

CLACKAMAS PLANS TO SPEND \$771,000

Six Large Projects to Be Prosecuted by County and City in Year.

PIPELINE AND LOCKS FIRST

Large Share of Expense to Be for Labor and Business Men Foresee Fewer Idle and Better Conditions in Trade.

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS PLANNED IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY.	
Reconstruction of the Oregon City locks by the government.....	\$240,000
South Fork water project for Oregon City and West Linn.....	350,000
West Linn system of water mains.....	75,000
New roads and bridges.....	75,000
Improvement of Main street Oregon City.....	16,000
New railroad up Milk Creek.....	15,000
Total.....	\$771,000

OREGON CITY, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—More than three-quarters of a million dollars will be spent in Clackamas County during the next year in six projects that are now practically assured.

The two principal projects are the reconstruction of the Oregon City locks by the government and the South Fork pipeline that will connect the eastern Clackamas River with Oregon City and West Linn. These will entail an expenditure of \$590,000, and money has been obtained for each.

Labor will be the main item of expense in the pipeline work, the reconstruction of Main street, the laying of the West Linn water system and in the construction of new county roads and bridges many hundred men will be employed. Between 200 and 250 men will be put to work on the South Fork pipeline alone, and probably almost that number will be employed on the locks.

Clackamas Labor First. The labor will be distributed among Oregon City men. The Oregon Engineering & Construction Company has agreed to give Clackamas County men preference, and practically all the county road and bridge work is done by residents of the county.

The distribution of this amount of money is expected to have a great revivifying effect on business. It will result in much money being spent for food, clothing, tools and machinery in Portland and Oregon City markets.

The West Linn water mains will be built at a cost of \$75,000, to be met by the sale of bonds. The town across the river will float a \$200,000 issue, of which \$125,000 will go to Oregon City to buy a one-third interest in the South Fork line. A reservoir will be constructed on the highest point in the city and the system of distributing mains laid that will reach every part of the town.

Highway to Be Surfaced. The largest road project planned for this year is the surfacing of the Pacific Highway from Oregon City south the county line with the best grade of river gravel. The amount to be spent on roads in the county this year will be nearly \$100,000, the greater part of this work will go for repair and maintenance. A steel span across Eagle Creek is the largest bridge that will be built. A number of new roads in the county will be opened, including a new road into the Wilhoit district, one near Estacada and several in other parts of the county.

The road up Milk Creek will be a feeder for the Willamette Valley Southern and will be three miles in length. It will be standard gauge and built to carry heavy traffic. This line will reach a large body of heavy timber. D. L. Trullinger, a timber man of Union Mills, will own and operate the road.

Owner Company Is Busy. Besides these specific examples of the growth and development of the county, there will be the usual alterations in the paper mills. The Carver road, now building from Portland into Clackamas County, means the employment of additional labor and the purchase of supplies. Several sawmills in the eastern section of the county that have been idle for months will resume operations before summer.

Still more in the future, but probably as certain as the improvement of Main street or the reconstruction of the locks, is the construction of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern car shops across the river from Oregon City, for which land has been obtained; the new mill of the Crown Willamette Paper Company and the construction of a four-track main line down the west side of the Willamette for the Portland, Eugene & Eastern and the Southern Pacific companies.

STATE SPORTS PICTURED

PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS MEN HEAR OF OREGON'S ADVANTAGES.

Fishing, Motoring and Mountain Climbing Said to Eclipse Opportunities Offered Elsewhere.

That Oregon promises as much if not more in the way of recreation than probably any state in the Union and carries out her promises was the consensus of opinion yesterday at the meeting of the Progressive Business Men's Club at the Multnomah Hotel, when that organization listened to three addresses, which were treats to the sportsmen.

Lester W. Humphreys told of fishing and the "good places" near Portland where the wily trout and salmon may be hooked after an hour's ride from the city. W. J. Clemens, president of the Portland Automobile Club, pictured the many retreats to which the autolist may go with little or no trouble and he didn't fix a limit on the kind of a car to drive.

L. E. Crouch, chairman of the day, declined to let the speakers get away with all the day's brilliancy, so he introduced the last speaker as "Frankly a Branch of the Riley family." In other words, Frank Branch Riley was called upon for the story of mountain-

climbing and what this form of recreation gives to the tourist and resident of Oregon as well.

Franck Eichenlaub, accompanied by Mrs. Eichenlaub at the piano, rendered a violin solo and two demanded encores.

H. R. Hayek, chairman of the club's Larch Mountain trail committee, announced another excursion up the famous mountain April 11. A special train will take the party as far as Bridal Veil.

WAR LOAN PLEASERS KAISER

Imperial Thanks Given for Unequalled Financial Subscriptions.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, via London, March 25.—A dispatch from Berlin says that Emperor William has sent to Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, the following message:

NATIVE OF LANGLOIS RESIDES ON RANCH WHERE HE WAS BORN.



LANGLOIS, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Edgar B. Thrift was born on the dairy ranch where he resides, January 13, 1870. His father, A. H. Thrift, arrived at Coos Bay in 1853, from Knox County, Ohio. Mr. Thrift was a candidate for Sheriff of Curry County, before the Democratic convention at Gold Beach in 1899, but was defeated by Jesse Turner.

Mr. Thrift married Miss Mary H. Gibson, daughter of M. B. Gibson, ex-County Treasurer of Curry, on May 14, 1892. Two girls and two boys were born of this marriage.

In 1910 he engaged in the mercantile business at Langlois, in a large two-story building, he built on the site of the store owned by Ed Rickett, which was burned in the big fire of 1910.

Mr. Thrift is a director of the First National Bank of Bandon, Or. He has held the Langlois Postoffice for the past four years.

REARRANGEMENT OF PARCEL POST SCHEDULE IS CRITICISED BY BRISTOW COMMITTEE.

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"It is a well-known rule of transportation," says the Bristow report, submitted to Congress by a joint Senate and House committee, "that the through rate should not be more than the sum of the locals. This principle has been embodied in the statute law of the United States and of many of the separate states.

MAIL ORDER HOUSES AIDED

DISTRIBUTOR CAN SEND PACKAGE 193 MILES FOR SAME AMOUNT OF POSTAGE REQUIRED OF MERCHANT FOR SENDING SEVEN MILES.

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SMUGGLING RING BROKEN

CANADIAN AND AMERICAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS' ACTIVITY SUCCESSFUL.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 25.—Combined action by Canadian and American customs and immigration officers has resulted in the breaking up of an alleged ring for smuggling aliens from this side across the American boundary line by the water route.

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A huge siren horn, the shrieks of which can be heard for miles is to be used in Portland as a fire warning if recommendations of Fire Chief Dowell are adopted by the City Commission. The instrument was tried out by the board of battalion chiefs a few days ago. The howling and shrieking could be heard all over the city in spite of the strong east wind.

Up to a short time ago fire warnings have been sounded by a large bell. This has been removed and now there is no way of spreading an alarm. The siren is operated by electricity and arranged so that the sound is distributed in every direction.

GERMANS READ DICKENS

LEIPZIG, March 25.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Dickens is the German soldier's favorite novelist. He stands first in a list of 50 authors, prepared by the publishing-house of Reclam, famous for its cheap reprints.

Of the total number of orders from the German troops at the front, 48 per cent calls for fiction, 19 per cent for serious reading, comprising philosophy, religion and the arts, 17 per cent for poetry and drama and 16 per cent for light miscellaneous stuff, including humorous works. The German soldier is catholic in his tastes when it comes to fiction, for not only does he top his list with Dickens, but includes 31 other foreign novelists, among whom appear Bulwer, Defoe, Scott, Dumas, Daulé, Hugo, Merimee, Margot and Prevost.

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"Suppose a 50-pound parcel is shipped to a citizen of Bavaria, Kan., by one of the mail-order houses distributing from Kansas City. Bavaria is 150 miles by rail from Kansas City, but in an air line is less than 150 miles distant, and therefore can be reached under the first zone rate of 54 cents for a 50-pound parcel. A parcel of the same size shipped by a merchant at Salina, Kan., 7 miles from Bavaria, takes the same rate, 54 cents.

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few days ago of Harry Toboloff, well known in the Russian colony here, Victoria has been the headquarters. Past gasoline launches were used to convey aliens from Victoria to San Juan and other islands on the American side at night. During the past few weeks several arrests have been made, a party being caught about 10 days ago.

Toboloff is held in Seattle on a charge of conspiracy and will be brought before the United States grand jury. He is alleged to have been actively engaged in smuggling operations since war was declared, and is said to have been engaged in the unsuccessful attempt made a few months ago to take a scowload of belligerent reservists to the United States from Vancouver.

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