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MR. CLEETON HAS HIS SAY

Says "Three Roads" Remonstrance Doesn't Count.

BUT RAISES POINT OF HIS OWN

Final Action in the All-Absorbing Question May Be Taken by the County Court Today.

There is now, little, if any, doubt as to what will be done with the "three roads" petition. In all probability the whole proposition will come up before the county court some time this afternoon and be disposed of. There is a bare possibility of action being deferred until tomorrow morning, owing to the work of checking off the names being unfinished, but as there are only about 89 more to examine as to qualification, it is believed that final disposition of the matter can be made before the night adjournment of the court.

As the matter stands now there is every reason to believe that the county court will act favorably upon the petition as the opinion of the district attorney brushes away any obstacles that may have arisen through the filing of the remonstrance.

Attorneys differ as to whether a petition, thoroughly competent and meeting all the statutory requirements, renders favorable action by the county court compulsory or optional. However, this point is of no consequence as it is generally understood that the commissioners are individually in favor of granting the petition and proceeding to make the levy of five mills for the specific purpose of carrying out the work designated.

This done, the next thing on the program will be the appointment of the necessary road commissioners and, later, the selection of the kind of material to be used in the construction of the road. This will be determined largely with reference to the relative adaptability of the various materials to this soil and climate. The relative cost, too, will be considered. Light on this point will be obtained through the solicitation of bids from contractors.

We give below the full text of District Attorney Cleeton's opinion:

"In accordance with your request for an opinion of the validity of a certain petition for county roads to be constructed in Clatsop county, I will say that, not being acquainted with certain essential facts, I will state my opinion hypothetically. The matter in the shape presented is somewhat difficult and has not been passed upon by our courts. The objections, as I am informed, are, first, that sections 221-2, page 1074, do not apply to county roads. This objection is not well founded. They certainly do refer to county roads, highways, used in this connection, mean public roads, which, of course, means county roads. Of this I think there can be no reasonable doubt.

"As to the second objection that there should be three separate petitions, I think that the petition setting out the description of the three roads separately but upon piece of paper is sufficient.

"Under the statute as to the third objection that the roads are not designated as county roads, I think is equally ill founded. It is true the petition does not say in direct words that the roads described are in Clatsop county and are county roads, but it says so by implication. It mentions the names of places as starting points well known to be wholly within the county and, it seems, could hardly be construed in any other way.

"This disposes of the three objections that have been urged in the remonstrance.

"There is to my mind a more serious objection than either of those mentioned, and one upon which I entertain grave doubts. The statute embracing sections 221-2 certainly applies to county roads, but does it apply to roads laid out and established, or does it apply as well to roads in contemplation of being laid out? If the roads described are already laid out and established, then it is my opinion that you are within the law and are warranted in making the levy. If the roads described are not laid out then the question arises: Can they be laid out in the way asked for in this petition. The statute gives specific directions how a county road may be laid out and it is doubtful if there is any other way. The expression 'construct' used in the statute might, on a liberal interpretation, apply to roads not yet located. So, to conclude, I will sum up by saying that if your roads are laid out and established—that is, located—your levy will be valid. If they have not been laid out, but are wholly in contemplation, I think the safest way would be to lay them out, according to law, and then proceed as you have. Yet, I will not say that I am certain I am in doubt on that point, inclining as much to the one side as to the other."

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Another movement is on foot in bleeding Kansas to get the populist party to do away with its name and go into the reformed democratic party. The link of ruin seems to be very near the populist party of Kansas—and its the only populist party left.

What the average man wants to know right now is, not the name of the candidate for office next summer, but what is to be the outcome of the next battle between the Beers and the English, not what may be the future policy of this government toward its colonies, but whether this weather is going to last long enough so that we will not be compelled to lay in another supply of coal.

A question of much profundity came up for discussion in the police court the other day during a learned debate over the sacredness of a Chinese oath—or in other words, a regulation 'S'elphie' oath taken by a Chinaman. The matter was argued at length by all hands when an interpreter managed to get in a word and announce that a Chinese oath, to be fully binding and dignified, involved the ceremony of cutting off the head of a chicken in the presence of the witness and his august majesty, the judge. As it was only a petty misdemeanor case, with a safe bet on conviction, anyway, this solemn formality was dispensed with.

Over in Tillamook they are having a real nice little time over road matters. The farmers have stopped milking cows to "go to town" to tell the editor of the Headlight what a "gold-durned shameful pass things is coming to." At last, the editor waxes warm under this unsolicited burden and taking a piece of cheese in one hand and his trusty quill in the other, delivers himself as follows: "How fickle some people are. They will whoop it up for candidates before election, but no sooner does these candidates get something contrary to their wishes, when they turn round and call them damned rascals. Then calling upon the editor with their tale of woe want the pencil pusher to take up their fight for them while they remain in the dark. We're not built that way. When things don't go exactly to suit the editor he grits his teeth and savva wood—and, furthermore, waits with a patient, complacent smile for the proper time to hit the nail on the head and drive it right home." Then the Tillamook man drifts into a reflective mood and soliloquizes: "Politics makes strange bed fellows, now don't it? And Tillamook is no exception to the rule. It's strange, but it's true, men who hate one another, widely differ in religious moral thought and who can never be made to acclimatize, all jump into the same boat, rowing together when it comes to politics."

The Tillamook editor refuses to hide his light under a bushel even though it be a Headlight. C. E. D.

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The DAILY ASTORIAN will be found on sale in Portland at the well-known stationery house of J. F. Handley & Co., 391 Washington Street. Orders for advertising left with this firm will receive prompt attention.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, probable rain today.

AROUND TOWN.

F. Hartman, of Kelso, is in the city.

Tom Boyle, of Westport, is in the city.

W. C. Burkhart, of Albany, is in Astoria.

James Quinn, of Quinn's landing, is in the city.

Crawfish cooked in wine at the National Cafe.

Miss M. Steable, of Seaside, is a guest at the Occident.

Miss M. McGuire, of Seaside, is visiting in the city.

Miss Reba Hobson has returned from a visit in Portland.

P. F. Halferty has returned from an extended Eastern visit.

Captain George Pope, of Portland, was in town yesterday.

James Elliott and John Wilkinson, of Clatsop, are at the Astor house.

J. W. Belcher is down from Portland on a visit with his family.

Mrs. George H. George is visiting friends in Portland for a few days.

Victor J. Miller, of Catlin, Wash., is registered at the Parker house.

Second Assistant Engineer S. M. Hook has joined the revenue cutter Perry.

Fourteen new registrations were added yesterday, making the total to date 415.

The county court spent the greater part of yesterday afternoon in auditing claims.

Charles W. Pike, of the San Francisco salmon buyer, is in the city, accompanied by his wife.

Papers in final accounting in the estate of the late H. P. Drennan have been approved by Judge Gray.

The steamer Signal left out yesterday for San Francisco with a cargo of lumber from Knappaon mills.

The tug Roberts arrived in yesterday morning from Gardiner with 615 cases of salmon for Samuel Elmore.

John Easterbrook arrived from the East last night, having been visiting his son Haynes for several days past.

Harry Hamblet and Will Taliant have returned from an examination of their oyster beds at Shoalwater bay.

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The Glenora arrived in yesterday from San Francisco and was towed over to Knappaon, where she will load lumber for a return trip.

Mrs. J. B. Blanchard and Miss Mary Teller, of San Francisco, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thibault, of Sunshine, Wash.

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The steamer Nahcotta made two round trips across the bay yesterday, the second being for the purpose of taking President Lomis of the I. R. & N. to Ilwaco.

The steamer Columbia arrived in from San Francisco yesterday with a big miscellaneous cargo, considerable of which was for local merchants. Her passenger list was small.

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It is believed that an attempt will be made today to float the lightship stranded at McKenzie Head. The bar was exceptionally smooth yesterday with good indications for today.

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There was a lively runaway in Uppertown yesterday morning, the team attached to McCormick's milk wagon taking fright. A broken axle and the loss of several gallons of milk constituted the entire loss.

The funeral of the late Thomas Kearney was held from the residence of Patrick Kearney, brother of deceased, yesterday. Rev. Father Dielman conducted the services. Interment was made at Greenwood.

The mail service between this city and Deep river will be improved beginning Thursday of this week, there by giving a service three times a week, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, the hours remaining as at present.

The funeral of Freddie Ovig, who was fatally crushed by a street car, was held at Pohl's undertaking rooms yesterday morning. Rev. Father McCormack officiated and the remains were interred in Clatsop cemetery.

The taxpayers' annual meeting for school district number 1 will be held in the Shively building this evening. It is given out that matters of unusual importance will come up aside from a discussion of the advisability of continuing the high school as a free institution, etc.

Objection to the approval by Judge Gray of the final accounting in the estate of the late E. C. Crow has been made by H. B. Parker on the ground that the statement does not include a claim by him against the estate. The matter has been taken under advisement.

A. Shore will probably not operate his shingle mill at Lebam this summer. This is not, as has been reported, on account of a scarcity of cedar, but is because his lease to the mill site has expired. There is a world of cedar easily accessible to the mill. He will continue his logging operations through the summer.

Oscar Jacobson of Ilwaco died at St. Mary's hospital Monday night from typhoid fever. He was taken sick at Portland and was on his way to the home of his brother in Ilwaco, but could proceed no further than this city. The remains are now at Pohl's undertaking parlors awaiting the arrival of the brother. Jacobson was but 23 years of age.

At a meeting of the school board held yesterday afternoon, Z. C. Ferguson was elected clerk, in place of H. B. Ferguson, who has been absent in Alaska for some months past. Among other business transacted by the meeting was the appointment of Miss Utzinger as teacher, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Smith, and the appointment of Miss Urzella Titus, as substitute teacher. Some changes were also made in the assignments of the various teachers, which will be announced later on.

A unique program will begin at the Norwegian Lutheran church today at 2:30 p. m. There will be a discussion in the Norwegian language of the subject, "The Immortality of the Soul and Man's State of Existence after Death." Besides the reading pastor, the following pastors will be present and take part in the discussion: L. C. Foss, Stanwood, Wash.; N. Pedersen, Silverton, Or.; C. A. Sperati, Tacoma, Wash.; S. M. Orvell, Portland. The discussion will be continued in the evening, beginning at 7:30, and also on the following evenings. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Under urgent by the Maritime association of New York the senate committee on commerce has reported favorably upon the bill imposing a penalty of not exceeding \$1000 upon the master of a vessel who shall permit any person except a pilot, customs officer, health officer, agent of the vessel or consuls on board the vessel before it has been docked or the unloading of cargo begun. Should the bill become a law it will prevent sailor boarding house owners, clothing outfitting, butchers, chandlers and other solicitors from reaching the captain of the incoming vessel at the time he most probably needs the services of the latter two.

The Monmouthshire passed out yesterday afternoon with a cargo of flour for the Orient valued at \$3,555. The liner left her mud anchor at Brookfield yesterday morning, the chain breaking as she was about to clear for the sea. The manifest at the federal office shows that the Monmouthshire took 439 sacks from the Hassalo at Brookfield. Even then she drew but 23 feet, six inches. It is estimated by those in a position to know that the addition of 100 tons to the cargo of a vessel like the Monmouthshire would increase her draught about five inches. Therefore, she was obliged to leave Portland drawing just one inch over 23 feet. And this through the Oregonian's "25-foot channel!"

The steamer Canby is in the repair shop at Portland as a result of running into a snag between that city and Rainier Saturday night. The weather was thick and it was impossible to see for any great distance. The steamer struck a submerged log, and the stern was broken in two and all the seams forward opened. She began to fill with water and the captain headed her for the shore and beached her. A soft patch was put in and she managed to steam to Portland. It was first reported that the Canby collided with the steamer Fannie, but such was not the case. The Fannie and the Bailey Gatzert came together near St. Helens, but no damage was sustained by either boat.

The British bark Haddon Hall will come down the river today with 250 bushels of wheat, valued at \$43,085, bound for Yokohama. According to the Telegram, the Haddon Hall was dispatched by G. W. McNear, and here is the first full wheat cargo to clear from a Pacific coast port for Japan. The Haddon Hall, therefore, is the pioneer of wheat carriers to Japanese ports, and McNear is the first agent to dispatch a full cargo to that country. Several small lots of wheat have been cleared from Portland and Puget sound ports for Yokohama and Nagasaki. They went by steamers, the bulk of the cargo of which was consigned to Hong Kong. The dispatching of the Haddon Hall is, in a measure, an experiment, and the result will be waited by the shipping men with a great deal of interest.

Those who attended the opening night of the Moore-Roberts Company at the opera house last evening were delighted with the performance. There was a fair attendance. In the production of "Mrs. Quinn's Twins" the company proved to be an unusually strong combination. Indeed, the Moore-Roberts people are a strong combination throughout the excellent repertoire which they have selected. During their engagement in Portland last season they were obliged to show in the Metropolitan, a house suffering from loss of prestige save with cheap classes. After the first couple of performances, the Metropolitan was packed every night while Cordray's and the Marquand were doing only an ordinary business. Not much stronger indication of merit could be given. Miss Moore and Mr. Roberts, the stars, are certainly exceedingly clever people, ranking high among the better class in their profession. Tonight "A Prodigal Father" will be produced. It is a good play.

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