

HARRIMAN BRIDGE LEASED BY COUNTY

Owners Will Receive \$43,200 Rent and \$5600 for Maintenance for 12 Months.

LESSEE TO GET CAR TOLLS

Railroad Representative Declares Companies Lose \$15,000 Annually by Deal, but Make Concession for Public Welfare.

The Harriman bridge will be leased by Multnomah County at its own terms. The agreement was reached yesterday between the Commission and Arthur C. Spencer, representing the O.-W. R. & N. and Southern Pacific railroad companies.

Company Losing, Says Attorney. "I do not think we are being adequately paid for the bridge," said Mr. Spencer, after the agreement had been reached.

History of Case Given. The upper deck of the bridge was built on the order of the Port of Portland Commission.

Under the law the railroads could only appeal to the County Board to fix tolls so that they could operate a toll bridge.

An offer to rent the bridge for \$52,000 was the first proposal by the railroads. Further negotiations, this amount was set aside in the county budget.

BANKERS TO GIVE TALKS

Three Will Address Credit Men at Regular Monthly Session.

The regular monthly business meeting and banquet of the Portland Association of Credit Men will be held in the blue room of the Multnomah Hotel tomorrow at 8:30 p. m.

JUDGE GIVES GIRLS CHANCE

Two Taken From Disorderly House to Start Anew in Home Cities.

To give two girls an opportunity to go back to their home cities, where they had never found an evil path, to begin a new life anew, Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday released under continued sentence Charles J. Helt, convicted of conducting a disorderly house, upon the latter's promise to pay the expenses of the girls to their homes in Idaho and Utah.

EMPLOYEES' NIGHT IS HERE

City Officials to Be Guests at Bulgin Revival Meeting.

Mayor Albee, members of the City Commission and city officials and employees will be guests tonight at the Bulgin revival meeting on the East Side. The Council, at a meeting last week, set the night aside as "municipal night" and it is expected the city service will be well represented.

CLUBWOMEN BACK BILLS

Delegation Off for Capital to Aid Jury and Property Acts.

A delegation representing the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, the Oregon Civic League, the Council of Women Voters, the Juvenile Court and several other organizations left Portland for Salem last night in the interest of bills before the Legislature which provide for jury duty for women and the community property rights for married women.

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It is estimated that the project would cost a total of \$37,500, divided as follows: Site \$20,000; building, \$15,000; clubroom fittings and fixtures, \$2,500. There would be two ground floor rooms, one 40x30 and one 20x30 feet. The second floor would contain the quarters of the East Side Business Men's Club, four or five offices, clubrooms, an assembly hall and bowling alleys.

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COLONEL, 81, QUITSGUARD

JAMES JACKSON ACTS "TO ALLOW GOVERNOR TO ENFORCE LAW."

Rule for Retirement at 60 Causes Civil War Veteran to Leave Body After 23 Years.

So that Governor Withycombe might enforce a law which has been in force for a number of years requiring the retirement of officers of the Oregon National Guard when they become 60 years of age, Colonel James Jackson, a member of the National Guard for nearly 23 years, has tendered his resignation. The resignation was delivered to Governor Withycombe by Adjutant-General Finzer.

Although the law requires the retirement of officers when they reach the age of 60 years, it has not been enforced in the case of Colonel Jackson. He is now 81 years of age. "I resigned," said Colonel Jackson yesterday, "to allow the Governor to enforce a law which has been broken technically for many years. There is a law that requires officers of the National Guard to retire when they become 60 years of age. I am now 81 years old, but the law has not been enforced save in the case of line officers. The staff officers have not been included, although there is nothing in the wording of the law which controls such action."

Colonel Jackson is a Civil War veteran and a retired officer of the United States Army. He will continue to hold his rank on the retired list of the regular Army. In 1881, Colonel Jackson enlisted in the Army and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant two years later. He served in the field throughout the Civil War, taking part in the campaign of the Army of the Potomac.

In 1898 he was appointed Inspector-General of the Oregon National Guard, which position he has held since.

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ITALY NEEDS NO HELP

CONSUL SAYS GOVERNMENT IS GRATEFUL FOR OFFERS.

Members of Order of Druids Go Ahead With Original Plan to Assist Needy Italians in Portland.

With the situation or is in need of outside aid. Italian citizens, however, may raise considerable funds to be mailed or forwarded to Italy, but it was improbable at present that there will be any general request for donations.

Dr. Visetti announced at the meeting of the Italian members of the Order of Druids, Sunday, that he had received notice from the Italian government that no immediate outside assistance was needed, but that the government was grateful for the offers of assistance made by its citizens in America.

The meeting had been called originally to consider ways and means to provide relief for the needy Italian families of Portland. Committees will be appointed to make a canvass of Portland to ascertain the number of Italian families who need help. Then, perhaps, in about two weeks, it is planned to appoint a committee of men and women to raise funds to buy supplies. The principal aim will be to obtain a large supply of foodstuffs and women will be enlisted in the campaign to superintendent that division of the work. The campaign will be put forward formally at a large mass meeting.

Dr. Orso, chairman of the Italian relief committee, who presided at the meeting, said that Americans would not be asked to contribute to the Italian cause. It is estimated that there are 8000 Italians in Portland and that many are in need of help.

Dr. Knepper, of The Dalles, Dies. THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Dr. F. J. Knepper died at his home here today after an attack of paralysis Saturday from which he did not regain consciousness. He was a veterinary surgeon and was in the Government service in the Philippines. He formerly was located at Walla Walla. He had been a resident of The Dalles for several years. He is survived by his widow.

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COURT CHANGES LIKELY

CIRCUIT JUDGES AND MEMBERS OF BAR TO HOLD CONFERENCE.

Uniformity of Procedure and Assignment of Cases by Presiding Justice Points for Decision.

Important changes in court procedure in the six departments of Multnomah County's Circuit Court will be planned at a meeting between the judges and members of the Bar Association in the near future, if plans of Presiding Judge Morrow materialize. The meeting will be held in one of the courtrooms.

Under the present arrangements each court makes its own rules, takes its assignment of cases from the County Clerk and conducts its own business as the judge pleases. As a result, the procedure in no two departments is the same.

A return to the presiding judge system, abandoned three years ago, is expected to come up for serious consideration. Although the presiding judgeship at present rotates among the six judges, the authority and power of that official are merely nominal.

Under the old system, which may be adopted again, the presiding judge would assign cases to the different departments, and the other five would be only trial judges. The presiding judge would hear all motions and demurrers. As at present, the presiding judgeship would rotate, each holding it for three months.

Whether or not the judges decide to return to the former system, the opinion of a majority is that they should at least adopt uniform rules of procedure.

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