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FIRST FORMAL STEP FOR TUNNEL TAKEN

Automobile Caravan Visits Hillsboro Monday

PETITIONS PRESENTED

Property Owners In Sections 35 and 36 Present Objections To Petitions

The first formal step to bring about the long sought tunnel through the mountain to Portland was taken Monday morning when the petitions for the formation of Tunnel District No. 1 were presented to the county court. A caravan of 34 automobiles, headed by several traffic officers on motorcycles and sirens telling the world they were, arrived at 10 o'clock and proceeded directly to the circuit court room in the court house.

Joseph Presents Petitions

The presentation of the petitions was made by State Senator George Joseph, who said it was the first step in the great project to join Portland with the beautiful Tualatin valley. He said that after the district is created and before the people vote on the project they will be advised fully as to what it will cost each individual. The talk of a tunnel started as long ago as 25 years.

The petition, signed by 400 property owners in the proposed district, was presented to Clerk Ed. C. Luce by Senator Joseph, together with a bond for \$4000 guaranteeing the county immunity from election expense.

Objections Made

Thomas H. Tongue appeared as attorney for 15 objectors to the petition. All the objectors live in sections 35 and 36, township 1 north and 2 west. The petitioners agreed to leave these sections out of the district and the court accepted the petition with this understanding.

County Judge E. J. Ward presided and Commissioners Frank W. Livermore and J. M. Hiatt sat in court with him during the proceedings. The law gives Judge Ward 90 days in which to set a date for an election, but the date will probably be announced this week. The right to vote in the proposed election is limited to holders of title to at least 50x100 feet of ground within the limits of the district.

District Wealthy

There are approximately 69,000 acres of land in the Tualatin valley portion of the tunnel district as outlined and the Portland section embodies nearly all the West Side business district. The assessed valuation of the property in the district is in excess of \$200,000,000.

The cost of the tunnel is estimated by engineers at around \$3,000,000 and the promoters plan to finance the project by sale of district bonds. No site has been chosen for the tunnel. The tube will be a little in excess of one mile and will be 10 feet wide.

If approval is given at this election as the petitioners said they are certain it will be, another election will be called and the question of voting a bond issue to cover the cost of the tunnel will be submitted to the owners of property within the district.

31 Jurors Drawn For July Service

Of Number Selected For Coming Term Eight Are Women

Thirty-one jurors have been drawn for the July term of court. Of this number 8 are women.

Jurors July Term, 1925

Simpson, Robert; Shaw, Chas. H.; Wismer, Leila L.; Sampson, Wm.; Cate, Rose; Grossen, Fred; Vandecouvering, Herman S.; Johnson, Earle, H.; Osborne, Clara A.; Crispin, K. E.; Hartley, Elizabeth; Ray, Jos. T.; Moore, Wm. S.; Whiting, Amanda O.; Taylor, Frank; Barrett, Myrtle; McCann, Jno. A.; Williams, Wilbur H.; Andrews, Geo.; Campbell, Lester, R.; Weathered, Frances Taylor; Dobson, Jas. R.; Wright, Grace May; Ridenour, Jas. F.; Maly, Emil; Johnson, Reuben R.; Welter, Michael; Pinder, Jas.; Clutter, Arnold D.; Barngrover, Jno. L.; Wiley, Wm. V.

May Return Some Money

The Fourth of July celebration was a real financial success, according to members of the committee. Early indications are that there will be money to turn back to the financial backers, the business men.

The Scout Harrington camp of the United Spanish War veterans will meet at the court house tomorrow night.

Portland Man Is Drowned Saturday

W. G. Cyrus Loses Life In Rippling Waters On Gales Creek On Fourth

William G. Cyrus of 54 North 23rd Street, Portland, was drowned in Gales Creek at Rippling Waters last Saturday morning. Cyrus is said to have been unable to swim but dove off the diving board and failed to come up.

Dr. Via was called on and worked on him for an hour, but in vain. Dr. Via says he believes that the man died of heart failure, although there was a bruise on his forehead. The victim was in the water several minutes before the condition was realized.

A widow and five children survive the drowned man, who was an employee of the Bell Telephone company. The body was taken to Portland for burial.

The family with friends had gone to Rippling Waters on the Fourth for a day's outing.

MARKET ROAD WORK IS GOING STRONG

Engineer Jones Estimates 8 Years For Completion

ORENCO ROAD DELAYED

Project South Of Cornelius To Tualatin Approved For This Summer

Market road work in the county is coming along in fast shape, according to Engineer Jones, who estimates that the complete system as outlined will be finished in eight years or possibly sooner.

Some Work Completed

The stretch between Jackson school and Glencoe has been completed and work has started on the road between Ross bridge and Cornell corners. The Hillsboro-Orenco road is being held up temporarily due to inability to get a right of way.

A stretch of market road is being constructed from Glenwood up about 5 miles. The narrow fill on the road from Forest Grove to Banks has been widened and there is now room for three cars abreast.

Grading work is going on between Campbell bridge and Laurel reconstruction of 1 mile stretch running north of Mountaineer has just been started. The contractors are about ready to start on the new 152-foot bridge on Jackson bottom.

The Stringtown and Thatcher roads will be started soon and the project south of Cornelius to the Tualatin river bridge has been approved and will be worked sometime this summer.

Trustee Makes Escape

F. A. Smith, In On Liquor Charge, Escapes Tuesday

F. A. Smith, a trustee at the court house, escaped Tuesday. He was working under Janitor William Tupper, when he decided he needed a vacation and sneaked out the back door and went on through the alley at the Glenn Stapleton home to First street and then off to the woods north of the city.

Smith was arrested February 11 at Forest Grove on a liquor possession charge by Deputy Oscar Dooley, who was night officer at Forest Grove at that time. He was sentenced to a six months term March 23. The prisoner just had a short time more to serve.

Receive Bids On Bonds

Bids on \$25,000 in improvement bonds will be received by the city council July 21. The city camp grounds were reported by the chief of police to have been passed on as first class by County Health Officer Dr. L. W. Hyde. The matter of a city garbage system, which was investigated by George Wolf of Beaverton, who asked for the exclusive right here, was referred to the sanitary committee.

Odd Fellows Will Picnic

The quarterly meeting of Odd Fellows will be held at the Shute Park, Friday, July 17, with a picnic and basket dinner at noon. The program will be in the afternoon, and Past Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Oregon, Henry Westbrook, of Portland, will be the principal speaker.

There will be an orchestra for dancing, and other amusements. The public is invited.

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Wiebeck and H. Harder of Willows, Calif., were week-end visitors of Mrs. C. Rehe.

LOCAL CLUB LOSES TWO GAMES 3 TO 0

Sherwood Pitcher Strikes Out 19 Local Batters

TEAM TO HAVE SHAKEUP

Hillsboro Will Play Albany At Latter Place Next Sunday

Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away, we will try and tell you about the two wallops the Hillsboro ball club received July 4 and 5.

Too Much Smoke

Winters, Sherwood speedball pitcher, had so much smoke on the ball in the game on the 4th, that he hopped it right past the home boys and some of them can't see yet. The big fellow was unbeatable and deserved to win. He allowed just 4 hits and smacked one over the fence and that one run was plenty, although his team mates put across two others. Nineteen of the home team stepped up to the plate and all they hit was Hillsboro's healthy air, Burkhalter being the only one with his eyes wide open. He got two hits out of three times up.

Myers for Hillsboro pitched a good game but was up against odds that couldn't be beat.

Sunday's game with the Port of Portland was just like the one on the 4th, 3 to 0. With their eyes filled with smoke from the 4th, Hillsboro again only got 4 safe singles and 11 took three big wallops. Schulerich and G. Henderson were the only ones that could solve the slants of Cole. Schulerich knocked out two doubles and Henderson a double and a single.

Game Well Played

Both games were well played and the only thing bad about them was poor umpiring.

Stotenberg started the game Sunday and was relieved by G. Meyers after they had scored three times in the first four innings. Meyers went in with the bases full and pitched out of the hole and was never in danger after that.

The home club has been in a batting slump for the last four games and without hits you can't win games. In the last four games the club has connected safely 22 times or an average of 5 1/2 hits per game. This gives the team a batting average of .174.

Have Shakeup

A real shakeup will take place in the team this week. One new hitting player has been signed up. Johnson has been released and the management is after new players.

Next Sunday the home club will play Albany at Albany and Manager Kreitz hopes to break the present Hillsboro losing streak. Only one league game was played over the holidays and that was between

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Give Ice-Cream Social

Proceeds Will Be Used To Pay For Veterans Memorial Hall

An ice cream social, the proceeds of which will go towards paying for the Veterans Memorial hall, recently purchased by the patriotic organizations, will be given in the court yard Saturday afternoon and evening. The social will start about 2:30.

The ladies of the Women's Relief Corps are giving the social, but other of the veteran organizations and their auxiliaries are urged to co-operate.

Large Window Cracked

The large plate glass window in the Shute Savings bank building in the room occupied by the McCormick Land company was cracked Saturday when an automobile knocked a rock against it. The rock was put out in the street by the contractors putting up the garage building to the south. The window was about the largest plate glass window in the city.

School Warrants Sold

Thirteen thousand dollars in warrants to pay for the construction of the new grade unit were sold to Carl Pfahl and the Shute Savings Bank at the meeting of the school board Monday night. The bank bought \$9,000 and Pfahl bought \$4,000. The wood contract was awarded to Marshall Elder.

Fred Meek and Florence Penny, of Hillsboro, were married June 28, at Stevenson, Washington.

Exhibit At State Fair

Grains And Grasses Are Now Being Collected In Hillsboro

Washington county will again have a county exhibit at the state fair. Grains and grasses are now being collected by County Agent McWhorter and Wm. Schulmerich. It is planned to make a representative showing of all of Washington county's standard products.

Last year Washington county won first for attractiveness of display and fourth in line of products shown. This year the competitive feature as between counties has been eliminated but all county exhibits will be required to come to a certain standard that premium money can be won.

Service Commission Has Water Hearing

Company Seeking To Increase Its Rates At Cornelius And Gaston

Water rates of the towns of Gaston and Cornelius formed the basis of an interesting legal and technical battle at the court house Monday and Tuesday when a joint hearing was had before the public service commission.

The commissioners present were Thomas K. Campbell, chairman, H. H. Corey and Edward Ostrander, while the towns of Gaston and Cornelius were represented by Loyal Graham and William G. Hare, respectively. The Puget Sound Power & Light Company, owners of the water system, was represented by E. M. Hayden of Tacoma and E. B. Tongue of Hillsboro and the commission by William P. Ellis.

The company contention is, briefly, that Gaston with five percent of the consumers, uses 12.7 percent of the water and contributes but 3.2 percent of the company's gross revenue, while Cornelius, with ten percent of the consumers, uses 14.5 percent of the water and contributes but 3.8 percent of the revenue, and that this condition is neither equitable to the company nor fair to its other customers.

Through their respective counsels, William G. Hare and L. M. Graham, the towns of Cornelius and Gaston maintain that franchisees were granted to the predecessors of the Puget Sound company in consideration of the rates now under dispute and that the rates cannot be disturbed without nullifying such franchises, and that it is not mandatory upon the commission to interfere.

The entire two-day session was devoted to discussion by both sides of the value of the property involved.

Under an exhibit placed in evidence by the engineer of the commission the estimated income from water under the new rates for 1925 for the entire district served will amount to 8.6 percent net, according to William G. Hare, counsel for the City of Cornelius, when asked concerning the case. He also brought out the fact that the commission engineer placed a much lower valuation on the plant than that claimed by the company.

Mr. Hare said the company failed to state what it paid for the Hillsboro plant, claiming it was purchased with many other properties.

"If the commission doesn't maintain the contract, the City of Cornelius will carry it on to the courts," declared Mr. Hare.

"I intend to see that the company lives up to one contract," continued Senator Hare.

Manager Easter of the company testified that the present plant would not be adequate to last more than two years more. He also declared that the people of Hillsboro were well satisfied with the new rates.

Miss Flossie Scheidel is vacationing at Rockaway.

William Schofield of Portland was a Hillsboro visitor over the Fourth.

Fred Hodecker of Portland was calling on Hillsboro friends yesterday.

Fred Meek read the Declaration of Independence at Champoeg on the Fourth of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Rasmussen of Portland were Hillsboro visitors yesterday.

Mrs. C. E. Wells and family will leave in the morning for a summer's stay at Pacific City.

W. W. Hall and sons have bought the West barber shop on Main street between Second and Third.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ogilbee of Portland moved to Hillsboro this week and are occupying the residence recently vacated by B. M. Goodman and family. Mr. Ogilbee has been with the Argus for some time.

PHONE COMPANY TO SPEND \$25,000

New Building On Program For This Summer

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

Underground Cables Will Be Placed In Business Section For Safety

A new telephone building and other improvements, which together will total about \$25,000, are on the program for the Hillsboro Telephone company this summer, according to an announcement of Charles E. Wells, manager and owner of the company. The new building will be on Washington street between Second and Third.

Building Deferred

When Mr. Wells purchased the property of the Hillsboro Telephone company in 1914, he contemplated the construction of a separate fire-proof building to house the switchboard and other central office equipment, along with other improvements to the property.

The other improvements, namely, several miles of new cable, a new switchboard, an entirely new system of telephones using the battery or flashlight call, with the corresponding new pole line construction, were considered more immediately necessary than the new building, and its construction was deferred. Then the war came along and put building prices out of sight. Living and cost of business increased along with this and the company was kept busy meeting running expenses and rebuilding lines.

Financing Arranged

Arrangements have now been made, Mr. Wells informs us, for financing the building, which will, however, be but a minor portion of the cost of the improvements contemplated. The central office protective equipment, terminal and cable frames, storage battery equipment, etc., will be new, and will be installed in the new building in duplicate with that at the old location.

One of the most important improvements to be accomplished by the new arrangement, will be the underground cable construction which will place all the large cables between Main and Washington streets in the business section, beneath the surface.

Safety Dictates

This is an improvement dictated by the need of safety, as well as appearance. The Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric trolleys on Main and Washington streets carry very dangerous currents, and having the telephone cables above them is a menace in case of accident.

Five thousand feet of aerial lead covered cable will be placed on East Oak and West Baseline streets. Provisions for financing contemplate the issuance of bonded obligations of the company in the form of five and ten year gold notes, for which there is now a ready market in the financial centers. The company, however, would be glad to place these with local people and its patrons, insofar as they may wish to invest.

Start Plastering

Work of plastering and lathing the new theatre was started this week by Oscar Jacobs, who has the contract. A crew of ten men are working under him. Hillsboro will have a new and beautiful theatre before they realize it and because of the construction around the old theatre it will only be closed for a few days before the opening.

Contagious Cases Few

Only nine, contagious diseases were reported in Washington county during the month of June, according to the records in the possession of County Health Officer Dr. W. Hyde. There were five cases of whooping cough, one of scarlet fever, one of influenza, one of tuberculosis and one of erysipelas.

Judge Bagley is holding court in Tillamook, this week.

The estates of Robert Service, Charles H. Tarry and John M. Wall have been admitted to probate.

The report of Recorder James H. Davis to the county court shows fees totaling \$372.85 collected during June.

Lee Pom Lam, Chinese, arrested at Astoria, was brought to Hillsboro, Sunday by deputy sheriffs. He is facing a larceny charge.

Doctors W. B. Coon and S. M. Reagan, county herd inspectors, have been directed by the court to collect a fee of 35c per head for each bovine inspected at the time of inspection and turn the money over to the clerk.

Odie Wilmoth Is Dead Of Injuries

Fracture At Base Of Skull Fatal To Banks Man Hurt In Auto Crash

Odie Wilmoth of Banks died at the Dr. Via hospital in Forest Grove about 7:30 last Friday morning of injuries received in an automobile accident at Greenville the Sunday before. Wilmoth's skull was fractured at the base and he never regained consciousness.

Ellis Edmunsen, with Wilmoth seated on the back of the motorcycle, was riding south from Banks, through Greenville when the car driven by Francis Herb, coming from the east struck them. Edmunsen was thrown over the front of the machine and Wilmoth was tossed some distance to the side of the road, where he fell on a pile of boards.

He was taken to the Dr. Via hospital at once, but little hope was held out for his recovery at any time.

COUNTY FARES WELL IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

No Serious Crashes Reported Over Fourth

CORRECTION IS URGED

Driver Believes Enough Machines Damaged To Pay For Several Bridges

Washington county was pretty lucky in the matter of automobile accidents over the Fourth as compared with other parts of Oregon, according to the reports filed with the office of the sheriff.

Claims Negligence

Negligence is given as the cause of the accident Sunday in which Francis Burke sustained bruised legs of Portland and J. R. Eastman of Portland and the machines of Martin M. Burke Portland came together on the Newberg highway and Burke claims that it was negligence on the part of Eastman.

G. Evert Baker of Portland makes a plea to the county commissioners to do something about the bad curve at the Tualatin bridge near Tigard. He says that the covered bridge makes a blind curve and that it was responsible for a truck driven by Ralph Christensen of Portland running into him. In his report he alleges that neighbors say there are more than enough cars damaged there every year to build several bridges.

John Ironside and Frank Schneider bumped cars on the Fourth as a result of the heavy traffic at 10th and Fir.

The two cars of I. Eede of Cornelius and Frank H. Reh bumped into each other at Cornelius, due, it is claimed, to the failure of Eede to give proper clearance.

Same Old Cause Given

Reckless driving is alleged to have caused the accident near Reedville on the Fourth when the cars of H. J. Mackie of Portland and Arthur Howard crashed.

Fast driving on the part of Carrick is said to have caused the collision between the cars of Clay Freeman of Hillsboro and Clyde Carrick of Vernonia at First and Baseline last Friday.

Several other minor accidents were reported and the old causes of too much speed, failure to signal, recklessness and others were given.

Farming Financial Prospects Are Good

U. S. Department of Agriculture Report of Conditions Is Optimistic

Good financial prospects for farmers this year are seen by the United States Department of Agriculture which says in its July report on the agricultural situation that "given strengthening livestock markets and fair feed crops, plus fair returns from wheat and cotton, farmers would come out of 1925 better than they have in most of the years since 1919."

Much can happen between now and the harvest of fall crops, it is pointed out, but "taken as a whole, the main crops promise fairly well except in the case of winter wheat. The present nice balance in both livestock and crop production is a tribute to the readjustments made by American farmers since the fall of 1921."

The central fact in the present outlook is that while production will be ample to meet consumption needs, agriculture will not be in the market this fall with any large surplus of the major products.

NATIONAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED HERE

Little Difference Caused By One Day Event

10,000 AT HOMECOMING

Fireworks, Exercises And Contests Are Better Than In Previous Years

The celebration of the nation's 149th birthday here in Hillsboro was just as big as in past years in spite of the general belief that a one day event would be weak. It is estimated that more than 10,000 persons celebrated in Hillsboro.

More Comfortable

The smaller number of concessions made the grounds less crowded and the one day eliminated much of the dust and dirt of previous years. Many have expressed the opinion that people found more real enjoyment than ever before.

Although the fireworks were not started at the time advertised and the delay was vexing, the pyrotechnic display was better than ever before and the various pieces were works of art. Several pieces were damaged in transit and caused the delay.

"Let us devote ourselves to the preservation of the United States, the greatest demonstration of free government in the world," urged State Senator George Joseph, speaker of the day, who delivered a regular old time Fourth of July address that was inspiring. "Liberty and independence was placed with the people and we must keep it there."

The speaker opposed anything that would place any control of our government in the hands of a few.

Patriotic organizations lined up back of the Washington County band of Forest Grove and the automobile containing the speaker in an automobile parade to the park preceding the patriotic exercises.

J. L. Crow Presides

J. L. Crow, Grand Army veteran, presided at the exercises. The program included singing of "America" by the audience, invocation by Rev. M. A. Marcy, solo by Mrs. Berchia Gardner, address by Mayor M. P. Cady, reading "Declaration of Independence" by Rev. Len Fishback, and piano solo by Vincent Engeldinger. Senator W. G. Hare introduced the speaker. The exercises were closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

The oath of allegiance to the United States was taken by all at the exercises and was a part of the second Defense Day test.

The free act was one of the best ever put on at a celebration and the dance hall was filled with gay dancers throughout the day.

Hillsboro Loses

Hundreds saw Hillsboro go down to defeat in the county championship game with Sherwood. The Sherwood team was able to put across 3 runs against Myers, while Winters of Sherwood had Hillsboro fanning the air.

Horse Shoe Pitching Contest

The cup for the championship of Washington County was won by Edward Wright, of Beaverton.

C. A. J. Brown of Portland was champion of the day and won a pair of professional horse shoes.

Winners of the Athletic Contest at the Hillsboro Fourth of July:

Fat Man's Race—First, Wes. Schulmerich, \$5.00 merchandise, Cady Motor Co.; 2nd, G. C. Dodge, \$3.00, merchandise, MacKenzie Motor Co.; 3rd, E. Demmin, \$2.00 merchandise, Herington Grocery.

Fat Woman's Race—First, Mrs. Hallie Frye, \$5.00 merchandise, Weil's Department Store; 2nd, Eva M. Weisenbach, \$3.00 merchandise, C. C. Store; 3rd, Mrs. Jacob Lamb, \$2.00 merchandise, Handy Variety store.

Men's Open Race—First, C. Edwards, \$5.00 merchandise, Miller's Mercantile; 2nd, Wm. Joos, \$3.00 merchandise, W. W. Boscow; 3rd, W. C. Scott, \$2.00 merchandise, Lester Ireland.

Boys Under 75 Lbs.—First John Bachelor, \$3.00 merchandise, Corwin Hardware; 2nd Louis Sohler, \$2.00 merchandise, Hillsboro Pharmacy; 3rd Leo Mohr, \$1.00 merchandise, Royal Soda Works.

Boys Under 18 Years—First, C. Edwards, \$5.00 merchandise, Weil's Department Store; 2nd, Wm. Joos, \$3.00 merchandise, Liberty Theatre; 3rd, Louis Emmott, \$2.00 merchandise, Tom's Place.

Boys Under 12 Years—First, Dalls Holberg, \$5.00 merchandise, C. C. Store; 2nd, Therril Shipley, \$3.00 merchandise, W. W. Boscow; 3rd, Andrew Hergert, \$2.00 merchandise, Palm Confectionery.

Girls Under 9 Years—First Lilly Brown, \$3.00 merchandise, Miller Mercantile; 2nd, Emma Lepais,

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