

GROUNDS IS BROKEN FOR GREAT BRIDGE

Speeches of Felicitation Made at Beginning of Work on Interstate Span.

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Speakers Promise Completion of Gigantic Task by Jan. 1, 1917. Vancouver Commercial Club in Charge of Ceremonies.

Speeches marked the beginning of work on the interstate bridge yesterday. Ground was broken at 3 P. M. on Hayden Island, at the Oregon end of the three-mile structure, and the significance of the event was recounted in the ceremonies that attended it.

It was a time of congratulations, following a long campaign for the bridge that has covered a period of years. Among the speakers were men who have been working since the inception of the project, and their efforts have proved successful was said to mark a new and greater epoch in the development of both states.

Each speaker dug several shovels of sand from the spot marked for one of the piers of the bridge on Hayden Island and a clamshell dredge of the Pacific Bridge Company started unloading a scowload of gravel immediately at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

The interstate bridge will be the second highway bridge across the Columbia River and it will be the biggest of its type in the world. Its completion is set for January 1, 1917. Yesterday's celebration of the start of the work was under the auspices of the Vancouver Commercial Club. The committee was composed of E. L. Beard, W. C. Bates, J. P. Stapleton, A. J. Dornland and P. J. Flynn.

Rufus C. Holman, president of the Interstate Bridge Commission, was first introduced and he reviewed briefly the bridge project. He said the bridge is "This is indeed a happy day and a momentous occasion. I trust that this sunshine is a good omen."

"I desire on this occasion to review some facts concerning this great project and to shed some light where interested persons, for purely selfish motives, have been casting shadows."

"The Bridge Commission consists of seven members, each of whom has respect for and confidence in the efforts of the others to be of real service to the public. The Commission has entire confidence in the ability and the integrity of Messrs. Harrington, Howard and Ash, its engineers.

Holds Sold at Premium. "We have sold the 4 per cent bridge bonds at approximately \$49,000 premium. We have awarded the contracts to the lowest responsible bidder at \$300,000 under the estimate."

"Now let us forget the selfish and disgruntled and all get together and through cheerful co-operation, let this year's day, 1915, mark the actual beginning of work on the much-talked-of interstate highway bridge."

President W. P. Conaway, of the Vancouver Commercial Club, said he believed Portland would be called Vancouver as a result of the work on the bridge. "Let us hope that Vancouver will prosper and grow until Portland is truly a suburb of Portland."

"This day marks the purchase of the wedding ring for Portland and Vancouver and the wedding will follow with the completion of the bridge."

Mayor Milton Evans, of Vancouver, said the day had brought what many never expected to see, the actual beginning of work on the much-talked-of interstate bridge. He said the project had been little more than a myth or a dream, but there had been less friction and fewer obstructions thrown in the way than in any other work of similar magnitude.

On behalf of Mayor Albee, of Portland, City Commissioner W. L. Brewster extended greetings to Vancouver. He expected, he said, that as much benefit would come to Vancouver as Portland and that the greatest good would be, not that the river could be crossed on the bridge, but that all citizens of both states would work together and would realize the fullest cooperation in their efforts.

Setbacks Put Aside. James P. Stapleton, of Vancouver, who was introduced as the father of the bridge, said the way the people on both sides of the river had supported the project assured him that the people of today have the blood and courage of the pioneers.

FRILLS ATTENDING START OF BIG TASK OF BUILDING INTERSTATE BRIDGE ACROSS COLUMBIA RIVER AT CEREMONIES ON HAYDEN ISLAND YESTERDAY.



(1) County Commissioner Holman, (2) George L. Baker, (3) E. L. Beard, Master of Ceremonies; (4) Dredge Unloading Gravel for Bridge Work; (5) Women Take Hand in Breaking Ground for New Bridge; (6) W. P. Conaway, President Vancouver Commercial Club.

over to Portland and launched the project, that nothing but heaven itself could stop it. "The first meeting connected with this bridge that has not been attended with worries," said Henry Cross, ex-Mayor of Vancouver, and head of the Vancouver Commercial Club when it was doing much work for the bridge.

John Loye Harrington, of the firm of Harrington, Howard & Ash, consulting engineers in charge, said the engineer was the doer of the work rather than one to talk about it. "We have no great special interest in it except to do the work well, to the satisfaction of our employers, who are the people," he said.

Lloyd Dubois, head of the Vancouver Commercial Club, when the bridge project was started and one of the original committee, said he has always stood by the bridge commission and has never been a critic. "This bridge is going to go away with suburbs and both cities will be one," he said.

I take it this is a reception to the Pacific Bridge Company," said H. C. Campbell, of that firm, which has the contract for the foundations. "We expect to complete this bridge on time."

C. C. Chapman, manager of the publicity department of the Commercial Club, congratulated Vancouver upon its persistent efforts for the bridge. He rejoiced with you that old pilot-dredger is out there ready to drive the first spike in this bridge," said Mr. Chapman, with a broad sweep of his good right arm. "That the pilot-dredger was a dredge did not in the least dampen the speaker's enthusiasm."

A number of women present were invited to join in turning the first shovels of earth, which they did. Contracts were signed yesterday for the bridge and the work, begun yesterday, will be carried to its conclusion as rapidly as possible.

Holes will be sunk from 40 to 49 feet below zero level and piling from 90 to 115 feet will be driven in the bottom of these holes. On this piling the concrete piers will be constructed. By building the piers on the Oregon side first, where there is more sand, there will be longer time for them to settle while the piers on the Washington side are being built.

In addition to the Titan dredger, the Pacific Coast Bridge Construction Company will install a large amount of machinery, including a huge pump, compressor and pilerdriver. The gin poles of the pilerdriver are 120 feet high.

H. J. Hendricks is master mechanic for the construction company, and he is already on the ground. "About two weeks will be required to get fairly started and until then no more men will be engaged than are now working with the dredger Ajax, which will burrow through the sand island from the site of the second to the first pier. This will take it almost to the runway from the end of the streetcar line where the passengers walk down to the ferry."

As there is so little snow in the mountains it is generally predicted there will not be much high water this year, so high water will not interfere a great deal with the work on the bridge, it is believed. The work will be pretty well started by the time of the annual freshet, and considerable work will have been done.

That the big steel work will be assembled in Vancouver is the forgoing conclusion, as the specifications called for the delivery of the steel at Vancouver. The main bridge will be built from the Vancouver side of the river, so the workmen, or at least most of them, will live in Vancouver. Already a number of families have come into the city, as the men will work on the bridge.

There is a general feeling of rejoicing in this city. It was remarked by one of the speakers at the celebration that it was just two years ago that Governor Lister vetoed the appropriation for the bridge and since that time, the special elections for bonding Clark and Multnomah counties have been held, the many delays and details necessary for securing an engineer,

could attend the ceremony of turning the first sand in the construction of the Columbia River interstate bridge, which will join Vancouver and Portland. Many went over on the 2:15 o'clock ferry and another big load went over at 2:30 o'clock. A large crowd of onlookers gathered on the Washington side of the river to see the work.

The dredge Ajax was already anchored near the spot where the first pier is to be located. The first work will be to build a dike to keep the high water out from where the contractor will be building the first pier. A ditch about 16 feet deep will be dredged through the sand island, just east of the ferry landing on Hayden Island, and the dredge Titan, now at the Montgomery dock in Portland, will be used here. A barge will be pulled in after the Titan, which will swing with its big scoop of sand and deposit it on the barge.

Drawing plans and specifications, getting rights of way and letting the contracts have been done. Governor Lister was not present at the celebration today, nor was he invited to be present.

LOGGING CAMPS TO START

Twin Falls Company Soon to Have Full Force at Work at Yacolt. VANCOUVER, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—Reports from Yacolt, on the Northern Pacific branch, about 30 miles from this city, say that the logging camps of the Twin Falls Logging Company will start up soon and will be in full operation in 10 days. Many men more are being added falling timber. Donkey engines will be used in the operations as soon as the logs are ready.

Normal Summer Session Planned.

MONMOUTH, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—All phases of the Oregon school situation will be covered by the special Normal School session of the Oregon Normal School, commencing the latter part of June and continuing six weeks, according to preliminary plans now made. Emphasis is to be laid upon rural schools and methods for instruction in city schools.

\$15,000 Mill Fire Held Incendiary.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—In a fire thought to be of incendiary origin, the saw and door sheds of the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Mill, were destroyed here tonight. The estimated loss of \$15,000 is covered by insurance.

BROKEN NECK ACHES

Carpenter, Hurt by Fall, Says Experience Is No Joke.

WORK IS DONE IN GARDEN

Harry M. Lambert Walks to Town for Treatment and Physicians Think That He Will Recover Completely.

It is no joke to break your neck, even though you do live to tell the tale, in the opinion of Harry M. Lambert, carpenter, of Lents, who cracked one of the vertebrae of his neck by an eight-foot fall from a ladder while employed on the Gilbert School building about two weeks ago.

"My neck pains me constantly," said Mr. Lambert. "Despite the pain, however, Mr. Lambert comes down town every few days to see the physician or visit with friends. One day last week, when the sun was particularly bright, and the spring feeling in the air was unusually potent, Mr. Lambert got out in the front yard and spaded around among the flowers."

Dr. David Nelson, who, with Dr. Otis F. Akin, has charge of the case, pronounces it one of the most remarkable he has ever seen.

"I believe it will go down in future years as one of the historical cases," he said. "It is the only one I know of where such a break has not resulted in at least partial paralysis. In practically every instance a break or fracture of the Atlas bone is fatal."

Recovery Considered Most Likely. Dr. Nelson expressed the opinion that, from present indications, there was no reason why the injured man should not recover and be none the worse for the experience.

Physicians say the only reason Lambert has not suffered any material injury from the broken neck is because of the fact that there was no displacement of the fragments of the bone and the spinal cord was consequently not injured. They say that if the cord had been injured in the least partial or complete paralysis would ensue.

Injury Causes Nightmare. Telling of his experiences following his fall, he said: "I was unconscious for about three-quarters of an hour. During that time I had a sort of nightmare and thought that I was bleeding and could not stop the blood. After I came to I was in a daze for about three hours and hardly knew what I was doing."

Mr. Lambert was able to walk home following the accident. When his injury did not improve, several days following the accident, he sought medical aid and it was only when the X-ray photographs of his neck had been taken that it was discovered the bone was broken.

He was in the hospital only about four days.

BISHOP SUMNER ARRIVES

NEW HEAD OF EPISCOPAL DIOCESE BACK FROM SAD MISSION.

Prelate Leaves at Once for Salem, Where Confirmation Service Will be Held Today.

Right Rev. Walter Taylor Sumner, Bishop of the Oregon diocese of the Episcopal Church, returned yesterday from Manchester, N. H., where he was called January 27, to the death of his father, C. D. Sumner. He remained at the home of his mother until the middle part of last month, then went to New York on business, starting West about 10 days ago. He took the Southern route and stopped off at San Diego and San Francisco to visit the two expositions.

"I am glad to be back in Oregon and to take up the many duties before me," said Bishop Sumner. "It is a great relief to find such balmy spring weather after experiencing a month of extremely cold and disagreeable weather in the East."

The California expositions are a great credit to the Pacific Coast and are well worth seeing. The San Diego fair, though smaller, is most beautiful and attractive. In my opinion, the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco is far superior to either the Buffalo or St. Louis expositions."

DR. LOVELAND IS HEARD. Portland Pastor Preaches for Vancouver Man Who Is Ill.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—Dr. Frank Loveland, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Portland, spoke last night at the First Methodist Church of this city. Handbills were distributed today announcing the meeting and the programme for next week. Rev. W. T. Randolph, pastor of the local church, was ill with a severe cold this week, and each of six ministers

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ACCIDENTAL SHOT KILLS. Mathew Oraskovich Victim at Hands of Friend on Range.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—Mathew Oraskovich was instantly killed while at target practice with a 22-caliber rifle which was accidentally discharged by one of his companions, Philip Grubesch. The sun was handled carelessly by Grubesch, who did not know it was loaded.

She Stopped Her Son From Drinking. A St. Louis Woman Stopped Her Son From Drinking With a Simple Home Recipe That She Gave Secretly.

She Tells What She Gave. A well-known resident of St. Louis, whose son had used liquor to excess for years, broke him of the habit by using a simple home recipe which she gave secretly. In reply to the question as to what she used she made the following statement: "I used a simple prescription which I mixed at home and it is as follows: To 3 oz. of water add 20 grains of muriate of ammonia, a small box of Valer Compound and 19 grains of pepsin. I gave a teaspoonful three times a day in his coffee. Any druggist can mix it for you, or supply ingredients at very little cost. This recipe can be given secretly in coffee, tea or milk, or in the food, as it has no taste, color or smell and is perfectly harmless. I believe any mother can do as I have and rid their dear ones of this awful habit."

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