

Riddle Case Does Not Affect Salem Dallas Road, Claim

That the decision of Judge Skidworth in the Riddle case will not affect the work now under way on the Salem-Dallas road, is the opinion of members of the state highway commission.

Work on the Salem-Dallas road was suspended Thursday on account of the discovery of defects in sub-grade sections. Work on these sections, which total only a few hundred yards, will be postponed until improved by better drainage conditions, reports State Engineer Herbert S. Nunn, who made an inspection trip to the job Friday morning. Work on the paving of the main travel route will be resumed Saturday.

The contract for work on this road is held by Oscar Huber, under whose supervision about four and one-half miles of paving has been laid. Grading of the entire stretch is nearly completed.

Inmate Of State Hospital Shoots Himself In Head

When other inmates complained of his snoring when he slept Robert W. E. Riggie, age 33, inmate at the state hospital, stole away to the left of the barn on the institution grounds, laid down on some straw, took a 22 calibre rifle and shot himself in the head. He died instantly, Coroner Clough, who investigated, said.

Riggie appeared before attaches at the hospital Friday morning and seemed extremely depressed, and said that one of the other inmates had shook him and roused him from his sleep because he had been snoring. No attention was paid to the matter at that time, until Riggie could not be found in his customary place.

Search was immediately instituted and at 11 o'clock he was found in the left of the barn, clutching the rifle in one of his hands.

Riggie sustained injuries while serving in the army in France that necessitated his confinement in the state hospital. Since his arrival there he has been despondent, a condition, physicians claim, brought on by the injuries he had received.

His father, W. B. Riggie, resides at The Dalles, Or., and a sister, Mrs. Fred Peew, lives at Sutherlin, Oregon.

Riggie was born in Kansas. He was sent to the state hospital from Douglas county, March 6. During the war he was gassed at Chateau Thierry and in the Argonne forest, and sustained shell injuries in the knee. At the state hospital he had the freedom of the grounds, and was regarded as a reliable patient.

Street Car Line Extension Asked For North Salem

Co-operation of the Salem Commercial club in seeking the extension of streetcar lines into North Salem, or the institution of jitney service, was sought of the board of directors of the club Thursday night when E. S. Tillinghast, president of the North Salem Improvement association appeared before them and declared for the extreme need of better transportation facilities in that end of the city.


The club directorate took no action in the matter.

Mr. Tillinghast told the directors that "North Salem is walking to town" and said that with the steady growth of the city northward greater demand for transportation accommodations grows. Extension of the streetcar line along Liberty street beyond Hood avenue, to Pine street, thence east on Pine street to Cherry avenue is one route desired by north Salem residents. Extension of the car line north on Summer street has also been requested, but not so emphatically as the Liberty street line, that now turns on Hood avenue and extends east, leaving North Salem without any streetcar service.

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Letter In \$10,000 Case May Go Before Handwriting Expert

In the case of J. F. Mounce against Jeff Pooler a motion was filed in circuit court, Friday, wherein Mr. Pooler asks that an order be issued by the court requiring the plaintiff to submit a certain letter to handwriting experts.

Mr. Pooler's attorneys, assert that the complaint and anticipated case is built on a letter to Minnie Belle Mounce. Mr. Pooler denies that he has written such a letter. The motion is made in order to "establish a proper defense" as the accompanying statement declares.

In his original complaint, J. F. Mounce charged that Mr. Pooler had been instrumental in alienating the affections of Mrs. Mounce and asked for a judgment of \$10,000 to cover subsequent damages alleged by Mounce.

Quarters In Blind School Go To Elks

Quarters for from 50 to 75 Elks who will attend the state convention here in July will be provided in the buildings of the Oregon school for the deaf

which will be empty at that time because of the vacation season, it was said Friday. Permission to utilize the buildings for this purpose has been granted to E. S. Tillinghast, superintendent of the school, by the state board of control.

Those in charge of making accommodations for the thousands of Elks expected to come to Salem during their three day convention say that hotels and rooming houses in the city are far too inadequate to care for the distinguished visitors. Efforts are therefore being made to provide quarters in other buildings for the Elks.

Delegates 'Are Delayed By Fire Along Railroad

Sacramento, Cal., June 4.—The convention special carrying California delegates to the Republican National convention at Chicago was delayed 14 hours by a fire that destroyed fifteen hundred feet of snowshed on the Southern Pacific railway five miles east of Summit. At division headquarters of the railway here it was said this morning the fire had been extinguished and the special was again on its way. Origin of the blaze is unknown, railroad officials said.

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