

POLE ROAD ROW STILL UNSETTLED; NEW JOBS LISTED

No solution of the Polk county road controversy was found Friday at a conference of the state highway commission and citizens of Yamhill and Washington counties. The meeting was called on the initiative of the McMinnville Chamber of Commerce, which is interested in the completion of the west side Pacific highway.

Several hours were spent in discussing the many angles of the situation, only to run up against the decision of Circuit Judge Kelly that the agreement entered into by the state highway commission and the county court of Polk county was illegal because it involved the transgression of the constitutional limitation of county indebtedness and the application of market road funds to a state highway. The members of the Polk county court were present at the conference.

A suggestion was made by the McMinnville delegation that the state could complete the gap between Rickreall and Holmes Gap, but this did not meet the approval of the highway commission, which considered that it would be unfair to the counties south of Polk.

MAKE PARTIAL ARGUMENT
A partial solution of the difficulty was found in a tentative agreement under which the Polk county court would turn over to the commission \$40,000 in bond money to apply on the grading and \$25,000 for bridges, the commission indicating that the money is to be used on the road south of Monmouth. The transfer is to be made on condition that the money is to be refunded in case a decision of the court should so order.

Owing to the fact that many counties have applied market road funds on sections of state highway, Chairman of the commission, Judge Kelly, to the effect that this is illegal will not stand in the higher court, as in many counties the state highway is the main market road of the county.

GOOD FAITH UNQUESTIONED
So far as the relations between the state highway commission and the county court of Polk are concerned, it was brought out in the discussion that there was no question of good faith on the part of the county court, which was attempting to carry out its agreement but was unable to do so by reason of its action of a few citizens of the county who were chiefly interested in compelling the location of the highway from Independence south instead of Monmouth.

The highway commission in its regular order of business decided to call for bids at its next regular meeting, June 28, for the grading of sections 1 and 2 of the Mount Hood Loop highway in Clackamas county. In view of the fact that Multnomah county has been precluded this year from cooperating in this work to the extent of \$85,000 the commission decided to advance the money and look to Multnomah county for reimbursement in accordance with the gentlemen's agreement with the Multnomah county commissioners.

OTHER PROJECTS ON LIST
Other projects for which bids will be called for at the June meeting are: Newberg-Multnomah county line, resurfacing.

Rockaway-North, gravel surfacing 2½ miles, Roosevelt highway.

Wallowa hill, surfacing, Wallowa county.

Ochoco-Mitchell, grading and surfacing, MacKenzie highway.

Elk River-Sixes River, grading and surfacing, Roosevelt highway.

Island City-Elgin, surfacing, Union county.

Holdman-Hart's ranch, grading and surfacing, Umatilla county.

Lostine-Enterprise, grading and surfacing, Wallowa county.

Baker-Unity, grading, John Day highway.

Booth Hill section, surfacing, Mount Hood Loop highway.

Cummins Creek-Valades ranch, surfacing, John Day highway.

Plea for Writ of Error in Case of E. Kirby Denied

Salem, June 10.—Chief Justice Burnett of the supreme court today denied the writ of error applied for by attorneys for Elvie D. Kirby as a preliminary to an appeal of the case to the United States supreme court. It is understood that permission to appeal the case will be sought at the hands of the federal court.

Kirby is now under sentence of death in the state prison here for complicity in the murder of Sheriff Til Taylor of Umatilla county. In his appeal to the Oregon supreme court the constitutionality of the capital punishment act was attacked as a violation of the bill of rights. It was also contended that the state legislature had exceeded its jurisdiction in referring the capital punishment measure to a vote of the people. Both of these contentions were overruled by the supreme court in Friday's decision.

The fate of John Rathie, also condemned to die for a part in the Taylor murder, also hinges upon the outcome of the Kirby appeal, as do the fates of other condemned men now confined in the Oregon prison here.

Open New Bridge At Myrtle Creek

Roseburg, June 10.—Owing to the falling of the first span of the old highway bridge at Myrtle creek, the new bridge, which parallels the old one, has been opened for travel. The dirt fill on the Roseburg side of the bridge is still soft, but it is thought that cars can pass over without damage. The old bridge has been boarded up, closing it to all traffic. The new bridge is of the concrete highway type, spanning the Umpqua river and the railroad tracks.

BLUE BIRD DANCE TONIGHT
Webb's Orchestra—Jefferson Street Hall
Wed., Sat., Sun. Eve.
Admission—Ladies 25c, Men 50c

Shrinedom Dedicates Hospital for Crippled Children



From a score of temples in the United States officers and nobles of the Mystic Shrine gathered at the Portland hospital site at Eighty-second street and Sandy boulevard Friday afternoon for the flag-raising ceremonies (above) when Jack Tetu of Al Kader and Al Ladner of Lulu temple, Philadelphia, Shrine masters, raised Old Glory to the breezes and saw Sam Cochran of Dallas, Texas, chairman of the national board of hospital trustees, turn the sod (below) to signify the beginning of the sixth unit of this kind in the United States.

Kansas City Man Named President Of Rotary Clubs

Los Angeles, June 10.—Raymond L. Havens of Kansas City, Mo., was Friday afternoon elected as the next president of Rotary International, now holding their 13 annual international convention here. In announcing the victory of Havens it was suggested and carried that he be unanimously elected to the international president's chair. Seven men were named for the board of directors, of which five may be chosen. They were Robert Patterson of Dayton, Ohio; Ralph Brison, Ogden, Utah; H. C. Wilson, Worcester, Mass.; Adolph Talbot, Lincoln, Neb.; Harry Craddock, Minneapolis; John A. Turner, Tampa, Fla.; and Benjamin C. Brown, New Orleans.

Portland Youth Takes Office at Whitman College

Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., June 10.—Jack Gurian of Portland Friday was installed as president of the associated student body of Whitman college. Gurian, who is the first non-fraternity man to hold this office in a number of years, has been among the most prominent men on the campus during his three years at Whitman. He has played on the basketball team for three seasons despite the fact that he is under a distinct handicap, weighing only 115 pounds. Mowbray Tate, the defeated candidate, also is a Portland man. Tate was elected president of the Whitman campus club, an organization organized to boost all campus activities.

Pacific Mail Loses Two Board Vessels

Washington, June 10.—(U. N. S.)—The shipping board this afternoon announced the withdrawal of the steamships President Hayes and President Harrison, which have been operated between San Francisco and Manila by the Pacific Mail Steamship company. The withdrawal of the steamships was recommended by the company until business conditions improve.

WITNESSES GONE, CASE DROPPED
Bend, June 10.—Charges against George Albright and A. J. Woolsey, indicted for killing a dog belonging to Miss Helen Tittel of this city, will be dropped because Miss Tittel and another important witness have left the state.

Russian Youth Who Smuggled Self in May Be Deported

James Segurf, Russian, made the bitter mistake for himself of not getting his parents naturalized before leaving the United States a year ago. Segurf, himself, couldn't, being under age. But the family prospered in California for 13 years, without thought of becoming citizens of the country in which they were living. A year ago they returned to Russia and found conditions there different from what they expected. They tried to come back, but couldn't. Young James Segurf, determined to return to the United States, smuggled in on the steamship West Kader, which arrived in Portland Friday. He is now in custody of officials of the immigration service, and may be deported.

RATES ON OREGON CEMENT REDUCED

Salem, June 10.—A reduction of 20 per cent in freight rates on cement in Oregon is provided for in an order issued by the public service commission Friday. The reduction, which is said to mean a saving of approximately \$50,000 annually to users of cement in this state, becomes effective on June 26.

The state highway department, as well as all other large users of this commodity, will be the principal beneficiaries of the reduction, which applies also to the smaller consumers, cement producing plants having agreed in the course of hearing on the proposed reduction to pay any reductions which were made by the commission directly to the consuming public.

The reductions follow investigations conducted by the commission on complaints filed by the Oregon Portland Cement company, the Portland Traffic and Transportation association and the state highway commission. These complaints charged that higher rates were charged for cement in Oregon than in adjoining territory and on interstate shipments from competitive mills in California and Washington.

In its order the commission directs attention to the fact that in road building programs in adjoining states the cement requirements are purchased from mills within the respective states and points out that the product of Oregon cement plants meets all standard requirements for general construction. The commission further finds that competition which Oregon plants encountered under the old rates resulted in the loss of much business by the Oswego and Gold Hill plants to the California mills, which situation the new rates are expected to correct.

Ex-Pugilist Guilty On Narcotic Charge

Thomas Ryan, pugilist in Portland in the old days, was found guilty by a federal court jury Friday afternoon of selling ten ounces of cocaine and morphine to Ah John, Chinese detective and informant for the federal narcotic department. The jury was out two and one half hours and found Ryan guilty on both counts of the indictment. Judge Bean deferred pronouncement of sentence for several days at the request of Ryan's attorneys. Ryan, whose real name was given during the trial as Noah Powell Smith, was arrested last January with Ray Cook, who pleaded guilty several weeks ago and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail. This was Ryan's second trial, the jury in the first case having failed to reach a verdict. United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys and his assistant, Allan Byron, prosecuted.



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LEAGUE SPIRIT IS PRAISED BY VICE PRESIDENT

By David Lawrence

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Washington, June 10.—Calvin Coolidge, vice president and silent man of the administration, has just unbecomingly himself of a thought which no one in the administration has thus far before him ventured to say in public and which has aroused, as was inevitable, a great deal of comment whenever the League of Nations is mentioned.

The league has been for the most part taboo as a subject of praise. Even a casual reference to it had been studiously avoided because of sharp lines of differences in congress. Mr. Coolidge who presides over the senate and listens to debate with fettered lips and suppressed desire gives vent occasionally to his ideas in public addresses. He sits at the cabinet table twice a week and it is reported that he has very little to say there.

HE'S GOOD LISTENER

He is mostly a listener but his meditations are none the less constant. And so the speech which the vice president made at the graduation exercises of American University here this week was bound to attract attention though it is fair to assume there was nothing deliberately significant about the making of it. Mr. Coolidge is too discreet to go about making indiscreet speeches.

But Mr. Coolidge was an advocate of international cooperation before he was nominated for the vice presidency and he kept on being an advocate of it during the presidential campaign of 1920 and it is a noteworthy fact that he believed in ratifying the Versailles treaty including the league covenant with reservations.

PLEDGE REMEMBERED

And now after a year and a half of

silence on the part of the administration as to the pledge made in the campaign of 1920 for an association of nations, Mr. Coolidge indicates that he wishes the public to believe the administration of which he is no unimportant spokesman has not forgotten that pledge. He said:

"The lessons of the great conflict have not gone unlearned. There is a general admission throughout the earth of a mutual relationship and a mutual responsibility. There is the League of Nations, which whether it be successful or not, whether imperfections may be contained within its terms, is, at least, the attempted expression of a noble aspiration for world association and understanding."

FIRST PUBLIC PRAISE

This is the first public praise from a member of the Harding administration of the ideal which an American president sought to have his own country adopt. Then as it might be thought that Mr. Coolidge was lacking in praise for what Mr. Wilson's successor has done for international cooperation Mr. Coolidge remarks briefly:

"The four-power treaty and the covenants of the limitation of armaments all are expressive of an even higher and nobler aspiration and in even firmer reliance upon reason as the foundation for all peace."

NEW HOPE FELT

The tendency of the administration is to praise the objectives and the ideals of international organizations without favoring American membership in what is characterized here as "rigid and formal institutions."

The failure of the Genoa conference was of course regretted here but it like other conferences has done much to dampen the ardor of the recent administration for even that small measure of international cooperation which a year ago it was thought sure would be vouchsafed by the president and secretary of state without joining in

any league or association of nations. Mr. Coolidge's speech is the first word of admiration for the League of Nations spoken in a long time and coming as it does at a time when there is a lull in American interest in European conferences, the utterance has been a source of encouragement to those who steadfastly believe Mr. Harding, before the end of his administration, will attempt cooperation with the powers of the world on broad European questions just as he did with those same powers on Asiatic and Pacific questions.

Girl, 18, Fined for Selling Cigarettes To 'Big' Boy of 14

He is only 14 years old, but he shaves himself and smokes cigarettes. Even if he does these things, Municipal Judge Ekwell held Friday, it is no sign that he is 21 years of age. So diminutive Alice Blackburn, age 18, who works in her father's store at No. 401 South Jersey street, was found guilty of selling cigarettes to a minor. She was fined \$30.

EAST SIDE HOME ROBBED

R. D. Elliott, No. 705 East 50th street north, reported to police Friday that his house had been entered some time Thursday night and a variety of articles taken. Several pieces of women's and men's clothing, a traveling bag, an alarm clock, a gasoline script book and about 50 pennies were reported taken.

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