion. Special trains are to be provided for the Portland visitors.

SALEM PAPER MILL TO EFFECT IMPROVEMENTS

SALEM, May 4.—Improvements aggregating between \$50,000 and \$60,000 will be made in the plant of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company within the next few months, according to C. F. Beyerl, general manager of the company, this morning.

Contracts have already been let and plans drawn for the installation of six completely new horizontal water filters which will take care of 5,000,000 gallons of water every 24 hours, but which will be so constructed that this amount can be doubled when required.

The installation of these filters will cost over \$50,000 and will be completed by August. They will occupy a floor space of 50 by 60 feet on the south side of the mill.

Further improvements in the mill will involve an expenditure of \$5000 to be spent on the reconstruction of the furnaces so that the cinder nuisance will be eliminated.

"We are not only doing this for the sake of the public, but also for our own sake," said Mr. Beyerl, this morning, "for cinders get into the paper and must be eliminated to produce superior products."

In regard to the new filtration plants and the importance of water in the manufacture of paper, Mr. Beyerl said that the company was now using twice as much water as the city of Salem and with the new improvements it would use four times as much. To manufacture the high grades of paper which the firm is now making a specialty of it is necessary to have the water as near perfectly clear as is possible to obtain.

"It may be of interest for the public to know that we are now manufacturing the only rolls of adding machine paper on the Pacific coast. The spools are even manufactured in Salem," he said.

With the completion of the improvement the company will devote its facilities to the manufacture of other specialties and high grade bond paper.

TAX REDUCTION PLANS FOR ELECTION STATED

An agreement has been reached with J. C. Cooper, president of the state reduction clubs as to the measures to be sponsored at the forthcoming general election by the state tax reduction clubs, announces Chris Scheubel.

Cooper, however, insists upon a separate measure, which has for its only object the repeal of the 1.2 millage tax for the support of the state university and agricultural college. Another measure drafted by Scheubel provides for the repeal of the 1.2 millage tax, but in addition provides an assessment scheme which Scheubel says will raise the present assessed valuation of property on the tax rolls.

In addition to the Scheubel measure and the straight millage tax repeal measure, the State Tax Reduction clubs will submit four other measures. A constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds majority to authorize the issuance of bonds; one requiring a two-thirds majority before bonds in excess of the 6 percent limitation may be voted; another providing that the legislature cannot refer any measures to the people for ratification except constitutional amendments; and an initiative measure providing for a graduated income tax.

MATERIAL ARRIVING FOR OIL TANKS AT ESTACADA

ESTACADA, May 8.—Material for the Standard Oil company's tanks, which are to be built at this place, has commenced to arrive.

ACTION AGAINST POLICE OFFICER HERE DISMISSED

Charge of Disturbing Peace Brought by Walter Bennett Against George Titus Is Heard In Recorder's Court.

THREAT OF WITNESS IS ALLEGED ON STAND

Complaint Faulty, Is Holding of Judge; Trial Room Is Crowded by Spectators.

The suit brought against night officer George Titus, by Walter S. Bennett, charging a breach of the peace, was dismissed in the recorder's court Monday afternoon.

Tried before a crowded courtroom, the case was fought upon its merits though after the conclusion of the argument Judge Kelly held that the complaint did not constitute cause for action in the form in which the facts were stated.

The action was brought by Bennett on the charge that the officer, without provocation, "shoved a gun in his stomach."

Titus, in return to these charges, introduced evidence to the effect that Bennett had made veiled threats against the officials and that his action, taken in discharge of his legal duty, was further taken in his own defense against what he believed might

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BONUS LAW TEST SUITS ARE DECIDED BY COURT

SALEM, May 6.—Decision in three bonus suits brought to determine the constitutionality of different phases of the bonus law, against the veterans' state aid commission were given today by Judges Bingham and Kelly of the circuit court, following a hearing this morning.

In the suit of Fred K. Hollister, an ex-soldier who enlisted in Oregon, but who is now a resident of California, to determine whether or not he is entitled to the loan or bonus, the court rendered a decision in favor of the petitioner and ruled that the plaintiff was entitled to either the loan or bonus.

In the suit of Sallie Carson of La Grande, brought to determine whether or not the relatives of a deceased soldier are entitled to loans as well as cash, the court held that any qualified relative under the bonus law was entitled to the loan privileges.

The third case brought to determine whether or not the loan or bonus applied for by the soldiers who die before payment, belongs to the estate or is a personal matter with the relatives of the deceased, was held by the court to be a matter of the latter instance, sustaining the demure to the complaint.

COUNTY JERSEY CLUB IS TO PICK HERD FOR FAIR

The Clackamas County Jersey Cattle club will hold its next meeting at the home of A. D. Gribble, 4 miles south of Canby, on Saturday, May 13, at 10:30 a. m., according to a letter received from Secretary John L. Leinhardt. Arrangements for selecting a county herd for the state fair, for which three prizes are to be awarded, will be discussed.

SUITOR APPEALS TO EMBASSY FOR ENGLISH GUARD

British War Veteran Applies to Legation for Escort to Safeguard Against Attacks of Agents of Girl's Father.

DETECTIVES' ARREST AIM OF YOUNG MAN

Affair With Texan's Daughter Said to Have Started During Student Days at University.

NEWARK, N. J., May 8.—A request that the British embassy send an agent to escort him from the station tomorrow so that he would not be molested, has been made by Alexander E. Robertson, British war veteran, who plans to go to Washington to press his charges that private detectives attempted to railroad him out of the country because of his efforts to win the hand of Miss Mary Culbertson, daughter of Senator Charles A. Culbertson of Texas.

This became known today when it was learned that Robertson, who lives in Bloomfield, had written a special-delivery letter to Morris Peterson, secretary of the British embassy, supplementing a telegram sent yesterday.

Robertson is seeking to have the embassy assist him in obtaining the arrest of John Rhuland and T. G.

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THREE GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES TO SPEAK

Pat. ORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and Lee to Public Auditorium at Political Meet in Portland Ore. Sponsored by Enterprise.

MAN ATTEMPTS LIFE OF FORMER SKAGIT JUDGE

ANACORTES, Wash., May 4.—S. O. Dost, aged 60, formerly a resident of Anacortes, but now of Seattle, is in jail here as a result of an alleged attempt on the life of Judge George A. Joiner, former superior court judge of Skagit county.

4 CORPORATIONS WILL PAY ENTIRE COST OF OUTLET

Subscription of \$106,000 Is Guaranteed by P. R. L. P., Hawley, Crown Willamette and Southern Pacific Co.

RESOLUTION PASSED AT COUNCIL MEETING

Location of Route Expected to be Decided on Thursday by Highway Commission.

The South End road, over the Fifth street route is financed.

On Thursday the city and the corporations interested in the project will go before the State Highway commission with a definite agreement, and ask the establishment of the route.

The total of \$106,000, representing the cost of the road within the city limits, has been practically subscribed, and Oregon City will bear none of the cost.

A resolution, accepting the tentative proposition made by the corporations was passed at a special session of the council last evening, which also agreed to the granting of certain concessions to the companies.

W. P. Hawley and F. I. Fuller, vice-president of the P. R. L. and P., were present at the session. Clarence Fields, local traffic manager of the P. R. L. and P., and L. A. Henderson and M. D. Latourette, members of the South End Road committee also attended.

The amounts to be donated by the different companies are:

- Hawley Pulp and Paper company, \$30,000.
- P. R. L. and P., \$25,000.
- Southern Pacific, \$25,000.
- Crown-Willamette, \$10,000.

The amount to be given by the S. P. has not been definitely settled as the approval of the action of the Oregon department has yet to be approved by the main offices.

Excess Cost Protected.

Arrangements have been made through the Hawley company and the P. R. L. and P. to take up any reasonable amount over the \$106,000 which the cost might run beyond the estimates.

The agreements tentatively agreed to last night are:

The companies are to finance the complete construction of the Fifth street road within the city limits, the state highway commission will handle the engineering, the P. R. L. and P. will extend its present passenger service to Canemah, construct and maintain a six foot walk between Oregon City and Canemah, light the walk, and light the main street in the city of Canemah.

In return for these concessions Oregon City has agreed to extend the major and minor freight franchises of the P. R. L. and P., to the period for which the passenger franchise runs until 1943, to vacate Third street, to vacate Main street for vehicular traffic from the end of the pavement to the south boundary of the city and request the county to take similar action on the portion from the end of the city limits to Canemah, and to grant certain concessions to be later agreed upon as to the limits of the freight franchise and the annual charge made for it by the city.

The question of lightening the restrictions on the hauling of logs thru the city during the daytime was discussed at length, and agreed upon on the condition that arrangements be made where this could be done only on special permits from either the mayor or street committee. It was pointed out that the present trackage facilities and those which will be built in the space available would not be sufficient to permit all of the hauling during the night hours. No improvements in the paper mills can be expected unless a way can be guaranteed for the importation of sufficient raw material to keep them operating, Mr. Hawley pointed out.

Hawley Makes Deal.

The negotiations over the South End road, though extending over a long period, have been intensive for the past two months. The success of the financing plans have been practically due to the efforts of Mr. Hawley, who with Mr. Fuller and Franklin Griffith, president of the P. R. L. and P., has been working on the arrangements. It was through the influence of Mr. Hawley that the contribution from the Crown-Willamette has been secured. The negotiations about a month ago practically reached a sticking point when Mr. Hawley agreed to so materially increase his proportion of the expense as to guarantee the raising of the necessary funds for the improvement.

Under the agreement all of the negotiations are to be officially closed by the time that the new route is opened for traffic. The highway commission has indicated that it wishes to rush the affair to completion in order to have the routing completed by the time the new bridge is finished across the Willamette. By this time it is expected that all of the

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