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CLACKAMAS COUNTY  
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## LOCAL STREAMS ALL RISE EARLY

CLACKAMAS AND WILLAMETTE  
BOTH FEEL EFFECTS OF  
COLUMBIA'S FLOOD

## FRESHET OUTLOOK IS THREATENING

Heavy Snow Still Remains Upon  
Mountains, and Warm Weather  
Will Bring Down Huge Volume  
of Water

The annual May and June rise of the Willamette river has begun. During the past few days the river at this place has risen several feet, and indications point to a slow rise during the next several days. Should the weather turn warm in the mountains during the next few weeks, a rise of from eight to ten feet more can be expected, but should it continue cloudy and cool, the river will not rise greatly and will probably remain about stationary until the middle part of June.

The high water in the Willamette at this time of the year is always due to the back water from the Columbia, which is fed from the melting snows of the Cascade, Blue, Selkirk and Rocky mountains. If considerable snow has fallen in the mountains during the winter, as is the case this year, and cool weather continues unturns warm, freshets are the result. This causes the snow to go off in a rush and the river rises unusually high. The Willamette at such times below the falls is clean and with very little current, the high water merely being caused from backwater.

Considerable snow has melted on the Willamette watershed during the past two weeks, and as a result more water is running down that stream than is usual.

The Clackamas river has also risen very considerably during the last two weeks, observers declaring that the level of the stream is at least three feet higher than for some time. Cold weather in the mountains during the nights last week so far has halted a further rise, but it is believed that as soon as the temperature rises in the higher altitudes, a great body of water will be sent down from the heavy snow-caps that now lie deep on the sides of Mount Hood.

With heavy snow still lying as low as the 2,000 foot level all along the Columbia, and with a record fall in the Cascades and on Mount Hood, indications are for exceptionally high water in the lower Willamette valley this spring.

## DIRECT ACCOUNT OF WORK GIVEN

CHARLES SIMMONS CORRECTS  
DETAILS OF COMMITTEE OF  
THREE'S REPORT

## COURT HOUSE REPAIRS SUBJECT

Attention Called to Approval of  
Plans By Grand Jury  
After Thorough Investigation

To the Editor of the Enterprise, Sir: I am obliged to correct a statement that was published in your paper May 10, with a report of the committee to investigate the county court, where it said that I had said that I had the court house work a month before work was started. I did not say that I had the court house work, and would like to state how that story was circulated.

Mr. Leselle came to me and wanted him and I to go together and submit figures on his plans, and the one that I intended to submit to the county court, and also that of Mr. Brown. We did not know, at that time, that these were all the plans that were to be submitted, but that would give us three chances to get the work. At first I told him that I would do this, and then he began to talk as though the county court would not be fair in the matter, and said he had an attorney engaged to go after the court if it did not do as he thought right.

I then told him that there was no understanding whatsoever between me and him, and that I had no part in the contract of the work, but that I had a good proposition to make to the county court and that I would have nothing more to do with his proposition. Mr. Mr. LaSalle was present at the court court when I talked to them about the plans I had to submit, and they now I thought the work should be done. I told the county court that I did not think it the best plan to let the work by contract, as it was hardly ever satisfactory on a job where so much repair work had to be done, and that on one could begin to figure it anywhere near accurately, because no one knew until they started the work the exact amount of repair necessary to get the building into a desirable condition.

I referred the county court to the difficulty they were having on the high school building, then under construction, in spite of the fact that some of the most able men of the city were on the school board. I also told them that it was going to cost them a great deal more money than the contract price, and some of the business men of the county was sure to lose a great deal of money.

The county court, at that time, asked Mr. LaSalle if he would entertain the proposition if his plans be accepted to superintend the work on a certain percent of the cost of the job. Mr. LaSalle said that he would. It happened that none of the plans submitted met the approval of the court, and they hired Mr. White to draw up a set of plans that were satisfactory

## What Would the Suffragettes Do If They Met the King Like This?



Photo by American Press Association.

If the militant suffragettes had a chance to catch King George of England and his daughter, Princess Mary, out riding like this it is very probable there would be a big story for the papers. But it is not likely that they will get anywhere near the king, for he is closely guarded wherever he goes, even when out riding for exercise, as shown in the picture. He has been particularly well guarded since the recent renewal of the suffragette outbreaks. Princess Mary is especially fond of riding and often accompanies her royal father on such centers.

## CITY QUITS; WINS COURT ADVANTAGE

Suit charging George C. Yale with "conspiring" with the mayor and city council to hold office as assistant city engineer, preferred by Henry Mel-drum, came up for trial before the circuit court Tuesday. City Attorney William Stone represented Mr. Yale, and put over an unexpected coup upon the plaintiffs when he filed a disclaimer with the court, thereby knocking out the trial.

The opposing forces had on hand a large number of witnesses, and if it had been planned to go into the court record considerable testimony not favorable to the present city administration. Following the disclaimer there was, of course, no trial and no testimony, and the court ordered an order preparatory to the unexpected development in the case.

The suit was the outgrowth of factional disputes at the time Mr. Yale assumed office as city engineer. It was shown at that time that he was unqualified, under the charter, to hold office, as he was not a resident of the city. Suit was filed to oust him, but Mr. Yale headed this action off by promptly resigning. The court then appointed C. S. Noble city engineer, and Mr. Yale was appointed assistant city engineer. Following this was charged that this was merely a ruse, and that the mayor and council had agreed with the engineers that Mr. Noble was to have the title of city engineer, but Mr. Yale was to receive the salary. Pending the present suit, Mr. Yale severed his connection with city affairs and returned to professional work in Portland.

The filing of the disclaimer by the city at Tuesday's hearing not only blocked the trial and so saved the city the expense of defending a case that has now automatically settled itself, but also made impossible the opportunity for the washing of political linen in the court.

## FISH OIL PLANT IS BUILDING HERE

A company of which H. M. Platch of this city is one of the principal stockholders has been organized and is at present building a fish-oil plant on the river front. The concern, known as the Columbia Fish-oil and Fertilizer company, is installing machinery in a large barge which can be stationed at any point along the river where material is at hand. The plant will be taken to the Columbia after the machinery has been placed, and will be stationed near Corbett.

All the waste matter from the fish such as heads, fins, and tails, will be used. Such fish as carp, chub and suckers will also be used. Mr. Platch states that the plant will not be completed as soon as was at first expected, owing to the fact that the floods in the Middle West delayed the arrival of the machinery.

It is understood the plant will be the first one on the Columbia river to be engaged in the refining of fish-oil.

Mr. Platch, who recently arrived in this city from Minnesota and bought the Oregon City Machine shop, has opened a garage in the building recently vacated by the Pacific Highway garage and adjoining his machine shop.

Mr. Platch was forced to wait two months before he could move his family into the city, owing to the lack of suitable dwelling houses for rent. He stated that he was scarcely able to find a neat and modern dwelling in the town which was for rent.

## RARE ROSES IN BLOOM

Mrs. M. E. Shaw, of Bolton, Tuesday sent to the exhibition rooms of the Oregon City Commercial club a large bouquet of Gold of Ophir roses, the first out-door blooms she has picked this season. The flowers were perfect in form and coloring, and others from the same bushes will be on view at the Oregon City and Portland rose shows.

## REV. SMITH TO PREACH

Rev. E. A. Smith will preach at Willamette Wednesday evening, his subject being "Excuses." Mr. Logan will conduct services at Logan later in the week, speaking twice, morning and evening.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of meeting of the Oregon City Fire Department, all departments, May 14th, 1913, at the Fountain House to pass resolutions of condolence and consider the buying of a floral piece for the late Chief McGinnis. By Order of the Chief, MIKE LONG.

Steinger's Auto Stage  
TO MOLLALA AND RETURN  
Leaves corner of 7th and Main St. Oregon City, every day, except Sunday at 4.00 p. m. Get tickets at Elliott's office, down stairs.

## LIVE WIRES GET "PROBE" REPORT

COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS WHO  
INVESTIGATED COURT'S  
ACTS GIVE SUMMARY

## COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE JUSTIFIED

Complaints Carefully Reviewed and  
Found to be Biased or Based  
Upon Faulty Interpretation  
of Evidence

Charges against the county court of Clackamas county were clearly disproven Tuesday in a report made to the Live Wires by O. D. Eby and John W. Loder, who made a very plain demonstration that they had sought and obtained information upon which they based their comprehensive report. Mr. Eby, who read the report, went to the bottom of all the charges filed against the members of the court and treated them fairly.

Following the presentation of the report, which was ordered filed for possible future reference, voluntary statements were made by Mr. Loder and Dr. Hugh S. Mount commending the contract for a timber cruise. Dr. Mount said upon more than one million feet of standing timber had been added to the taxable property of Clackamas county on his land alone in the Molalla district, and Mr. Loder referred to the practical value of the cruise.

M. J. Brown, chairman of the mass meeting committee, who asked for the appointment of the Live Wire committee and afterwards refused to work with them, heard the report in silence and declined to comment upon the invitation of L. Stipp, who was in the chair.

"I made my report to the mass meeting," said Brown.

The report of the committee, who were thanked for their labors, by the Live Wires, follows:

Oregon City, Oregon,  
May 13, 1913.

To the Officers and Members of the Live Wires of the Commercial Club of Oregon City:

Gentlemen:—

We, your committee appointed to assist M. J. Brown, Robert Schuebel and S. L. Gasto appointed at Mass Meeting, to investigate and make a report upon the charges of extravagance and incompetency made against the County Court of Clackamas County, Oregon, beg leave to submit the following report:

A few days after our appointment the first joint meeting of the two committees was held in the office of John W. Loder with all members present at which meeting W. S. U'Ren, member of the Live Wires committee asked to be excused from service on account of pressure of business, which request was granted. At this meeting a general plan of investigation was discussed and it was finally unanimously agreed that a public joint meeting of the committee should be held at the Court House on Tuesday, April 29, 1913, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of receiving any information in the possession of any person relative to the charge made and also any other matters relative to the expenditure of County money and we asked that such charges be made in writing.

A notice of this meeting signed by all of the committee was published in the County papers and pursuant to this notice a meeting was held at which a number of citizens attended some of whom made statements in writing and others made verbal statements, declining to put the same in writing.

In the matter of the charge made by E. D. Olds that the County Court paid approximately \$1000.00 above the market price for a Buffalo Pitts steam roller, we say that this charge was investigated by Robert Schuebel and M. J. Brown and that they reported to us in person that their investigation had satisfied them beyond a doubt, that the charge was not true and that the price of \$3250.00 paid for such roller was the price at which the same is and has been selling and that the difference in the prices quoted by Mr. Olds is explained by the fact that the rollers sold at Seattle and North Yakima were second hand rollers. This explanation is also confirmed by Judge Beattie and we make it for granted that this is the fact.

In the matter of the charge made by E. D. Olds that the County Court let a contract for a bridge across Clear Creek at Fischers Mill for the sum of \$2900.00 complete and then afterwards spent approximately \$800.00 in addition for concrete foundation and other things connected with the bridge which Mr. Olds claims should have been done by the contractors at the contract price, we find the contract for said bridge recorded in Vol. 24, page 400, of the Journals of the Commissioners Court and that the contract shows that The Coast Bridge Company was to furnish all of the steel, ship it and haul it to the site of the bridge and erect the bridge and lay the floor and put up the rail and paint the same, that the contract says nothing about furnishing cement or labor for the foundation or furnishing any timber or plank going into this bridge. In the absence of any agreement on the part of Coast Bridge Company to put in the foundation and furnish timber and lumber, we can arrive at no other construction of the contract than that the same was to be furnished by the County which was done and we therefore conclude that this charge is not supported by facts.

In the matter of charges made by E. D. Olds that the County Court has paid exorbitant prices for steel bridges and material, we say that the only evidence we have on this point is the statement of Mr. Olds and also figures submitted by him from other bridge companies, which figures are given upon certain plans and specifications submitted to them by Mr. Olds, and we have no means of know-

## NEW NATIONAL LEADER OF PATRIOTIC SOCIETY



Mrs. William Cummings Story, who succeeds to presidency of Daughters of American Revolution, and whose leadership is expected to quell semi-political struggles that have for years divided organizations into opposing factions.

ing whether the plans and specifications submitted by Mr. Olds were the plans and specifications of the bridge in question and we submit that the only way to determine this matter would be for an expert to take the plans and specifications furnished by Mr. Olds and check them up with the plans and specifications of the bridges erected and in addition it would be necessary for the expert to check the bridge after its erection and see that it conforms to the plans and specifications furnished by the contractor and it would then be necessary for the expert to figure out the weight of the bridge as some of the figures furnished by Mr. Olds are on the basis of so much per one hundred pounds. This we have been unable to accomplish.

In the matter of the charge made by E. D. Olds and one, O. W. Severance that Judge Beattie let the contract for the Fischer Mill Bridge without the knowledge of Commissioner Mattoon we append herewith the affidavit of said O. W. Severance relating to the same and also the affidavit of Commissioner Mattoon in which he denies the statements attributed to him by O. W. Severance.

Mr. E. D. Olds, Oak Grove, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—

In compliance with your recent request the following is a statement relative to the letting of the Fischer Bridge.

I was at that time President of the Columbia Bridge Co., who had bid the bridge across Milk Creek at Mullino during Judge Dimick's administration.

After Judge Beattie's election and in response to Mr. Mattoon's request, I went to Oregon City to join the Court on a trip to Milwaukee to price a bridge for that place. When I arrived in Oregon City Mr. Mattoon told me the Fischer bridge was out and that we would go up there and measure for a bridge to replace it.

But Judge Beattie tried to discourage my going by saying there was no room in the rig for me. I informed him that our company could afford to pay for a rig and was treated very coldly during the trip, it being very cold by then that he favored the Coast Bridge Co.'s representative.

That evening after our return and after supper, I met the Judge and the commissioners at the Court House and asked him to let me give him a price on the bridge but he replied that he didn't think they would build the bridge at that time.

Then I asked him to communicate with me at such a time as they were ready to build the bridge, that I might submit a price. He said he would let me know but in a few days I met Mr. Mattoon and he told me the bridge had been let to the Coast Bridge Co. I asked him why they did not let me know of the letting as they had agreed to do and he said the Coast Bridge Co. before he knew of it.

And later when I took the matter up with Judge Beattie, he refused to talk on the subject, saying he was busy and had not time to spare.

Yours truly,  
O. W. SEVERANCE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of November, 1912.

CHAS. DONNELL,  
Notary Public for Oregon.

(SEAL.)  
STATE OF OREGON, County of Clackamas, ss.

I, W. M. Mattoon, being first duly sworn depose and say that I am now a member of the board of County Commissioners for Clackamas County, State of Oregon, and have been for a number of years, that I am the same Mr. Mattoon referred to in an affidavit made by one O. W. Severance which said Affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before one Charles R. Donnell, Notary Public for Oregon on November 1st, 1912. In said Affidavit O. W. Severance makes the following statement: "He said he would let me know

## JOHNSON GUILTY JURY'S VERDICT

NEGRO HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP.  
HELD TO HAVE VIOLATED  
WHITE SLAVERY ACT

## FIGHTER RELEASED ON \$10,000 BAIL

Maximum Penalty Under Conviction  
is 35 Years in Jail, \$70,000  
Fine, or Both—Appeal  
to be Asked

CHICAGO, May 13.—(Special)—Uncle Sam won the championship from Jack Johnson, negro heavyweight champion, tonight, when it took a jury in the federal court just one hour to find Johnson guilty on all seven counts of the indictment charging him with violating the Mann anti-white slavery act. The maximum penalty under the verdict is 35 years in jail, a fine of \$70,000, or both.

Following the announcement of the verdict, Johnson's attorneys gave notice of an appeal, and the negro was released on a bond of \$10,000.

Jack was charged with having furnished Miss Schrieber with \$75 with which to come from Pittsburg to Chicago. Miss Schrieber testified that on her arrival here, Johnson furnished a flat which she said had been devoted to immoral purposes. She also described trips around the country which she said had been made with the prizefighter and at his expense.

This was in 1910, just before the marriage of Johnson to Etta Duryea, the divorced wife of an Eastern horseman. She shot herself to death eight months ago, leaving letters to her mother indicating she had brooded over her own downfall and Johnson's neglect.

Two months later Johnson was arrested by Chicago police on the charge of abducting Lucile Cameron, the 18-year-old daughter of Mrs. Cameron-Falconett of Minneapolis, Minn. Miss Cameron had been employed as cashier at Johnson's restaurant. These charges were dropped and Johnson and the Cameron girl were married.

## LITTLE CHILD DIES

Mr and Mrs. Frank Grossmiller, of Beaver Creek, are mourning the loss of their infant son, who died last Saturday at the home of Mrs. Mayfield, Mrs. Grossmiller's mother. Bursting of a heart valve was the immediate cause of the little tot's death.

The funeral was held Monday at Clark's church, Rev. E. A. Smith officiating, assisted by the Rev. Vogt, of the German Congregational church. Friends did everything possible to soften the grief of the young parents.

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