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BIG PROBLEM IN SOUTH END ROAD WORK IS FEARED

State Highway Commission's Retraction of Agreement On Surfacing of Portion Outside of City Puzzles.

PAYMENT ON BRIDGE HELD UP BY COUNCIL

Installment Due on Span Is Not Expected to Be Paid Until Settlement Is Made.

The payment of the first installment upon Oregon City's share of the cost of the new Willamette river bridge, amounting to over \$7,000 was delayed by the city council last night. Although the funds are due the state highway commission, it is understood that no payment is to be made until such time as suitable agreement with the commission upon the matters touching the completion of the highway through the city are reached.

The final action on the ordinance providing for the payment of the fund to the commission, was laid over until the meeting on the 28th of this month.

That the breaking off of negotiations for the completion of the South End road with the state highway commission, more than calls a temporary halt to the plans of the municipality but actually leaves a large breach which the coming year may find difficult to fill, is the indication of the action taken by the state body in regard to the local situation.

The commission practically withdraws its offer for the completion of the section of the road from the city limits to Canemah. This, known as part of unit B, embodies an expense of \$19,850. Under the agreement of the state highway commission, as listed under "state expense" in the revised estimates of the total cost of the grading and the paving of this part of the road was to be taken care of by the state.

No Obligation Seen
The action of the commission rescinds this agreement by the disapproval of the entire series of negotiations. It is pointed out by those who are interested in the completion of the road, that the new state highway commission will be under no obligations to repeat this agreement and that it is probable that they may refuse.

Under the pledges made by Governor-elect Pierce, it is considered probable that a commission will be selected which will operate upon an economical basis as possible. Under such a program the bulk of the expense for the construction of this latter section of the road would again fall upon the county and make a new obstacle in the way of the completion of the highway in this section.

Federal Funds Fall
At the session in Portland, members of the state highway commission pointed out that road work has about reached its limit, as nearly all state money has been allotted and federal aid is in grave danger of falling. The secretary of agriculture has advised congress to cut the \$6,500,000 forest road budget to \$3,000,000 and congress has failed to appropriate the \$50,000,000 pledged for 1922.

Overseas Veterans Speak at Meeting American Legion

The American Legion met at the Willamette hall Monday evening, and features of the evening were addresses made by John Ray, overseas veteran, Professor Leonard, Samuel McDonald, William Aird, Ray Cooper. Musical selections were also enjoyed. These were given by a trio composed of Mrs. William Krassig, piano; John Egger, cello; Mrs. William Stone, violin.

During the banquet Mrs. David Caufield presided as toastmaster. A number of prominent members of the organization responded to toasts.

EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT
"Willie, did you put your nickel in the contribution box in the Sabbath School today?"
Any flapper will frankly admit that it isn't petty larceny to steal a kiss—it's grand.

HARDING'S STAND UPON PROHIBITION ENDORSED

Responsibility of State in Enforcement of Booze Law Cited by Anti-Saloon Head.

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—"President Harding's message on prohibition enforcement is having a salutary effect upon public officials and the friends of law and order," according to the reaction which is being reported to the Anti-Saloon league headquarters. W. J. Herwig, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of Oregon, stated: "A majority of the people are now and always have been for law and order, but it is confidence inspiring to have the chief executive voice that sentiment."

Herwig further stated: "It will help greatly to call the chief executives of the states into conference for prohibition enforcement, as suggested by the president. Forty-six states have state prohibition codes. State governments have the same responsibility for enforcing the eighteenth amendment that the federal government has. It was never intended that the United States government should do all of this work with a small number of federal agents. There are more than a hundred local and state officers whose duty it is to enforce prohibition laws to every one federal officer. The justice department has secured law enforcement conferences between state and federal officers in many of the states and the results have been beneficial."

"We are not disturbed about any change in the law being demanded because it is enforced effectively. If the national and state prohibition laws are enforced for the next two or three years fearlessly and honestly in the cities where they are now inadequately enforced, the increased benefits will be so outstanding that this question will be settled permanently. The opponents of prohibition know this, and that is the reason they are opposed to effective enforcement or the maintenance of enforceable laws."

CHARLES STRAIGHT TO ASK FOR STATE PARDON

Commutation of Year Term To Be Requested; Many Violations of Law Listed.

Charles Straight, whose violations of game and liquor statutes have drawn repeated sentences from both state and local courts, is applying to Governor Olcott for a pardon from a year's term in the Clackamas county jail for bootlegging.

About three months ago, Judge E. J. Noble "threw the book" at Straight when he handed him the maximum for the second offense. Unable to pay his fine, Straight went to jail for something like an 18 month's term.

The man's health has been poor and his three children, recently made motherless by the death of his wife, have been a charge upon the county. This is one of the main arguments advanced by Straight's friends for his release.

Straight's home on Clackamas heights for some time gained considerable reputation as a liquor rendezvous. While Straight was under parole from the federal court in Portland on a liquor charge, ostensibly to raise funds for his fine, he was arrested at his home by county and federal officials for the sale of liquor. It is this offense for which he has been incarcerated.

Near East Peace Put In Hands of Nation's League

LAUSANNE, Dec. 16.—The world powers attending the Near Eastern peace conference here plan to "pass the buck" to the League of Nations. Events in the parley Thursday made this apparent.

The biggest question of peace in Asia Minor are to be decided by the league, according to indications from the proceedings of the conference. Turkey, forced into the league on the question of Christian minorities, must now, to be consistent, throw the fate of other questions into the lap of the international tribunal, impartial observers point out.

The question of capitulations, which has been one of the stumbling blocks of the conference, will be decided, it is being suggested by Lord Curzon, British foreign minister, and dominant spirit of the parley, by the international court of justice at The Hague.

HARRIETT PHIPPS IS VICTORIOUS IN QUEEN CONTEST

Oregon City Candidate Wins By Majority of More Than 11,000; Details of Bridge Celebration Are Completed.

88,000 VOTES CAST FOR LOCAL ASPIRANT

Dignitaries of Entire State to Attend; Banquet for 300 Guests Is to Be Given.

Queen Harriett will rule in Oregon City and West Linn on December 28. The result of the contest to make the regal selection was announced Thursday by the committee after the complete count of all of the ballot boxes distributed through the two cities had been made.

Miss Harriett Phipps, representing Oregon City, received 88,170 votes and Miss Vena Barnes, representing West Linn, 76,815. Miss Phipps' majority is 11,355.

Details for the celebration attendant upon the opening of the new Pacific Highway bridge have been practically completed. The general and executive committee headed by M. D. Latourette has arranged a fitting ceremonial including the formal dedication of the new span at noon of the appointed day.

Dignitaries from over the entire state are to attend the affair. The ceremony is to be held in the morning, ending with a banquet for 300 of the guests at the Crown Willamette in the afternoon. Members of the state highway commission, Governor Olcott, officials from cities throughout the valley, and captains of industry are to come here for the event.

Included in the queen's entourage will be Miss Barnes as maid of honor and the attendants named by the two girls. The crowning ceremony will take place upon the east side of the river.

PORTLAND SCHOOL BOND ISSUE IS HELD LEGAL

SALEM, Dec. 19.—Portland schools will not be denied improvements to totaling \$3,000,000 provided in the bond issue voted last June.

The supreme court today upheld the validity of the issue in an opinion handed down by Justice Brand in which the decision of Circuit Judge Stapleton of Multnomah county circuit court was affirmed.

The decision came in a test suit brought by E. B. Miller, a taxpayer, after Wood & Oakley, attorneys for the Ladd & Tilton bank and Chicago bond dealers, who had bid in the bonds, had questioned the validity of the issue, basing their opinion on an apparent conflict in Oregon laws regarding notice of school bonding elections.

The supreme court today held that the act of 1915 repealed the act of 1913 in school districts of more than 20,000 children of school age, and that notice of the election by publication once each week for four consecutive weeks in two or more daily papers was sufficient. School district No. 1 had complied with these requirements but had not posted notices as provided in the earlier act.

11-Year-Old Boy Near Death From Coasting Mishap

Edgar Miller, aged 11 and son of Mrs. Helen Miller, of this city, is in a critical condition in Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, as the result of being hit by an automobile while he was coasting down Seventh street Saturday night. Little hopes are held for his recovery.

In company with a number of his friends the lad was coasting down Seventh street when a motorist, without warning, struck the boy. The driver made his escape, it is said, without giving assistance. The number of the car was not secured.

Dr. C. H. Meissner gave first aid. Later it required 27 stitches to close the deep wound that extended from the hip to the fleshy part of the body. On Sunday his temperature grew higher, and the lad was immediately rushed to the Portland hospital. Members of the family are at his bedside.

The injured lad has been making his home at the residence of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moore, of 704 Taylor street, this city.

The day's mile can be shortened by prefixing and "a" to it.

There are 136 miles of towpaths beside the River Thames in England.

ORGANIZATIONS PLAN TO COOPERATE ON RELIEF

Red Cross, Redmen and Elks To Work Together to Aid Needy During Holidays.

Clackamas county organizations interested in providing for the poor at Christmas time will combine their funds and contributions. Plans for the cooperation of these organizations were made last evening at a meeting of representatives of the Red Cross and the Redmen and Elks lodges. Arrangements were made for distributing baskets to those in need throughout the county.

A special plea is being made by Miss Cig Pratt, secretary of the local Red Cross, for clothing and for canned fruits. Merchants of the city and county are being urged to contribute tobacco to the committee for distribution. Contributions may be sent to Miss Pratt, 706 Water street.

H. E. CROSS IS NAMED COUNTY JUDGES' HEAD

Clackamas County Official Is Named President of State Assn.; Worked Is Noted.

H. E. Cross, county judge of Clackamas county, was unanimously elected president of the state association of county judges and commissioners at its session in Portland.

Since his election to the local position, Judge Cross has been prominent in official work throughout the state. He is also known throughout Oregon as one of the pioneer backers of the now nation-wide chautauqua movements.

MANY WOMEN REFUSE TO SERVE UPON JURIES

Sixty-five and a half per cent of the women called from jury service in Clackamas County since inauguration of the statute providing for their service were exempted from giving their services, according to figures compiled by R. Justin Miller, professor of law at the University of Oregon. Speaking before the State District Attorney's convention, Miller advocated the repeal of the law which provides for exemption for women.

"The bad result of the exemption system is most pronounced in the more remote counties where population is more scattered and the county seats are more inaccessible," declared Prof. Miller. "The average of women who claimed exemption from jury service in all counties outside of Multnomah county from January to the end of November was 77.7 per cent. The report covers the regular, and not the special, venues of the year."

In Multnomah county, which shows the highest percentage of women who accepted service, the actual number of women who served in the eleven months is 25 per cent less than the number of men. One thousand and forty-two men were called in Multnomah county and nine were exempted. One thousand and thirty-three women were called and 538 were exempted. Four hundred and thirteen men served as against 305 women.

"The argument may fairly be made, as has been done in Multnomah county, for instance, that as women become more used to the idea of jury service, and more educated to its need, they will cease claiming exemption," continued Prof. Miller. "This may have proved true in some cases, although the figures are by no means conclusive in the case of any county, not even exception Multnomah county and in others no progressive development has occurred at all."

"We hesitate to think of what would happen to the institution of trial by jury, if men should demand equality with women in the right to claim exemption from service."

TRACTION COMPANY IS TO SPEND \$5,000,000

Extension and betterments to the properties of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company during the coming year will mean the expenditure of \$5,000,000, according to Franklin T. Griffith, president of the corporation, who has just returned from a three weeks' trip east. Half of this amount will go into the new power project on the Oak Grove branch of the Clackamas river, which is expected to be complete by July, 1924. The remainder of the expenditures will be distributed among numerous improvements that will keep the properties thoroughly modern.

The average depth of the English Channel is 180 feet.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO TAKE PART IN BUDGET PROGRAM

Radical Control of Finances For County Is Decried; Business Men to Act to Safeguard Plans for 1923.

AGRICULTURAL AGENT AND NURSE APPROVED

Live Wires Propose Evening Meet to Discuss Items and To Make Recommendations

The Oregon City Commercial club will be hosts on the evening of Wednesday, December 27, to all of the citizens of Clackamas county for the purpose of discussing the county budget. Plans for the meeting, which was the outgrowth of the Live Wire session Tuesday, were made last night by Elbert Charman, secretary to the board of governors. The session is to be held at 7:30 o'clock and is to entail a complete airing of the county's financial program for the coming year.

In an effort to curb the so-called "radical" control of the county budget program and to prevent mal-content rejection of items which are declared to make for better government, the Live Wires of the Commercial club will this year take more than a passive part in the discussion and voting of the county budget.

This sentiment, together with the recommendation of the retention in the budget of the items for the county agent and the assistant leader and the addition of an appropriation for the health nurse, developed at the forum session Tuesday.

Night Session Sought
Not only are the Live Wires to take a hand in the matter but at the suggestion of District Attorney Livy Stipp, the Commercial club is to be asked to call a night meeting before the 30th for a full discussion of the budget. Cooperation of the Clackamas County Business Men's association is to be asked and the commercial club machinery utilized in an attempt to secure a representative gathering at the budget meeting. The evening session arrangements were placed in the hands of Elbert Charman, secretary to the commercial club governors.

Practically every speaker on the floor urged the necessity for attendance at the session, pointing out that radical changes were often made by a few non-progressives, much to the detriment of the county. Arrangements are to be made to have a large number of business men present in an effort to safe guard the items in the budget program which the organization has backed.

Nurse Is Backed
The matter of the county nurse was urged by Rev. H. G. Edgar, chairman of the Clackamas County Public Health association and backed by M. D. Latourette, who moved for the inclusion of the item of \$2500 upon the Live Wires' recommendation. The county agent and agricultural agent secured enthusiastic support from a number of speakers including Don Skene, E. L. Pope, W. W. Woodbeck and O. D. Eby.

The curtailing of the road levy from 9 to 8 mills this year was the subject of a question by L. L. Porter, city recorder of West Linn. He pointed out that the west side had made a number of road improvements in the expectation of securing certain funds from the county and if the levy was cut they would be short. The explanation was offered by Stipp and Judge Cross that the levy was made in dollars and the actual millage change could not be definitely determined until the assessor had computed it.

Judgment of \$5,000 On Mortgage Asked

Suit in the circuit court was instituted Saturday by John G. Pringle against H. W. Reynolds to collect \$5,000 in connection with which foreclosure of a mortgage is asked.

H. Brooks, charged with non-support was bound over to the circuit court grand jury under \$500 bail furnished by Frank and Birdie Zoller.

Decrees of divorce: Ethel B. against Jesse E. Moore, Earl A. against Kathryn Dean, Veneta against Floyd Hogan, Beulah M. against Emel Blackburn.

Probate court: Elizabeth Aman estate, letters of administration granted to Spencer Aman; Alphonso L. Adams estate, letters of administration granted to Walter R. Adams; George Green estate, letters of administration granted to Abbie Green; Margaret Glason estate, letters of administration granted to Anna G. Haas; Champion W. Chamberlain, letters of administration granted to Charles W. Chamberlain.

CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS FOR COUNTY \$348,743

Call for All Warrants January 3, 1922.

A call for county warrants, aggregating \$25,503.51 was issued Tuesday by County Treasurer W. W. Everhart. The call includes all outstanding road warrants endorsed prior to January 3 of this year.

The total indebtedness of the county as of December 1, subtracting the call just made, is \$348,743.36. This amount represents approximately the indebtedness of the county which is outstanding without any tax provision for retirement. The call is expected to be the last; this year though one for a small amount of warrants may yet be made.

The total indebtedness is about \$30,000 below the amount for last year according to figures in the treasurer's office. A still larger reduction is expected next year, because of the fact that the indebtedness this year represents some district overdrafts which are to be paid back out of the tax receipts charged against the coming year and it is probable that further overdrafts will not be permitted.

The call of \$25,503.51 does not include an additional amount to be paid out in interest amounting to \$1553.95 upon the warrants called.

BODY OF DROWNED LAD SOUGHT IN RIVER HERE

Corpse of Donald Kirk May Be Found in Willamette Near Oregon City, Theory.

Search in the Willamette river for the body of Donald Kirk, the child in which he was riding when he is believed to have been drowned, is to be started over the Willamette river near Oregon City, according to word received yesterday from the boy's parents by J. C. McNeil of this city.

Kirk, 21, was drowned in the Willamette river near St. Pauls, Ore., late Wednesday when he fell into the stream while hunting with three other youths. His companions were a little distance away when they heard him shout, and before they reached the spot he was gone. Twenty-five men are aiding in dragging the stream in an effort to recover the body.

The drowned youth was a son of Emmett Kirk, St. Paul merchant. A brother was killed in an accident at Celilo a year ago. His mother is dead and the father and a sister are the only survivors.

St. Paul is in Marion county and it is believed possible that the canoe, and perhaps the body, may have drifted down the river as far as Oregon City. It has been requested that any information be reported to the authorities.

HEALTH ESSAY WINNERS IN COUNTY ANNOUNCED

Winners in the contest for the best essays upon the subject of "The value of a health program to school children," were announced yesterday by County School Superintendent Brenton Vedder and H. G. Edgar, chairman of the Clackamas County Public Health association which offered the \$25 in prizes for the essay work.

The winners in Division One, composed of the seventh and eighth grades throughout the county were: First prize, Carol W. Johnson, Springbrook school; second prize, Marjorie Heacock, Union school; third prize, Lois Mathews, Milwaukie school; fourth prize, Charlotte Lyle, Rural Dell school; fifth prize, Charlotte Mullenhoff, Damascus school.

The winners in Division Two, composed of the fifth and sixth grades throughout the county were: First prize, Newell Ford, Jennings Lodge school; second prize, Cleone Manthe, Springbrook school; third prize, Frank Ferlan, Maple Grove school; fourth prize, Elvora Hulander, Needy school; fifth prize, Rudolph Bohrer, Tracy school.

The prizes were \$3.50, \$3, \$2.50, \$2, and \$1.50 for from first to fifth in each division. One best essay from each division was selected by the teachers and sent to the judging committee headed from Rev. Edgar and the winners were picked from the representative work of the students from over the entire county.

COFFEE HONEY CUSTARD

Combine one cupful of strong coffee with three cupfuls of milk. Beat together three eggs, six tablespoons of honey, a few grains of salt and three drops of lemon extract. Add the coffee mixture, transfer to custard cups and set in a pan of hot water. Bake until the custards are firm in the center.

SOUTH END ROAD PROGRAM IS UP TO COUNTY JUDGE

Negotiations by Live Wires Ended; Offer of Official To Take Up Work to Get Road Complete, Accepted.

ALL COMMITTEES ON PROJECT DISCHARGED

Business Men Agree to Quit And Let Court Finish Job; Situation Is Said Acut.

With the south end road negotiations in the air and the municipality facing a grave contingency in the completion of the Pacific highway between the new bridge and Canemah, the Live Wires of the Oregon City commercial club Tuesday noon completely washed their hands of the entire matter and accepted the offer of County Judge Harvey E. Cross to allow the county to take over the entire negotiations.

The action, came at the latter end of the forum session, Main Trunk Ralph Shepard earlier had refused to take any hand in the matter, declining to discharge the standing committees of the organization.

With suggestion of a speech from the county judge, recently elected head of the county commissioners and judges' association of the state, the judge regarding what the court could do about the south end outlet was made.

No "Miracles" Booked
"I can't perform miracles," the judge replied. "The entire affair badly involved. You have all had a hand in it and have got it into a mess. Then you come at the eleventh hour and the 59th minute and ask the county judge to resurrect a dead horse."

O. D. Eby, chairman of one of the committees on the project pointed out the need for cooperation and cited the necessity for action at present rather than letting the matter slide. The negotiations had reached a vital point he said and urged the people to get together upon some plan.

A. G. Beattie urged a concrete suggestion upon the part of those proposing to open Railroad avenue as the highway route. He cited the cost of some \$50,000 for the improvement and asked where the money was coming from.

L. A. Henderson urged the sale of the city hall property on Main street and the use of the special property fund remaining in the treasury which would together make \$30,000 as the starter for the work.

Pragmatism Made
At this point Judge Cross took a hand in the discussion again. He pointed to the negotiations over the remainder of the highway in the county which he characterized as effectively concluded by himself alone. The agreement with the state commission to lay the grade between the city line and Canemah, amounting to some \$40,000 no longer was operative he declared. He also showed the possibility of state proceedings to condemn the Railroad avenue routing and charge the entire cost to the county.

"I have never been consulted," the judge declared. "You have carried on these negotiations and made a mess of the affair. The court has been sitting very much interested, but taking little active part. We can do nothing until you stop fighting among yourselves."

Court Will Try
"When you are willing to admit that you are exhausted, ready to say hands off, play good dog, and leave the entire affair alone, then I will take the matter up and see what can be done. How it will be done I can't say, but we can try."

Just as adjournment was about to be taken, Henderson moved for the complete abandonment of Live Wire action on the road, the discharge of all of the committees and the placing of the entire affair in the hands of the county judge. With the most marked unanimity which has marked any proceedings of the forum for some time, the motion was carried after it had been pointed out that the status of the negotiation through its various ramifications had put the entire matter back where it was a year and a half ago.

Another War Is Said Planned by Germany

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Germany is planning another war with a new and deadly poison gas that will penetrate any mask, and specially designed airplanes charged with liquids that will annihilate cities, Andre Michelin, speaking before a gathering of political and industrial leaders, charged. Michelin raised a boge of renewed warfare similar to that conjured up by Georges Clemenceau in the United States, declaring German factories are busy turning out implements of war, chief among which, outside of poisons, would be special torpedo-carrying