

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP PROVES TOO COSTLY

King County Contracts Ferry Boats to Private Parties.

10-YEAR LEASES SIGNED

Not Only Does the County Get No Compensation but It Throws in 20,000 Barrels Fuel Oil Free.

THE OREGONIAN BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10.—With the lease of 12 county-owned ferry boats to private parties, the county of King, of which Seattle is county seat, will terminate a costly experiment in public ownership and operation of transportation facilities. The experiment has not only been costly, but it has been one of a kind in which no board of county commissioners, nor any committee of taxpayers or business men, has been able to point the way to material reduction of expenditure without sacrifice of efficiency.

Ten-year leases have been signed by the county whereby two ferry boats, operating from the Seattle waterfront to Vashon island and Kitsap county, are turned over to the Kitsap County Transportation company, and two to the Vashon Island Ferry company, including three large ferries, six smaller and speedier boats, and one oil scow, are turned over to Capt. John L. Anderson, a pioneer in lake transportation, who has been superintendent of the county ferry system for the past two years. The leases carry no compensation to the county, approximately \$2,500, already contracted for by the county, for ferry use. The last previous proposition made to the county for lease of the ferries involved demands for subsidies running from \$75,000 to \$145,000 a year. These proposals were rejected, although the highest subsidy demanded was much less than the annual loss in county operation.

Ferry Patrons Protected.

The new leases protect ferry patrons in the matter of fares. There can be no higher fares than at present during the ten-year term. The Kitsap county company already announced that it will reduce Vashon Island rates the first of the year. Service may be increased, but cannot be reduced. The county grants free use of its wharves and landing places, with cost of maintenance to be cared for by the lessees.

The county commissioners feel that, on the whole, they have made a fair bargain. When the leases go into effect, which will be as soon as the proper bonds for performance and indemnity have been executed, they will have relieved the county of a responsibility which last year entailed a net loss in excess of \$499,000, and will have secured for the county, at least as good a service without any cost to the county except in the natural depreciation of ferry property. With the new leases, the allowance already made for next year's ferry service will enable the board to reduce the county tax rate for 1922 to approximately 3.25 mills, a cut from 18.5 mills in two years.

The King county commissioners were not entirely responsible for this transportation experiment. For nearly 35 years the county operated a single ferry boat on the Seattle-Kirkland run. In the course of that time, and until a few years ago, Capt. Anderson's smaller and faster boats furnished transportation to all other lake points, and a profitable private business. Then the commissioners of the Port of Seattle decided to extend their activities into the transportation field. Port ferry boats were built and put into service on the lake and Seattle harbor, which quickly drove the private concerns out of business.

Meanwhile the county commissioners had been induced to build a ferry boat and establish a route from Des Moines, in the southern part of the county, to Vashon island, which was operated at heavy loss from the start.

GRAVE WITH LOVE DENIED

Murderer and Suicide Not Permitted Burial in Holy Ground.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Leo Perfeetti, chief actor in Tacoma love tragedy, in which he took the life of his sweetheart, Argentina Pedroni, and committed suicide, is unfortunate as death as he was in life and love. His body will not rest beside the girl whom he killed rather than live without her.

This was the decision of the slain girl's relatives today after members of the local Italian colony discussed the subject of a double funeral, and a double grave in a Tacoma cemetery to write the final chapter of an unhappy romance.

There are two reasons why a double funeral could not be arranged, said Attorney S. A. Gagliardi last night. "First, the relatives of the dead girl believe that Perfeetti, with that may be said to condone his act, was a murderer. Second, the laws of the Catholic church do not permit the burial in a Catholic cemetery of one who has taken his own life."

Napavine Committees Named.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Oscar Main, newly elected president of the Napavine Citizens' club, Thursday announced the appointment of the club committees for the coming year. The committee chairmen are Ray Evans, programme and entertainment; Harry Peterson, public improvements; E. M. Stender, wood, industrial; W. W. Emery, finance; John Brown, membership; L. L. Hughes, advertising; C. A. Wood, music; P. A. Quist, dinner appointments. The new club officers will assume their duties next Tuesday night.

Object to burning \$5 necessity? Phone Broadway 10. Edifesa's—Adv.

Port and County Identical.

The boundaries of the port district of Seattle and of King county are identical; taxes on port and county property come from the same source. Arguing some merit, some possibility of economy, in consolidation of responsibility, in consolidation of the port commissioners in July, 1919, induced the county commissioners to take over the whole fleet and assume the duty and the cost of maintenance and operation. At the same time the county assumed the outstanding ferry indebtedness of the port, amounting to \$262,000.

In 1918, chiefly due to losses on the unprofitable Vashon Island route, the county had turned up a ferry deficit amounting to \$30,355.03. The port district's deficit for 1918 was \$198,329.02. In 1919, with a few new ferries on its hands from July, the county's loss was \$170,789.95. But 1920 broke the record, as well as the camel's back of public patience and the endurance

FRUIT FAIR BILLS ARE STILL UNPAID

Pacific Northwest Exposition at Seattle Lacking Funds.

MONEY IN BANK TIED UP

Mrs. Minnie Braden, Custodian of Oregon Exhibit, Victim of Forger.

Other Checks Only Souvenirs.

THE OREGONIAN BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10.—An incident of much interest to the thousands of those who are trying to wind up the affairs of the Pacific Northwest Exposition, which is being held at the immediate victim of the forger, Mrs. Minnie Braden, of Portland, custodian of the Oregon state agricultural exhibit, is the fact that she has been unable to get the sum of \$34.60 and the executors sitting upon the remains of the late exposition are very much out of humor.

Mrs. Braden served as one of the expert judges of the fruit displayed at Seattle during Thanksgiving week. The service carried no compensation, but Mrs. Braden agreed to accept a sum sufficient to cover her actual expenses. She was called up from Portland and gave three days to the work, submitting an expense account in the amount of \$34.60. Just before the amount was signed by Secretary Manly R. Haynes and left on his desk for mailing, it disappeared, and when the secretary asked if it had been sent no one seemed to know. For a few days it was assumed that some extra-efficient clerk had mailed it and forgotten about it, but when Haynes made inquiry of Mrs. Braden he learned that it had not been received.

The mystery of the check's whereabouts was solved Friday when it came back from the bank stamped "Paid," but bearing an indorsement that everyone who knows Mrs. Braden's signature pronounces a forgery. The fact that it is indorsed "Minnie Braden," with but one "n" in the first name, seems to establish the evidence that it was negotiated by someone other than its rightful owner.

Of course, Mrs. Braden will have to be reimbursed for her expenses; but up to date those who are worrying about this and some \$7000 of other outstanding exposition obligations haven't decided just how the clean-up is to be effected. The fruit exposition, as is the fate of many such shows, especially first ventures, ran much more to cost than to revenue. It was not expected to pay out. The Seattle chamber of commerce has provided a guaranty fund of \$1500. But the blizzard that hit the northwest November 20, the day before the opening, and the ensuing stretch of uniformly bad weather held down the attendance; so that with the \$7000 guaranty absorbed and spent the deficit will run to at least as much more.

Funds in Bank Tied Up.

So far as Mrs. Braden's expense account is concerned, she would probably have had to wait for it even had she received her check, unless she had been more than ordinarily prompt in cashing it. The situation has been complicated by a suit against the exposition for electrical work, with a garnishment of its money in bank against practically all of which checks had already been issued.

The finance and executive committee of the Exposition, which controlled all expenditures and plans, is now looked to to work out a scheme

Financial Difficulty Has Since Been

financial difficulty has since been under consideration, but nothing definite has been announced. Discussion of plans for the perpetuation of the exposition is meanwhile held in abeyance. The newly-elected trustees of the exposition organization will hold their first meeting early in January.

Timber Conservation Favored.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The board of trustees of the Lewis county branch of the Automobile Club of Western Washington are heartily in favor of conservation of timber along state highways. President Albers has named the following committees for 1922:

Roads, A. C. St. John, E. C. Hechly, A. H. Campbell and J. D. Neville of Chehalis and R. C. Stanley of Centralia.

Education, Albert Smith of Centralia, D. T. Coffman of Chehalis, H. J. Maury of Winlock, E. H. Coulson of Centralia and W. W. Emery of Napavine.

Legislation, Dan W. Bush, T. E. Gabel, A. S. Cory of Chehalis and R. R. Somerville of Centralia.

Membership, L. E. Titus, Fred N. Beal and Charles Sticklin of Centralia, W. F. West and R. A. Bechard of Chehalis and F. M. Broadbent of Morton.

BIG BRIDGE TO BE BUILT

SINGLE SPAN PLANNED FOR 1892 FEET WORLD'S LONGEST.

Structure to Connect Detroit With Windsor, Canada, and Will Have Lower Deck for Railroad.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 10.—Plans for the new international suspension bridge to connect Detroit and Windsor, just announced, show that it will have the longest single span in the world, measuring 1892 feet, or 24 inches longer than the great cantilever at Quebec. Of double-deck construction, the new link between Canada and the United States will accommodate street car, automobile and pedestrian traffic on the upper deck and passenger and freight-train service on the lower deck.

Harring unforeseen delays, actual construction work will commence next spring and within four years the upper deck should be ready for service. Without interfering with traffic on the highway deck, it is planned

Interest in Newspaper Sold.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—J. S. Carpenter has taken an interest in the Cowitz Valley News, published at Toledo, in southern Lewis county. J. E. Wells will continue as editor and manager of the News, with Mr. Carpenter as assistant. The latter has been a resident of Toledo for some time past, having been engaged in the land and insurance business.

The return of Alsace-Lorraine has added about 20,000 to the Protestant population of France.

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Friedlander's Sale of Gifts That Last!

Portland Can Give More Than It Ever Expected to Be Able to Give, for Practically Everything in This Magnificent Jewelry Store Is Reduced From One-Fourth to One-Half

Every Diamond Reduced

- \$50 Solitaire Diamonds now... \$37.50
- \$75 Solitaire Diamonds now... \$58.50
- \$100 Solitaire Diamonds now... \$72.50
- \$150 Solitaire Diamonds now... \$100.00
- \$300 Solitaire Diamonds now... \$235.00
- \$750 Solitaire Diamonds now... \$575.00
- \$1050 Solitaire Diamonds now... \$625.00
- \$2000 Solitaire Diamonds now... \$1245.00
- \$2500 Solitaire Diamonds now... \$1500.00

Fancy Diamond Rings

- \$50 Onyx with Diamond... \$37.50
- \$135 Platinum and Diamond... \$95.00
- \$400 Sapphire and Diamond... \$285.00
- \$750 Platinum and Diamond... \$585.00

Diamond Bar Pins

- \$65 Bar Pins, white gold... \$47.50
- \$150 Bar Pins, diamond set... \$115.00
- \$325 Bar Pin, 12 diamonds... \$250.00
- \$785 Bar Pin, sapphires and diamonds... \$585.00
- \$1650 Bar Pin, 10 large diamonds... \$1075.00

Diamond Set Pendants

- \$75 Diamond Set Pendant... \$49.50
- \$175 Diamond Set Pendant... \$125.00
- \$300 Opal Set Pendant... \$237.00
- \$200 Pendant, 7 diamonds... \$100.00
- \$275 Platinum and Diamonds... \$175.00

Platinum Cuff Links Extra

- Men's Cuff Links, platinum fronts, valued at \$25.00, for... \$12.00

Scarf Pins Reduced

- \$25 Solid Gold Diamond Set... \$12.50
- \$175 Opal Set Scarf Pin... \$125.00
- \$300 Horseshoe Diamond Set... \$200.00

Gold Rings Half

- SOLID Gold Rings set with semi-precious stones—one-half off. Limited quantity.
- \$ 3.00 Rings for... \$ 1.50
- \$25.00 Rings for... \$12.50

Necklaces Reduced

- \$40 Crystal and Jet Beads... \$29.50
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- \$25 Amber Beads... \$17.50
- \$15 Whitby Jet Beads... \$10.00
- \$55 Genuine Cut Topaz... \$32.00

Pearl Necklaces Reduced

- FINEST imitation pearl necklaces, "Blue Bird," "Richelieu" and other fine qualities—wide variety—every strand guaranteed—certified pearls.
- \$17.50 Pearls now... \$8.85
- \$35.00 Pearls now... \$22.50
- \$125.00 Pearls now... \$75.50

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ABOUT a hundred pieces sterling silver-mounted Toilet Articles—Nail Files, Cuticle Knives and the like. Formerly up to \$2; as long as they last 50c apiece.

Sheffield and Plated Wares

- \$85.00 Colonial Tea Sets... \$57.50
- \$55.00 Coffee Sets, 4 pieces... \$38.50
- \$8.50 Sugar and Creamers... \$5.85
- \$10.00 Cheese and Crackers... \$5.35
- \$12.50 Handled Baskets... \$8.85
- \$15.00 Gold Lined Bowl... \$11.50
- \$25.00 Meat Platters... \$16.85
- \$2.00 Syrup Pitcher, glass... \$1.10
- \$3.50 Oil and Vinegar Cruets... \$2.10
- \$1.50 Breakfast Cruets... 65c
- \$3.00 Bon Bon Baskets... \$1.85

Men's Pocketbooks \$3.95

FINE pin seal or Morocco leather (genuine)—corners of 14-karat solid gold. Values up to \$8.00 for \$3.95 each.

Bracelet Watches Reduced

- \$22.50 Gold-filled Watches... \$13.50
- \$25.00 Gold-filled (ribbon)... \$15.50
- \$27.50 White gold filled... \$18.50
- \$35.00 Elgin (gold filled)... \$29.50
- \$65.00 White gold (14-kt)... \$42.50
- \$100 Black enamel (14-kt)... \$56.50
- \$ 50.00 Solid gold (bracelet filled)... \$26.50
- \$150.00 Solid gold (ribbon)... \$75.00

Men's Watches Reduced

- \$25.00 Elgin Watches, (gold-filled)... \$15.50
- \$16.50 Swiss Watches, (nickel case)... \$10.75
- \$15.00 Military Watches, (leather strap)... \$10.50
- \$27.50 Elgin Watches, (20-year case)... \$21.50
- \$42.00 Waltham Watches, (20-year case)... \$32.50
- \$ 50 Waltham Watches (20-yr. case)... \$37.50
- \$ 40 Swiss Watches (17 jewels)... \$26.50
- \$ 75 Howard Watches (25-yr. case)... \$57.50
- \$100 Waltham Watches (solid gold)... \$75.00
- \$125 Howard Watches (solid gold)... \$98.00

Solid Gold Cameos \$11.50

GENUINE Cornelian Cameos, hand carved, mounted in 14-karat gold mountings. Were \$20, \$25 and even more. Choice as long as we have any at \$11.50 apiece.

Diamond Bracelet Watches

NEW oblong and "cushion" shape—in white gold and platinum set with diamonds. The smallest, finest watches made.

- \$135.00 Watch (18 diamonds)... \$ 95.00
- \$275.00 Watch, plat. and diamonds... \$195.00
- \$350.00 Watch, plat. and diamonds... \$217.00
- \$350.00 Watch, plat. and diamonds... \$475.00

Flexible Diamond Bracelets

LAST word from Paris—Constance Talmadge is going to wear one on her ankle at the Liberty Theater next week in the picture—here they are selling at a fourth less than true value.

- \$200.00 Bracelets... \$147.50
- \$150.00 Bracelets... \$ 95.00
- \$85.00 Bracelets... \$57.50

Pens and Pencils

WATERMAN'S Pens, "Sheaffer's" Pens and Pencils, "Ever-Sharp" and other Pencils—at a fourth, a third and some few at half price.

Solid Gold Jewelry

- \$300.00 Mesh Bag (14-kt.)... \$185.00
- \$100.00 Cigarette Case (14-kt.)... \$ 69.50
- \$ 75.00 Card Case (14-kt.)... \$ 42.50
- \$235.00 Mesh Bag (14-kt.)... \$135.00
- \$250.00 Vanity Case (14-kt.)... \$165.00
- \$ 25.00 Cuff Links (14-kt.)... \$ 18.50
- Solid gold Cuff Buttons (not links)... Half Price

Cigarette Cases and Holders

FOR men, and (we must be frank about it) for women, too! Cigarette cases for women are of sterling—with flexible strap.

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Long, graceful Cigarette Holders—fresh from New York—are also in the sale at a third less. Men's Cigarette Cases of sterling are likewise reduced.

Waldemar Watch Chains

NEW styles in gold, platinum or in gold filled—

- \$ 3.00 gold filled... \$2.10
- \$ 7.50 gold filled... \$5.50
- \$10.00 gold filled... \$7.50
- \$20 solid gold... \$14.50
- \$20.00 white gold (10-karat)... \$15
- \$120 platinum... \$85

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