

ROAD WORK TO GO ON PENDING APPEAL

Highway Body Reconsiders Action on Two Jobs.

LAWYERS ARE CONSULTED

Judge Skipworth Decision in Riddle Case Almost Halts Crook County Improvement.

The decision to suspend work on two road jobs, aggregating \$300,000, because of Judge Skipworth's decision in the Riddle case, was reconsidered by the state highway commission before adjournment last night, and it was concluded to have these contracts carried on pending the decision of the supreme court in an appeal of the Riddle case.

"If this decision is the law," said Mr. Booth, "then the commission has violated it in two instances; first in Crook county, by the road from Prineville to the Shorty Davis ranch, and second, in the Salem-Dallas road."

Decision is Reconsidered. Mr. Booth then moved that these contracts be suspended and no further action be taken until the supreme court is heard from. Later in the day the commission consulted attorneys and decided to have the work on these roads carried on. The Crook county road is 20 miles in length and about half the distance has been graded by the contractor, A. Guthrie. The price is \$139,585. The Salem-Dallas road is 14 miles long, four of which have been paved and most of the remainder has been graded. Oskar Huber has this contract for \$320,742.

The commission is awaiting a reply from Clackamas county to the proposition submitted Wednesday. The commission offers to pay two-thirds of the cost of constructing a new bridge across the river at Oregon City, if the county will provide the route for the Pacific highway through the city. The two routes that would be satisfactory to the commission is the one underground and around the bluff, near the Hawley paper mill, and the other is the present temporary route, which will require an overhead. Both routes are expensive. The commission also wants an acknowledgment from Clackamas county for the \$225,000 loaned the county by the commission for making a grade for the Pacific highway. One member of the Clackamas county court wants the highway commission to consider the sum as a gift instead of a loan.

Trail Work Opposed. Commissioners Kiddle announced that before voting on the proposed development of the Tiller trail cutoff to Crater lake in Douglas county, he personally will go over the ground. This trip will be about June 10. Chairman Benson wants \$15,000 or \$20,000 appropriated to connect the dead ends of the trail so that work can be carried on this year and the trail can be used as a detour when the commission starts the highway. The location of the Pacific highway. There is considerable opposition to building this cutoff, coming chiefly from the northern part of the state, for south-bound tourists could take the cutoff to the lake and then return to the coast. On the other hand, the forestry service would like to have the trail finished as a fire protection.

On the Oregon and Washington highway the commission announced yesterday that a route through Ione would be favored, which would eliminate grade crossings. The request from Ione called for the commission building two crossings. A sign system, long under consideration by the commission, was adopted yesterday. All highways will be designated by number, after the Wisconsin fashion, and the California letter signs also will be used. This instead of having large signs on the Pacific highway designating it by name. It will be dotted with large "No. 1" and the Columbia highway route will carry "No. 2." The lettered signs will show distances between towns in compact form. Prior to adjournment the commission agreed to rock from Gaston to Yamhill as soon as the grade, now being made, is completed. This action will be paved later when the bond market is in a more healthy condition and labor is more plentiful.

GRANT PROTEST OVERRULED

County Held Unable to Require Distribution of Road Funds.

SALEM, Or., June 3.—(Special.)—There is no provision in the state law that a county, after availing itself of the benefits of the state appropriation for market roads by making the levy in an amount equal to that to be received from the state, can require and require a further distribution of said state fund to such county by increasing the amount of such county levy, according to a legal opinion by the attorney-general today ruling against the protest filed by the officials of Grant county. "The state fund belongs to the state," reads Mr. Brown's opinion, "and in the language of the law is subject to disposal and distribution by the state highway commission in like manner as other state highway funds in carrying out the provisions of the act. The only means by which any county acquires a claim thereto is by levying the county tax in an amount equal to the appropriation of such county. "No county can acquire a legal claim upon any remainder of such fund after such appropriation is made, and therefore cannot be heard to protest against the distribution of said remaining fund, according to the discretion of the state highway commission."

At the time the protest was filed by Grant county officials it was charged that the voters had levied a local tax greater than many other counties and consequently they should receive a larger part of the surplus from the state market road funds. It was urged in the protest that the county funds be reapportioned among the counties.

The opinion was asked by the state highway commission.

COMMISSION READY TO ACT

Highway Board Waits Plans for Clackamas County Road.

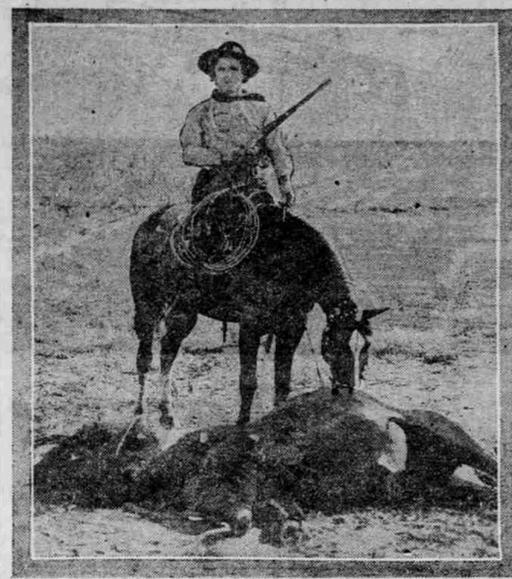
OREGON CITY, Or., June 3.—(Special.)—Commissioners Benson, Booth and Kiddle were in Oregon City Wednesday conferring with the county court regarding the new suspension bridge and the south end road out of the city through Canemah. The conference put the proposition directly up to the county court and they will hold a meeting within the next few days to settle the matter. The commission is ready to go ahead with the bridge and pay two-thirds of the cost providing the county will make provision for the south end road. The bridge will cost \$375,000 and the county is to pay \$125,000 of this amount. It was brought out Wednesday that the river or basin road to Canemah would cost the county considerable less than the road over the hills, as it will be necessary to provide an overhead crossing at the S. P. tracks on the south end of the road. The commissioners said they would be satisfied with either road, but wanted the plans presented them before the work started.

POLK CITIZENS FILE PROTEST

Dallas and Independence Distlike Being Left Off Highway.

SALEM, Or., June 3.—(Special.)—A delegation of 25 prominent Polk county citizens appeared before Governor Olcott today and protested the action of the state highway commission in eliminating Dallas and Independence from the west side Pacific highway. Petitions presented to the

WAG PICTURE NEWS



TOM MIX, WHO STARS IN "THE FEUD," SCHEDULED TO OPEN TOMORROW AT THE STAR THEATER.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Liberty—D. W. Griffith's "The Idol Dancer." Columbia—William S. Hart, "The Toll Gate." Rivoli—Sylvia Breamer, "My Husband's Second Wife." Majestic—Brother Dalton, "The Dark Mirror." Peoples—Olive Thomas, "Out Yonder." Star—Florence Vidor, "The Family Honor." Circle—Marion Davies, "April Folly." Globe—Constance Talmadge, "Who Cares?"

THE superstitions, especially those who have faith in telling fortunes by cards, will be interested in "The Feud," the newest Tom Mix picture, which opens tomorrow at the Star theater.

In this picture Mix plays Jere Lynch, son of a feudist family who is in love with the daughter of the enemy, Betty Summers—played by Eva Novak. They make the hut of Nancy, a negro mammy, their secret rendezvous. When mammy amuses them by telling fortunes with cards, she predicts a union of Lynch and Summers blood. Then appears the ace of spades—the card of death—and mammy says that the union will not take place till blood has been shed.

Mammy's prediction comes true, and the dramatic series of events attendant upon the consummation of her prophecy form the basis of what is declared to be one of the most dramatic stories ever thrown upon the screen.

An unusually strong cast of screen favorites is said to be seen in "Feud," including Claire McDowell, J. Arthur Mackley, John Cosmar, Mollie McConnell, Lloyd Bacon, Sid Jordan and Lucretia Harris. The story and scenario are credited to Charles Kenyon, while E. J. Le Saint directed the production.

Screen Gossip.

"Don't Ever Marry" is the next Marshall Neilan production to be released through First National in Portland. It is said to be pure comedy and quite different from other productions of this director, such as his latest, "The River's End." "Reckless" is the title of the picture purchased by C. S. Jensen and will be given a definite booking in the near future.

Beatrice Dominguez, the fascinating

governor by the delegation contained more than 300 names. Oscar Hayter, who acted as spokesman for the delegation, declared that the voters of both Dallas and Independence had at all times favored good roads and had been led to believe the towns would be located on the main traveled highway. The present location, according to Mr. Hayter, eliminates Dallas entirely from the highway, while an attempt was made to console the people of Independence through the promise of a spur road.

In reply to questions asked by the governor, Mr. Hayter intimated that a movement had been started to file a suit to enjoin the highway commission from proceeding with the construction of the highway as located by the commission, but it was thought that a settlement might be effected through the influence of the executive.

Governor Olcott informed the delegation that the locating and building of state roads was a matter entirely in the hands of the highway commission.

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PRIZES AND HONORS AWARDED STUDENTS

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MANY GAIN DISTINCTION

Men and Women in All Classes and Departments of College Share in Awards.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, June 3.—(Special.)—Announcement of students winning honors in scholarship in the different schools of the college as well as winners of the Clara H. Waide scholarship and womanhood prize for women and A. J. Johnson and Albert prizes for men, has just been made. Election to these honors is based on the entire college record of the students and is upon recommendation of a faculty committee, in conjunction with elections by students.

Seven students in agriculture earned places as honor students—Elias Edwards, Buck Fork, Or.; Hurley Felton, Oregon City, Or.; Spurgeon Gossman, Wyndmyer, N. D.; Florence Holmes, Portland; Dale Howard, McMinnville, Or.; James Spriggs, Medford; Robert H. Watt, Bay City, Or.

Eight women in home economics receiving this honor were Pearl Bradley, Woonsocket, S. D.; Irene Brye, Auburn, Cal.; Olive Colpitts, Portland; Francelle Hawley, McCoy, Or.; Ruth Kennedy, Corvallis; Marie Mendonhall, Portland; Ruth M. Peaslee, Portland; Helen Gardner, Portland.

Others Also Honored. One student in chemical engineering receiving this honor was Sigmund Schwarz, Portland. Commerce students so honored were Bernard Malin, Newberg, Or.; Emil Seibert, Pendleton; Wilbur Shelton, Corvallis; Ellsworth N. Green, Pasadena, Cal.; the only honor student in mining engineering and Walter K. Belt the only one in pharmacy. The school of engineering grand senior honors to two, Willis Lathrop, Portland, and Lewis Tuthill, Sutherlin, Or.

Clara H. Waide prizes for women were Alma S. Keene, Salem, and Alice Feike, Portland, winner, and Alice Feike, Portland, and Helen King Salem, honorable mention. Freshmen women winning were Ava Owen, Portland, winner, and Mary Bayne, Salem, and Mary Holmes, Medford, honorable mention.

Johnson Prizes Awarded. A. J. Johnson prizes for men, based on manhood, scholarship and student activities, were granted to one man from each class with two honorable mentions. Seniors were Robert Watt, Bay City, Or., winner; William Warren, Portland, honorable mention; Pendleton, honorable mention. Juniors were Paul Seca, Milton, Or., winner, and Roy E. Keene, Salem, and Webster, Portland, honorable mention. Sophomores were Benjamin Schumacher, Portland, winner, and Charles Warren, Baitz, Ontario, Cal., and John Gray, Palo Alto, Cal., honorable mention. Freshmen were Ransom Cook, Portland, winner, and Lyman Cooley,

Lloyd Ingraham, Mildred Harris Chaplin's director, appeared in a new role last week as a witness in the cross-suit of Mary Miles Minter and the American Film company. Ingraham was called to testify on the vagaries of temperamental stars and told how they make the producers "stand around." Miss Minter won her case, getting a verdict of \$4000 for back salary. The company failed to prove its charge that she deliberately spoiled a film.

The Frohman Amusement company is branching out. To its duo of stars, Ruth Clifford and Jack Sherrill, it has added Lillian Gish, who for the past ten years has been D. W. Griffith's leading woman. It is said that Miss Gish is to receive an annual salary of \$500,000 for three years.

Life aboard a bucking broncho is no sinecure, according to Ruth Fuller Golden, who is taking her first lessons in horsemanship under the supervision of Harry Carey, in whose company she is now playing. Miss Golden was just so anxious to go galloping that she mounted her horse while Carey was still saddling his pinto. She was eventually rescued by her instructor.

"It was a nice gentlemanly horse," she protested, "but it didn't seem to like me very well, for he started to run away. The only reason I stayed with him, I guess, was because I was afraid to let go."

Carey chided her about "pulling leather," but has great faith in his "gentle" ride, anything on four legs before I get through with her, he declares.

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HOSPITAL BILL REPORTED

Outlay of \$10,000,000 for Veterans of War Proposed.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Construction of five hospitals, costing \$10,000,000, for use by veterans of the world war is authorized in a bill reported unanimously today by the house buildings committee.

The measure specifies the location of the hospitals in each of the following districts: North Pacific coast states, Rocky mountain states, southern California, Atlantic coast states and great lakes.

At the Theaters.

Hippodrome.

THE nine Krazy Kids top the new bill at the Hippodrome, but popular acclaim makes a favorite also of Miss Kingsbury and Mr. Munson's keen little sketch, "The Devil in Possession." The Krazy Kids are a juvenile aggregation, at least they appear very youthful, and their offering is in the atmosphere of the school room. There's a bad boy played with excellent comedy lights by Don Sherwood as a Hebraic type, who teases and torments the nice little girls and adds to "teachers' troubles." "Dere teacher" is played admirably and in adroit comedy by Bert Kolnick. They all sing and have a lot of fun which spreads into the audience.

The theme is the dissatisfaction of a husband with the modest, quiet ways of his wife and his endeavor to make her over into a butterfly jazz baby. The results are a boomerang and full of humorous complications. The sketch is well acted, both Miss Kingsbury and Mr. Munson being good comedy creators.

Fredericks and Palmer have returned from overseas, where they were on the list of entertainers, and have brought their clever act to the Hippodrome. It consists of storytelling, the results are a boomerang and full of humorous complications. The sketch is well acted, both Miss Kingsbury and Mr. Munson being good comedy creators.

Two smiling maids with smart attire are the Melva sisters, June and Irene, who put plenty of pepper in a xylophone specialty. A single who pleases with the freshness and originality of his method is Eddie Phillips, billed as the "20th century comedian." The play is of unusual interest to film fans, and shows Bessie Barriscale in "The Luck of Geraldine." This bill closes Saturday night.

WOMEN SUE FOR CHILD

Stepmother Alleges Real Mother Not Fit Guardian.

Disposition of 7-year-old Ernest Dowler will be settled by Presiding Circuit Judge McCourt next Tuesday afternoon, the hearing in the contest between natural mother and stepmother being postponed yesterday. The first wife of the late Oscar Dowler and mother of the boy is seeking to wrest the lad from the custody of Mrs. Cora Dowler, stepmother, who is insisting that the natural mother is not a fit person to care for the child. Mrs. Dowler No. 1 has married since divorce from her first husband and is now Mrs. Ethel Mosbaupt.

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the roads will be in fairly good shape by the middle of this month and tourist travel will begin to come by that time if the warm weather continues. Arrangements will be made to accommodate such of the shriners as may decide to include a visit to the national park in their itinerary.

Irrigation Bonds Certified.

SALEM, Or., June 3.—(Special.)—The state irrigation securities commission, at a meeting today, certified to \$5000 of bonds issued by Multnomah county drainage district No. 1. These bonds will be expended in development of the project.



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