

## PETITION URGES PACIFIC HIGHWAY ON FIFTH STREET

Request for Relinquishing of Route on Seventh Follows Statement Approving Act of City on Alternative Plan.

## COUNTY COURT BILL IS HELD ERRONEOUS

Bids on Paving of Harrison, Division, John Adams Sts., Discussed by Council Body.

Protesting against the proposed route of the Pacific highway on 7th street and commending the change suggested by the council for the immediate grading of 5th street, Ben Harding appeared before a special session of the civic body Saturday as the representative of petitions presented covering these two points.

The petition against the seventh street route Harding declared was based on the fact that the work entailed here would mean the demolition of \$40,000 to \$50,000 worth of property beside creating an awkward congestion of traffic near the elevator owing to the sharp curvature involved. In addition to this Harding stated that the cost of the improvement would have to be borne by the property owners and that the commission could not dictate to the city the route to be taken within the civic limits, since the highway board would not be called upon to defray the cost of same.

A copy of the petition which bears the signatures of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company and the Oregon City Manufacturing company will be forwarded to the Highway commission according to the statement of Harding. The petition to the council was ordered filed by the mayor.

**Fifth Street Urged.**

The petition to improve Fifth street which was signed by the First National Bank, R. L. Holman and others was also supported by Harding, who showed that the work required here would not take very long and the heaviest part of the improvement would be a cutting of approximately ten feet at the railroad crossing which would bring the grade to conform with the grade of the highway on the hill.

O. D. Eby pointed out that the life of Fifth street was ten years and that but nine years had expired so that it would be advisable for the city to obtain from the property owners there a written agreement waiving the remaining year.

Figures already prepared by the city engineer dealing with the excavation necessary were read and agreed in substance with the contention of the petitioners.

An ordinance providing for the payment to the architect of the new city hall a sum of \$300 representing 1 per cent of the estimated cost of the building was read for the first time. The ordinance provided for the making of a contract between Edmund Bergholz, architect and the mayor and for the payment of \$300 from the special fund until such time as the bonds should be sold when the money would be replaced in the special fund.

The question of paving the alley in Block Four was referred to the city engineer and the paving of Molalla avenue was deferred at the suggestion of Councilman Metzner.

**County Bill Disputed.**

The recorder read a communication from the county court urging the payment by the city of a sum of \$1500 which the county claimed was owing by the city on the improvement of Rosedale road made last August. Councilman Petzold reminded the council that the county court owed the city \$6900 from budget appropriations in 1920 and suggested that the recorder write the court to apply this bill against the sum owing. In the course of some debate on this debt, Councilman Jack brought out the fact that the sum billed by the court should have been \$1000 and this was sustained by the recorder. Accordingly Dr. Mount advised that no liability in excess of the latter amount be admitted.

Instructions were issued to the city attorney to draw up a contract for the letting of the paving on Division, Harrison and John Adams streets to the lowest bidder. Bids submitted on the work showed that in the case of Division street the lowest bid was \$2640.91, and that of Harrison street \$3298.60. Both these tenders were submitted by Fred Moray. The lowest bid on John Adams street was \$2123.60, this figure being quoted by H. Archer.

The paving of Eighth street west of Main was discussed and it was decided to advertise for bids on this.

Dr. Mount spoke briefly on the necessity for some economy in the expense connected with the road work. The assessments for improvements were becoming an exceedingly heavy burden for the taxpayer and he was of the opinion that a reduction in outlay could be effected by combining the position of street superintendent and that of city engineer. No final decision on this point was reached at the conclusion of the session.

## 'MORAL RISK' WILL NOT COUNT IN BONUS LOANS

Decisions by Circuit Court In Cases Testing Ex-Service Advances to be Appealed.

SALEM, May 19.—Ex-service men are entitled to loans under the Oregon bonus law up to 75 per cent of the value placed upon their property by the duly authorized appraisers of the bonus commission, according to a decision handed down by Circuit Judges Bingham and Kelly Thursday. In overruling a demurrer filed by attorneys for the bonus commission to the petition for a writ of mandamus in the suit brought by Capitol Post No. 9, American Legion, to test out this bonus law. The court held that the commission has no right to consider the "moral risk" in extending loans to ex-service men.

**Appeal to be Made.**

The decision of the circuit court, it was stated, will be appealed to the supreme court for final determination of the point in controversy.

The mandamus action was brought in the name of Edwin Steevens Woodford, a Marion county ex-service man, in an effort to determine whether or not the bonus commission could use its discretion in extending loans or must approve loans up to 75 per cent of the appraised value of property offered as security when that amount did not exceed \$3000. Woodford had applied for a loan of \$2170 upon property appraised at \$2908. The commission allowed a loan of only \$1000.

In handing down their decision the court held that all rules promulgated by the commission for the administration of the bonus law were as binding upon the commission as upon the applicant and that the appraisers' report also is binding upon the commission unless it can be shown that there is an attempt to defraud the commission.

**More Cases Argued.**

Three other cases involving phases of the bonus law were argued before the court. In one of these brought in the name of F. M. Moore, it is sought to determine whether a bonus loan can be used in the purchase of business stock. The commission has held that the money might be used only in the purchase of a farm or home.

A second suit brought in the name of Cicero Hogan seeks to determine whether property offered by a relative may be given as security for a bonus loan and the loan used in paying off a mortgage on the property offered as security.

The third suit brought in the name of William Paulman seeks to determine whether a person recalled into service after being granted a furlough of nine months on his enlistment, prior to the world war, is to be regarded as having enlisted or been inducted into service as contemplated under the bonus act.

All three cases were taken under advisement by the court.

**SLAYER CHARGES BLACKMAIL WAS MURDER CHARGE**

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 22.—Blackmail levies totaling \$25,000 were forced from Walter S. Ward of New Rochelle, millionaire son of the head of the Ward Baking company of New York, before he shot and killed Clarence Peters, ex-sailor of Haverhill, Mass. It was declared, following his confession and arrest today.

This, with the announcement of Sheriff Werner that he expected to have under arrest within 24 hours two alleged accomplices of Peters in the blackmail plot, was the newest development tonight.

The shooting, according to Ward, occurred after Peters and his two alleged accomplices had threatened to kill him, his wife and their two children if he did not pay an additional levy of \$75,000.

After surrendering himself to Sheriff Werner today, Ward, who is 31 years old, is alleged to have declared that Peters, whom he had known several years, and two companions known to him only as "Charlie Ross" and "Jack," had been blackmailing him for the last six weeks. He said they had forced from him various sums. Sheriff Werner said tonight these totaled approximately \$25,000. Last Tuesday, Ward is said to have declared, he met Peters by appointment near New Rochelle. This followed the receipt of a letter and numerous telephone calls from the trio, demanding a final payment of \$75,000.

**PINCHOT'S LARGE VOTE ATTRIBUTED TO WOMEN**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 18.—A steady increase in his lead over Attorney General George E. Altier for the Republican nomination for governor of Pennsylvania was maintained today by Gifford Pinchot, former state forester, who was prominent in the Progressive party movements led by Theodore Roosevelt in 1912 and 1914.

Women played a big part in the result. Hundreds of feminine campaigners were in the thick of the fight in all sections of the state in the interest of Pinchot.

## KRUSE IS GIVEN NOMINATION FOR COMMISSIONER

W. F. Harris Is Defeated by Heavy Vote; Tooze Victor In Senate Race by Narrow Plurality Over Wm. Stone.

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY RETURNS COMPLETE

Hammond, Randall, Lee, Lead In Legislative Contests; Ryan Polls Heavy Ballot.

In a race that ran practically two-to-three over the entire county, with the exception of about three precincts, C. W. Kruse was nominated in the primary election as the Republican candidate for County Commissioner. With a vote of 3049 he defeated W. F. Harris, incumbent, who polled 2087. The complete returns were checked over Saturday afternoon from all of the 83 precincts in the county.

F. J. Tooze won the Republican nomination for senator from Clackamas county by a margin of about 200 votes. He defeated William F. Stone and R. E. Cherrick. Tooze polled a vote of 2234, Stone 1930 and Cherrick 943. Yesterday a vote of more than 1100 was listed for R. E. Cherrick but a check showed that an error of 200 had been made.

Philip Hammond with the largest single vote in the county lead the race for representative nomination, George Randall and M. J. Lee are his running mates. I. C. Bridges and R. Scheubel lost heavily. The votes were Hammond, 3172; Randall 2995, Lee 2648, Lee 2648, Scheubel, 2089; Bridges 1929.

Judge J. U. Campbell, the only candidate for a nomination as circuit judge carried a heavy series of votes on the Democratic ticket.

A. A. Price is the only Democrat candidate for the legislature who was named on the ballot. The names of Mrs. John Gaffney, and Ed. G. Canfield, the former for the legislature and the latter for state senator were written in on the Democratic ticket.

The total vote in Clackamas county was 43 per cent of the registration here. The total vote for governor on both tickets was 6768 and the registration in the county is 15,747.

The recall of the Public Service Commission carried in Clackamas county by a majority of approximately two to one. A definite figure on the recall is not available for the reason that many of the boards did not understand how to make out the totals on this ballot and the exact returns will not be available until the county clerk checks over the tally sheets. A number of the voters cast their ballot for the recall and then voted for one of the incumbent commissioners. This has the effect of nullifying the ballot but in many instances they were not counted out.

**BALLOT TITLE FINISHED FOR PROPERTY TAX LAW**

Attorney General Van Winkle has completed ballot title for the proposed property classification law for assessment and taxation, initiated by the Oregon Tax Equalization association, to be voted on at the general election next November. The measure will have the following title:

"To classify taxable lands for taxation; to assess land and the improvements thereon separately; to assess land at one-half true value; to assess dwelling houses and improvements on farms at one-half true value, and all other improvements, buildings and structures at full true value; to create a classification fund levying an annual tax thereon not exceeding 1 mill; to have lands and improvements thereon appraised every five years by three appraisers; to require all land owners to furnish assessors sworn lists of their taxable property; to limit millage taxes to the amount levied in 1921."

**SEA SCOUTS WILL COME TO OREGON CITY BY BOAT**

Sea Scouts and Boy Scouts will be the guests of the naval reserves on a boat trip to Oregon City, June 17, according to James E. Brockway, scout executive.

Vessels will be donated by prominent members of the reserves, and each of the 45 or 50 Sea Scouts in Portland and one of his friends will be taken to Oregon City and back to Rock Island for the night. The return to Portland will be made the second day.

The reservists, to encourage interest in water activities, will give the boys instructions in navigation and also in throwing life lines and rescuing and giving first aid to drowning persons.

**DEADLOCK REPORTED IN HARBOR STRIKE PARLEY**

PORTLAND, May 23.—Announcement by the state mediation board of recommendations for the establishment of an employment bureau with equal representation from both the waterfront employers and the longshoremen today brought about another deadlock between the two organizations.

The waterfront employers have agreed to accept in part the recommendations of the mediation board, but insist on an employment bureau of eight men, four of their own number, two members of the longshoremen's union and two non-union representatives.

## Mount to Examine Military Applicants

Arrangements have been made by Dr. Guy Mount to examine, free of charge, any local boys who wish to go to the Citizen's Military Training Camps this year. The physical examination is required by the government when the application is made.

## SPEAKER SCORES UNSIGHTLY RUINS ON WATER FRONT

Ralph Shepherd, at Live Wire Luncheon Asks Purchase of Old Houses on River Bank to Aid Scenic Value of City.

## YOUTH SAID ANXIOUS FOR ARMY TRAINING

Captain Explains Objects of Citizens' Military School to be Held at Camp Lewis.

That the barns and old buildings along the water front between Fifth and Sixth streets are an eyesore and detriment to the beauty of the city and should be removed was the statement of Ralph Shepherd at the noon luncheon of the Live Wires Tuesday.

"With the new bridge completed hundreds of tourists will cross the river here and one of the first views they get will be these old buildings," said Shepherd. "I understand that they can be purchased very cheap and we could make this water front a place of beauty that would be an honor to the city. I hope the Live Wires will give this matter some thought between now and next meeting."

Captain Wm. McChapman, of Vancouver Barracks, was the main speaker and he fully explained the object of the Citizens Military Training Camp to be held at Camp Lewis July 27 to August 25. The speaker explained that the training is for young men between the ages of 17 and 27 who have not had military training and up to 35 years for those who have. "There are hundreds of young men who are anxious to take this training, many of them who will have to have the consent of their parents," Captain McChapman said. "There will not be any expenses whatsoever to those taking the training. Transportation to and from the camp, uniforms, equipment, meals, etc., are furnished by the government and the benefits those in training receive are great. The best of instructors are furnished and the morale is of the highest."

Several visitors were introduced, among them C. W. Kruse, who won out in the recent election for commissioner.

As next Tuesday is Memorial Day it was voted to dispense with the regular Live Wires luncheon and the next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 6.

**PROGRAM REARRANGED FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE**

C. A. R. Joins With Legion In Preparing Schedule for Exercises Planned Tuesday.

The program for the Memorial day observances, to be held by the local G. A. R. post and the American Legion has been completed with a few revisions.

At 9 a. m. the post and relief corps will meet in front of Willamette hall, where automobiles will be in readiness to take them to Mountain View cemetery, where exercises will be as follows:

Introduction, Commander A. J. Hobbler; Dirge, Oregon City Band; Prayer, Rev. J. A. Cleland; Roll of Honor, Aljutant; Crowning Monument, Officer of Day; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Fred Tooze, Jr.; Unknown Dead, Judge G. E. Hays; Ritualistic Ceremony of Meade Relief Corps; Firing Salute, American Legion.

At 10:30 a. m. the post and relief corps will proceed to the platform at the foot of Sixth street, where the naval part of Memorial day exercises will occur.

At 11 a. m. the post, relief corps, the American Legion and auxiliary and other patriotic societies will form on Main street, near Fifth, and march to the Liberty theatre where the following exercises will take place:

Introduction, Commander A. J. Hobbler; Music, Oregon City Band; Prayer, Rev. W. E. Pettibone; Greeting to Veterans (original), Mrs. W. S. Bennett; "Star Spangled Banner," Mrs. Frank Schoenborn; Patriotic Reading, Mrs. Arthur G. Beattie; Musical Selection, Chorus from Eastham school; Address, Rev. K. N. Tully; "America," Gladstone school children.

At 1 p. m. dinner will be served for the post and relief corps at Willamette hall. Flowers for decorating soldiers' graves should be left in front of Willamette hall or on the library grounds before 9 a. m.

**OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE BLACKMAILER'S MURDER**

NEW YORK, May 23.—The dramatic mystery surrounding Walter S. Ward, son of the millionaire baker, confessed slayer of Clarence Peters, alleged blackmailer, along a desolate county road near White Plains, was investigated today by officials in an attempt to check up and substantiate or disprove the New Rochelle police commissioner's remarkable story.

New York police, it is believed, will be asked to throw the full force of their investigating facilities into the case to run to ground the alleged \$100,000 blackmail plot.

## OLCOTT'S LEAD IS RAISED TO 356; NOMINATION WON

Returns Reported Complete In All But 16 Precincts; Districts Yet to Hear from Said to Favor Incumbent.

## HALL IS DISSATISFIED SAYS FIGURES WRONG

Marshfield Man In Statement Claims that Official Count Will Alter Election Result.

With returns official or unofficial, complete from all counties, except two, and but 16 precincts in the state not reported, Ben W. Olcott has won the republican nomination for governor. Disregarding the vote in the 16 outstanding precincts, which will increase rather than decrease Olcott's lead, he was 356 votes more than Charles Hall.

At Governor Olcott's offices in Salem it was said last night that the governor would make no statement in regard to the results until the official count is completed for the state.

Mr. Hall left last night for his home in Marshfield, and just before leaving said:

"I have figures which do not tally with those published by the newspapers and I expect the nomination on the official count; we will await that."

"Lacking the nomination—what then?" Mr. Hall was asked.

"I cannot discuss that," he replied. "I would submit the situation to my executive committee. However, I expect the nomination on the official count."

Every county in which Hall was leading has reported its votes, official or complete, so that there is nothing left in sight which can offset a prospect of upsetting the present result.

**BLAZE AT CROSS HOME BURNS TOP OFF KITCHEN**

Fire Said to be Caused by Faulty Wiring on an Electric Iron Is Held Responsible for Destruction of \$300 Damage.

Defective wiring on an electric iron is said by Councilman F. H. Cross to have been the cause of a fire at his residence on 18th street at 4 p. m. yesterday afternoon. The damage, according to Cross will probably amount to between three and four hundred dollars, and consists largely of the destruction of the kitchen roof. The alarm was turned in promptly and the fire apparatus responded immediately. The loss is covered by insurance.

Considerable inconvenience was caused by the necessity of carrying all the furniture out of the house before it was seen that the fire would not make much headway. The fact that the fire was discovered at its start is believed to have been the only thing which saved the residence from complete destruction.

**GADSTONE, WEST LINN VISITED BY MEADE POST**

Patriotic exercises were held at the Union high school building at West Linn this morning and at Gladstone school this afternoon, when the Meade Post No. 2, G. A. R. and Women's Relief Corps attended in a body. At each school excellent programs were given suitable to the occasion.

There were 609 people listening to the program given at West Linn.

At 12 o'clock an appetizing lunch was served the visitors, with the student body members in charge, who were Miss Mildred McKilloan, Miss Marie Bittner, Miss Sabra Neusbaum and Miss Orilla Oliver. It was prepared by members of the domestic science class under the supervision of Miss Minerva Gleason. Others assisting in serving were members of the faculty, who were Miss Dorris Mace, Miss Margaret Dubois, Miss Vesta Lamb.

The interior of the building was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers, and when departing the Corps and Post were presented with arm fulls of blossoms.

In the afternoon the program given at the Gladstone school was also thoroughly enjoyed, the teachers of that institution acting as host and hostesses to the old soldiers and Women's Relief Corps. The auditorium was artistically decorated with the Stars and Stripes, wild iris and lilies. Flowers were banked around the heroes of the Civil War, presenting a most impressive sight.

As the old soldiers and Relief Corps entered the auditorium a four-piece orchestra rendered a march. The orchestra was composed of the Patterson and Laidlaw children.

On Wednesday afternoon Rev. A. H. Thompson was the principal speaker at the Eastham school, and while the old soldiers were on their way to the McLoughlin school visited at the home of Conrado C. Harding, who about 40 members of the W. R. C. and G. A. R. were guests.

**MOTION PICTURE BIGAMY CHARGES STAR IS FACING**

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 20.—Rodolph Valentino, portrayed by romantic parts in motion pictures, was under \$10,000 bonds tonight on a charge of bigamy filed by the Los Angeles county district attorney's office.

Following his arraignment in the court of a justice of the peace Valentino made a statement that his marriage to Miss Winifred Hudnut, at Mexicali, Lower California, a week ago today "was prompted by the noblest intentions that a man could have."

He said he had been advised that a marriage on Mexican soil would be valid, notwithstanding the fact that a year had not elapsed since the time his first wife, Miss Jean Acker, was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce in a Los Angeles court.

The complaint was issued by Deputy District Attorney McClelland upon the receipt of a report from investigators that they had inspected the record of marriage at Mexicali, and had found witnesses who were prepared to testify that Valentino and his bride had passed last Tuesday night at Palm Springs, a resort in an oasis in a desert section of Riverside county, California. These circumstances, according to Mr. McClelland, made a prosecution for bigamy possible under the California penal code.

**JURY UNABLE TO AGREE IN BURCH MURDER CASE**

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 23.—The jury in the trial of Arthur C. Burch for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy was discharged by Judge Sidney N. Reeve today after reporting it was impossible to agree upon a verdict.

## PLAN ANNOUNCED TO CONSOLIDATE 2 LOCAL BANKS

Oregon City and Commerce Institutions to Combine; Final Approval of Merger In Hands of Stockholders.

## AMALGAMATION DEAL HANDLED BY HAWLEY

Will T. Wright to be Head of New Firm; Old Charter Will Not be Relinquished.

Announcement of the pending consolidation of the Bank of Commerce and the Bank of Oregon City was made yesterday. The plans for the joining of the two financial institutions will give Oregon City a bank of among the largest in the state outside of the metropolis.

The consolidation was launched through the efforts of W. P. Hawley, Sr., who is largely interested in the Bank of Commerce.

Notices have been sent to the shareholders of the two banks for a meeting to be held on June 1st to ascertain if the merger can be effected to the advantage of both banks. It is proposed to increase the capital of the Bank of Oregon City to \$250,000.00, with a surplus of \$50,000.00. The combined capital and surplus of the two banks at the present time is \$281,000.00.

Officers to be Named.

Upon favorable action being taken at the stockholders' meeting, directors and officers will be selected and reorganization effected so as to enable the consolidated bank to occupy the new building of the Bank of Commerce when completed.

Will T. Wright, president of the Bank of Oregon City, will continue in that office, but the lineup of the other officers has not yet been definitely determined.

Thomas F. Ryan, president of the Bank of Commerce, has disposed of a large part of his shares and it is understood that W. P. Hawley, president of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, has added to his holdings. George H. Brown, a wealthy Clackamas county farmer, will continue to be a large shareholder.

Present Staff Listed.

Officers of the Bank of Commerce, besides President Ryan, now are: H. S. Mount, vice president; John R. Humphreys, cashier; K. E. Bancroft, G. E. Hollowell and M. G. Nobel, assistant cashiers, with these as directors: Thomas F. Ryan, George H. Brown, E. P. Dedman, W. F. Harris, J. E. Hedges, J. R. Humphreys, H. S. Mount, J. W. Galong and W. P. Hawley.

Officers of the Bank of Oregon City are: Will T. Wright, president; Geo. H. Tracy, Jr., and C. H. Canfield, vice presidents; L. Stevens, cashier; Percy P. Caulfield and Raymond P. Caulfield, assistant cashiers. The directors are: Charles H. Caulfield, Will T. Wright, George H. Tracy Jr., C. D. Bruun and S. L. Stevens.

The Bank of Oregon City was organized in 1880 and the Bank of Commerce in 1915. Both institutions have grown steadily and are shown by the state banking department to be in excellent condition.

**NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT FORMATION REQUESTED**

Aldercrest People Ask Board For Independent Territory; Action Under Advisement.

The formation of a new grammar school district, which would include parts of three existing territorial divisions, was petitioned for Monday by a large delegation from the Aldercrest country. The establishment of the new district has been taken under advisement by the boundary board.

The proposed district would embrace parts of the Harmony, Clackamas and Concord districts and would have a valuation of about \$150,000. The school census of the territory which was included in the petitions would be between 40 and 50 is estimated, though school accommodations for all of this number would not have to be provided.

The establishment of the new district would force the construction of a new one-room school building.

**MOLALLA MERCHANT TO MOVE TO OREGON CITY**

MOLALLA, May 19.—Ray Pirtle has purchased the stock of the Watts pool room. Watts has closed up and moved to Oregon City.