

# ROAD WORK URGED AS WAR MEASURE OF MUCH IMPORT

County Judge and Commissioners on Record in Favor of Continuing Construction.

## FIND FLAWS IN NEW LOANS

S. Benson, Chairman of State Highway Commission, Reviews Work of Last Year.

Road construction was the topic of discussion at today's session of the Oregon association of county judges and commissioners.

The sentiment was generally expressed that it is a war measure to continue with all road improvement which will lead to increased production and better marketing facilities.

The work of the state highway department was reviewed by S. Benson, chairman of the state highway commission, and Engineer Nunn.

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The great saving that can be effected by the use of machinery in road construction was set forth by Commissioner Harlow of Lane county and Roadmaster Murdock of Coos county.

A serious predicament regarding the legal construction of the constitutional amendment adopted by the voters of the state last June providing for joint city, county and state elections was pointed out to the association by Max Gehlhar, district attorney of Marion county.

The amendment provides that city and state elections must be held at the same time, election precincts must be the same and election officers must be the same.

The first question which arises is, does the amendment go into effect immediately so as to cover the coming election or does it require further legislation to provide means for carrying it into effect?

The feature requiring elections to be held at the same time is clearly self-executing, said Mr. Gehlhar, and has been so recognized by all cities. In regard to the second provision, requiring election boards to be the same, it was his opinion that it was almost as clearly not self-executing for the reason that there are many obstacles in the way of having proper procedure for holding joint elections. Among these obstacles are the following:

Who appoints the election boards? How are the city ballots returned by the election board? Where a city has a number of precincts or wards, is the county required to correspond with the city subdivisions, or the city with the county precincts? If the count is made on the regular county tally sheets, how and the totals returned to the city? A practical difficulty is the provision which requires precinct boundaries to be the same. This is of great interest to county courts at the present time, as the law requires that all changes in precinct boundaries must be made during the month of December.

If this is done, continued Mr. Gehlhar, it is going to cost the state of Oregon.

## Do All Christmas Mailing Early, Is Advice From P. M.

"Mail your Christmas parcels early," said Postmaster Myers this morning.

In order to make certain of parcel delivery by Christmas day, parcels should be mailed according to a schedule that has been issued by the postoffice department.

Parcels to addresses east of Chicago and in southern states should be mailed not later than December 15.

Parcels to North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Arkansas should be posted here not later than December 17.

December 18 is the latest date on which parcels to Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona should be mailed.

Parcels to California, Washington, Utah, Idaho, Nevada and Montana should enter the mails by at least December 19.

Oregon mail to be delivered by Christmas should be mailed not later than December 29 and Portland mail for Portland delivery by December 22.

outside of Portland, from \$15,000 to \$20,000 in addition to causing a great inconvenience to the voter and disrupting the present permanent registration files and causing great expense in the office of the county clerk in complying with the large number of changes in precinct boundaries.

As a way around the difficulty until the legislature can adjust matters, Mr. Gehlhar suggested that counties refrain from making additional new precincts, except where required on account of the present size, until the legislature meets again.

The cities then, he said, might hold their elections as before, with the exception of the time, which must be on the same day. They will simply hold the elections in the usual manner because it will then be impossible to even attempt to comply with the constitutional amendment.

Summing up the practical operation of the amendment, Mr. Gehlhar found that instead of being in the interest of economy, as far as it relates to the small towns, it would be a source of great expense to both the counties and towns and also a source of inconvenience to the voter in the territory around the town.

But when applied to the larger cities, those having a population of 4000 or more, the new system would be a considerable saving to the taxpayer as well as a convenience to the voter. To put the amendment into effect now would, said Mr. Gehlhar, create from 300 to 500 new election precincts in the state and cause an expense of \$10,000 or \$20,000.

The matter was referred to the committee on resolutions for further consideration.

## Umatilla Sheriff Nips a Get-Away

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 13.—Plans of inmates of the county jail to escape were frustrated when Sheriff Taylor found a hole they had tunneled through the brick wall of the jail.

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The hole was through, but had been stuffed up, pending opportunity of getting away without detection.

The hole was six prisoners engaged in the work.

Contract Let for Flushers The city council has awarded a contract for two street flushers to the "Tiffin" Flusher company, the machines to cost \$13,950. The award was made on the recommendation of Commissioner Bigelow, head of the street cleaning bureau.

## CONTESTANT BEGINS INTRODUCING EVIDENCE IN FALING WILL CASE

Mrs. Elizabeth Legg Testifies That Anyone Could See That Rich Woman Was Crazy.

That Mrs. Karifa J. Faling, whose will is now being contested, was insane, that all could see it when they met her the first time and that they only had to see her once to be sure of it, was testified to by Mrs. Elizabeth Legg, the first witness put on the stand by the contestants this morning.

Mrs. Legg is the sister of Miss Stein, the nurse who took care of Mrs. Faling for a time prior to December, 1914. She took her sister's place when she was away for a short time on a vacation in 1913, she said, and was a frequent visitor at Mrs. Faling's rooms from 1912 to 1914 while Miss Stein was in charge.

She told Mrs. Faling's frequent efforts to spit out the snakes she imagined had found lodgment in her mouth.

Mrs. Faling, the witness said, made frequent attempts to get her dead daughter Lilly on the telephone and became provoked at the operator who would not give her the number.

Kept to Her Promise "When the operators would hang up the phone on her she would turn to me and say they were crazy," said the witness.

Mrs. Legg testified that in August, 1914, Mrs. Faling cautioned her a number of times to be quiet so as not to wake the old lady who lived in a clock in the room.

Mrs. Legg, while having previously testified under direct examination that Mrs. Faling did not at any time know what she was doing, admitted that notwithstanding this she held Mrs. Faling to a promise made to her sister, who died December 15, 1914.

Mrs. Faling had promised, the testimony showed, to do something for Miss Stein besides paying her wages as a nurse. A short time after Miss Stein died, the witness presented a bill for the funeral expenses to Mr. Strong, who told her he would consult Mrs. Faling.

Did Not Include It Subsequently, the witness admitted, Mr. Strong gave her a check for \$288 to cover the expenses of the funeral, explaining that Mrs. Faling had agreed because of her promise to the deceased nurse.

Mrs. Legg, who later was appointed administratrix to the sister's estate, admitted further that she did not include the amount received in her final account as administratrix.

Mrs. Luella Wain, another nurse, was on the stand for the contestants this morning. She corroborated the testimony of the preceding witness in many particulars and added incidents that passed under her observation alone.

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of curtailing the service here and that detailed information concerning discontinuance of the weather map was being forwarded by letter. The letter is being awaited by the Chamber of Commerce before further action is taken.

Meantime, the weather bureau is issuing the weather data in card form, as was announced when notice was given that the map would be discontinued. The change took effect Monday. The card contains only a portion of the information that was contained in the previous publication.

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Commercia Chamber Hears From Marvin Replying to the protest of the Chamber of Commerce against discontinuance of publication of the weather map by the local weather bureau. Dr. Marvin, director of the United States weather bureau at Washington, has telegraphed the chamber that there is no intention



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