

HIGHWAY CLEARING WOULD COST \$3000, COUNTY BOARD TOLD

Samuel C. Lancaster, builder of the Columbia river highway, this morning told the county commissioners that by hand labor and at a cost of \$3000 the county could clear the highway between Mist falls and a point 1500 feet east of the viaduct east of Multnomah falls. It would not take more than five or six days, he said, if a reasonable crew was put to work.

Lancaster's recommendation was turned over to Roadmaster Etchell for whatever steps were deemed necessary. The commissioners, in spite of early differences of opinion, now appeared in accord. They all want to go ahead and clear the ice and snow away, especially where it bears down on the viaduct east of Multnomah falls.

REMOVAL NECESSARY

According to Lancaster, it is very necessary that the ice should be removed at points where the highway is built upon supports and where there are stone walls that the ice rests upon. He stated that 40 men, working five or six days, could clear the two viaducts. Hand labor is the quickest way, he said. The use of giant nozzles, hurling a stream of water directed from the falls, would help materially in washing away the ice, he said.

The viaduct on the Columbia river highway east of Multnomah falls is now in no danger of collapse, said Lancaster upon his return to Portland from the falls Tuesday night.

Lancaster has been assisting A. K. Grondahl, engineer from the county roadmaster's office, in directing the work of 100 men lent by the O-W. R. & N. company to brace the viaduct with wooden struts. The crew began work Sunday and kept at it until 7:30 o'clock Monday night to get all the struts into position.

SUPPORT HEADS BREAK

The heads of a number of the supports under the viaduct had been crushed off by the weight of snow and ice resting upon them, and until the braces were put in Lancaster considered that the viaduct was in danger of tumbling over onto the O-W. tracks.

Roadmaster Etchell will make an attempt today to melt the snow and ice off the viaduct west of Multnomah falls by means of a huge blowtorch of his own invention.

Commissioners Holman and Hoyt, who accompanied Etchell on a trip of inspection to the two viaducts Tuesday, reported that bracing seemed to have been necessary on the east viaduct.

PRISONER MUST BE TRIED IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR AUTO THEFT

Roy Dillingham, who was arrested Tuesday and removed to San Francisco for being indicted by Federal Judge Wolverton, upon the application of Assistant United States Attorney John V. Beach, Dillingham has been indicted by the San Francisco federal grand jury for the alleged transportation into California of an automobile stolen in Portland. Under the federal statute the defendant must be tried in the state into which the alleged stolen property was taken, so that is the reason he is being removed to California. Local federal officials do not know the name of the Portlander losing the automobile, as this information is not contained in the copy of the indictment sent here.

JENKINS' ESTATE BEQUEATHED TO TWO BOYS

Mrs. Mary Jenkins, who died November 26, left an estate of \$75,000, according to the petition for probate of will filed in probate court. The sons, Hopkin Jenkins and Albert Edward Jenkins, are the sole heirs, under provisions of a will dated November 14, 1914. They receive equal shares.

PRICE WILL FILED

Property worth \$34,000 left by Eben D. Price, who died November 23. Under the terms of the will, filed in probate court, Richard W. Price, a brother, receives \$3000; Mary A. Roberts, a sister, \$8000; and Margaret J. Simpson, sister, \$3800. Mr. Price was a bachelor.

Divorce to Be Topic Of Co-ed Debaters

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 7.—Resolved, That the Laws Governing Divorce Should Be Made Uniform by Congress is the subject for the co-ed variety debate tonight. Candidates must secure certificates from Miss Edna A. Cocks, head of the department of physical education for women, before the troupe. Laura Garinjob of Salem is manager of women's debate.

FIGURES IN EAST SIDE BANK ROBBERY



At left, from top—Shelby E. Murdock, admitted leader of captured holdup gang; James Bergstadt, also in custody; James Campbell, "the kid," who was killed by bullet fired by cashier. At right, at top, is Fred W. Alt, whose self-possession and nerve led to capture of bandits, while below is H. K. Newhall, president of bank, who was wounded by escaping robbers.



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NEWHALL AT HOSPITAL

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Murdock is 31 years of age, and has worked at times as a salesman. He emptied his gun at them. In his excitement the driver stripped the gears of the machine. The two bandits then hurriedly left it and the money, ran around the corner on East Sixth street, and disappeared up an alleyway.

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To Larry K. Evans, east side motorcycle rider, who was among the first to arrive on the scene, credit is given for the capture of the two bandits. In company with Patrolman Tully, he followed their trail. They were directed into an alley on the opposite side of the block from the bank building by R. E. Baird, 286 Clay street, who witnessed the escape.

FOUND IN KITCHEN
One of the bandits, who later was found to be J. A. Bergstadt, entered the rear door of the home of Mrs. E. Mesher, 109 East Sixth street, where he was discovered crouching under a sink in the kitchen, while Mrs. Mesher and her 7-year-old daughter were nearby frantic with fear. His gun was later found in the basement, where he had thrown it through a window.

"I want to stay here a minute," Mrs. Mesher said the bandit exclaimed as he rushed into the room. She was too frightened to do anything, she said. Taking the cowering prisoner, Tully and Evans returned to the damaged automobile, where they turned him over to Inspector Coleman.

While they were bringing the prisoner from his hiding C. K. Dye, a visitor in the city, told the officers "there's another one in there." Patrolmen Evans, Abbott and Taylor returned to the alley, where they were joined by Patrolman Scott who had discovered a bullet-ridden coat in an open coat which terminated in a blind alley.

Together they began to examine the houses when a broken glass door was seen at the head of a stairway at 1115 East Sixth street. Abbott and Evans rushed up the stairway, closely followed by Taylor.

"Somebody better say something," cried Evans as he burst into the room and covered the occupants with his automatic.

"Who's here?" he demanded. Mrs. Florence Hill and Arden Pangborn, age 17, both residents at the house, were badly frightened, and did not tell of the bandit who threatened them.

"Who broke the glass?" demanded the officer. "A stranger," Mrs. Hill managed to say.

LEADER RUN DOWN
The last bandit was found sitting in a chair with his hat off. He was later identified as Shelby E. Murdock and admitted to be the leader of the gang.

"Take me," he said, "or give up." His gun was found in a bed in the room.

More than 1000 persons gathered as officers investigated the shooting and questioned the bandits on the spot. At first they refused to give their names, and detectives got no satisfaction until they grilled their men at police headquarters.

Many of the citizens were informally deputized by the officers, who gave them weapons and placed them at strategic points.

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TWO BANDITS BEAT DRIVER; STEAL CAR

After robbing and beating a for-hire car driver and leaving him in a dazed condition at the side of Montgomery drive near Fairmount boulevard, two armed bandits stole his automobile and staged two holdups in rapid succession early Tuesday evening.

George Filcraft, 1380 East Thirty-fourth street, was the first victim. He was hired at the Perkins hotel shortly after 7 o'clock by one of the two robbers who called him George and evidently knew him, and who directed him out Montgomery drive.

When they reached the residence district one of the bandits stuck a gun in Filcraft's ribs and made him surrender the wheel to the other robber. When they neared the crest of the hill, in a dense woods, Filcraft was struck two heavy blows on the head with the butt of a revolver, and after \$5 was taken from him, he was ordered out of the car. As he stepped out the men struck him several more times, which toppled him over the side of a steep embankment. Filcraft finally made his way to a grocery 100 yards away, where he notified detectives.

He said the two men had talked about holding up some houses on Portland Heights, and police were sent at once to patrol the section in an effort to stop the robbers.

The bandits struck next at the Montgomery pharmacy at Third and Montgomery streets where \$10 was taken from the cash register. W. P. Tabor, 718 East Ankeny street, a clerk, was the only occupant of the store when the holdups entered.

At 8:40 the Winkels pharmacy, Sixth and Davis street, was entered by one of the bandits and J. R. Miller, a clerk, was forced to stand by while the robber took about \$35 from the cash register.

The automobile used by the highwaymen in their series of drugstore robberies was found about 11:30 Tuesday night at Sixth and Marshall streets by Patrolmen Pratt and Forken, who were returning from an emergency call. The car had been left deserted near the curb.

A romance of aviation and the desert will be culminated December 24 in Douglas, Ariz., when Alexander Pearson Jr., Portland aviator, will marry Miss Margaret Shannon, with whom Pearson first communicated after having been lost in an arid waste for six days.

Pearson, during an attempted no-stop flight from the Gulf of Mexico last February, was forced to land in Mexico. After hope for him was almost given up Miss Shannon received a message from him. It was flashed to all parts of the United States.

The wedding will take place in the home of Miss Shannon's parents there, according to word received by Mr. and Mrs. Pearson here, after which the couple will take a honeymoon trip to the Grand Canyon by automobile. Recently Lieutenant Pearson flew over the canyon in making observations for the government. Later, it is expected, they will come to Portland for a visit.

**More Speed Made on
Track Scale Tests**
Olympia, Wash., Dec. 7.—Five more tests were tested during 1921 than during the preceding year, in four days less time and at a lowered cost of \$150 a scale, according to the annual report of George Kaiser, track scale examiner for the department of public works. The report shows that 99 track scales were tested, 69 being owned by the carriers and 30 by industries.

SEATTLE SHERIFF ACQUITTED
Seattle, Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—John Stringer, former sheriff of King county, San Francisco, was acquitted today of grand larceny charges by virtue of an instructed verdict of not guilty, granted yesterday afternoon by Judge A. W. Frater.

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