

C. G. DETERMINES ON HIGHWAY LOCATION

OTHER ACTIVITIES HINGE ON PERMANENT ROUTE OF THROUGH ROAD

Commercial Club Decides to Insist on Immediate Removal of Railway Crossing Hazards as Means to Have Survey Made.

Cottage Grove is determined to do away with the dangerous railway crossings north of here on Pacific highway and is also determined to have Pacific highway through this part of the county permanently located. This was fully demonstrated at the meeting of the commercial club Monday night, when these matters were up for consideration.

There is every reason why these dangerous crossings should be eliminated. It is remarkable that no definite action has been taken before. Cottage Grove is stirred to activity at this time because other things depend upon knowing just where Pacific highway is going to be permanently located. A bridge into the city from Delight valley is an absolute necessity. Even the county court admits that, but it does not wish to act until the highway is permanently located, because a bridge that would satisfy the needs of Delight valley might not be good enough to carry all the north and south traffic. Therefore, the court does not wish to build any bridge with a possibility that it would have to be rebuilt at once as a part of Pacific highway. Cottage Grove does not feel that it can wait any longer for this bridge and will, therefore, take every means to secure the permanent location of the highway.

Cottage Grove also needs a bridge south of the city, and there is a possibility that this may be made a part of the highway, which holds back a decision in this case also.

There is a probability that Cottage Grove can get only one of the bridges this year, if the county has to build both, but if one is to become a part of the highway, then Cottage Grove can get both. If both are to be made a part of the highway, then, of course, both bridges will be secured without further ado. The commercial club and residents of the south end of the county already have a petition before the public service commission asking for the elimination of the crossings, which should stir the highway commission to action in making a survey. If necessary, the commercial club will file a formal complaint with the public service commission and it is pretty certain that the hazards are so great that the commission can do nothing else than order the elimination of several crossings. This would make a permanent location of the highway necessary at once.

One tentative survey has been made for the highway between here and Eugene, taking the west side of the Southern Pacific tracks nearly the entire distance. The expense of this route would be tremendous, with several rocky points to be cut away and many damage suits to settle with farmers whose property would be ruined. The route from Walker through Delight valley on the east side of the Southern Pacific tracks is level the entire distance and there wouldn't be a cent to pay for damages. The road belongs to the county, is in use almost the entire distance, and the farmers of Delight valley have offered to take their teams and do considerable volunteer work.

At the request of the commercial club the county court has petitioned the state highway commission to make a survey of the Delight valley route and to give a permanent location of the highway. Cottage Grove people and the Delight valley people will make no complaint concerning any location, just so it is permanent and gives them an opportunity to go ahead with other plans, but they believe the Delight valley route the cheaper and more feasible.

Public Service Commissioner Buchtel met with the commercial club Monday night and explained what the commission would have to do if complaint was filed with it. He was taken over the road between here and Creswell Tuesday and expressed surprise that no action had before been taken to remove the extreme hazards existing in the crossings between here and there.

At the meeting Monday night he complimented the club for its activities and said that the Salem club could not get out such an attendance at meetings as does the Cottage Grove club.

County Commissioner Spencer, who was present at the Monday night meeting, said that in case the highway commission decides that macadam is a hard surface, there is a probability of a large amount of the money from the six-million-dollar bond issue being spent in Lane county this year.

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MAPLES AND SNAKES THINK THE BALMY WEATHER IS ADVEN T OF SPRING

As an indication of the mild weather this section has been enjoying, maple trees have made a growth of over a foot this winter and the section crew of the Southern Pacific, recently killed a garter snake two feet long which evidently had been fooled by the balmy weather and thought spring had arrived.

Becoming Hog Producing Center.

Lane county is rapidly becoming one of the hog producing centers of the west and shipments from here now exceed the normal shipments from any other county in the northwest. Up to Saturday shipments from this county for January had brought \$34,000.

Wins Wrist Watch.

Miss Edna Johnson, of this city, won a wrist watch in the Eugene Guard's subscription contest which closed last week.

WINTER FIFTY YEARS AGO WAS MOST SEVERE

Fifty years ago January 10 the temperature in Eugene was 15° below zero, according to the "Fifty Years Ago" column of The Oregonian. The following item is found in that column in Tuesday's edition:

"The Journal says the weather at Eugene has been clear and very cold for the last ten days. The thermometer was down to 15° below zero on Friday, January 10. It has been colder in Eugene than any place heard from in the state."

Old timers say they remember that winter as being the coldest ever known here and that they have seen the thermometer as low as zero only once or twice since.

The weather that winter is in great contrast to that of this winter. The temperature here this winter has not been below 30° above zero at any time and, while there has been a great deal of rain, the weather throughout has been more like spring than winter.

Progressive School at Butte Falls.

T. O. Hutchinson, a former resident of Mount View, who is now principal of the schools at Butte Falls, Jackson county, writes an interesting letter concerning the activities of the schools there. Although the school has but four teachers, it has all modern conveniences, with play shed and a complete outfit of play apparatus. A seed growers' club has been organized there and the study of pedigreed seed taken up. "Jackson county will be heard from in seed production," Mr. Hutchinson states.

Miss Bess Hutchinson, teacher at Green Valley, Douglas county, Miss Emma Hutchinson, who is studying music with her sister, Mrs. O. J. Van Winkle, of Jefferson, and their grandmother, Mrs. E. J. Rone, of Sutherlin, spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson.

HAVING EXPLOSIVES REQUIRES LICENSE

There is some misunderstanding regarding the securing of licenses for explosives. It is necessary to have a license to have explosives in one's possession, even though bought before the licensing law went into effect. This affects many who have powder on hand for road work, for blasting stumps, and for mining. The law is also strict regarding the safe keeping of explosives. They must be put in a secure place and any theft must be immediately reported to the licensing agent.

FARMERS MAY NOW MAKE MONEY OFF OLD STUMPS

Are in Great Demand for Manufacture of Ship Knees.

Many farmers in Oregon are now turning their tree stumps into money, instead of burning them up, by virtue of the development of the ship-knee industry as a result of shipbuilding.

Ship-knees are secured from regular old tree stumps and at present there is quite a demand for them in Portland and all other places where wooden ship construction is under way. Those connected with the industry are predicting that there will be a continuance of the present demand for five years at the least.

As it takes an average of 295 ship knees for each wooden ship and as the sale price of each knee is from 60 cents to \$1, the possibilities of the industry can be seen. Knees of the sizes known as 8s, 12s and 14s are in most demand, different yards having different requirements.

The knees are furnished the shipyards in the rough and there they are made into the proper dimensions. Companies engaged in the business of furnishing them to the shipyards buy them at the shipping point, paying cash, and ship them to the destination. Blueprints are furnished the farmers to guide them in the cutting.

With the cost of everything entering into the making of a newspaper increasing, it is absolutely essential that all subscriptions be paid promptly.

A want ad costs little and often brings big returns. Nothing too big or too little to be sold by a want ad.

Red Cross Branch Will Have Sewing Room and General Headquarters in Cooper Building on Main Street

THROUGH the generosity of W. B. Cooper, the large ground floor rooms of the Cooper building, first door east of the postoffice, will be used by the Red Cross branch as general headquarters. The room has been given for Red Cross purposes, rent free, until such time as it is leased. The use of tables has been donated by Mrs. Burkholder and Mr. Spray. Chairs will be supplied by the ladies of the Red Cross. A few more chairs are needed at once. If you have a spare chair at home, bring it with you. A telephone will be installed at a special low rate through the generosity of the local telephone manager, Mr. Corson. Lights have been furnished free by the Cottage Grove Electric company. The president and committee are attempting to maintain this room, for the present, on a no-cost basis. It was necessary to purchase a small amount of wood this week but it is hoped that four or five wood owners will surprise the committee by hauling in one or more loads each and forgetting to charge for it. Those unable to attend and work can help in this way.

A RED CROSS STORE TO BE ESTABLISHED

Following the successful experiment of larger cities, the local branch will open a Red Cross store, the proceeds of which are to go into a general fund for buying Red Cross supplies. The store will be used as a clearing house for turning farm produce, good clothing, home canned fruit, etc., into cash for the Red Cross. No goods will be sold on commission. All merchandise offered for sale must have been given outright. If you have anything which could be sold in the Red Cross store and turned into cash for the Red Cross supplies, bring it in at once.

The room will be open today (Friday, January 25) at 1:30 p. m. In future the rooms will be open each work day, the hours to be announced next week. Announcements will also be posted in the windows of the room.

At the meeting of the Red Cross branch last Friday night in the commercial club rooms, a large number of members attended and considerable business was transacted. Good reports were read by the various committees which goes to show that the Cottage Grove branch has not been idle the past few weeks. Copies of these reports will be published next week.

C. E. Umphrey, president of the branch, was made official buyer and general manager. Mrs. Burkholder was made manager of all auxiliaries, sewing, knitting, and hospital supply committees. All supplies will be purchased at net wholesale with no resale profit and in as large quantities as is necessary to get the lowest prices. All wholesale invoices will be turned over to the secretary for recording the larger purchases. C. M. Shinn, D. A. MacLeod and J. L. Beatty were appointed a committee on finance and auditing.

A number of other appointments and Red Cross business will be acted on today by the executive committee, announcement of which will also be published next week.

NIXONS GLAD TO BE BACK FROM FROZEN EAST

Were Held Up for Seventeen Hours in a Kansas Snowstorm With the Mercury Way Down.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Nixon have returned from an extended visit in Kansas. They returned by the southern route and were seven days in making the trip. They were held up in Kansas for 17 hours by a snowstorm while the thermometer was 17 degrees below zero. There was snow as far as El Paso, Tex., but when they reached Los Angeles they found the thermometer at 80 above and pretty nearly melted. They were mighty tickled to get back to Oregon, where the temperature is always moderate, where it is seldom hot enough to be uncomfortable, seldom cold enough to freeze water, where gardens grow winter and summer and folks never die until they get ready to. Mr. Nixon talked Oregon to all of his relatives and friends back there but says there is only one way to get them to realize that he is telling the truth about things out here and that is to get them to spend a year here.

He thinks his friends are crazy to stay back there and they think he is crazy when he tells them the truth about this country.

FEWER HENS NOW, BUT THEY LAY MORE EGGS

Spray's cash market shipped 50 cases of eggs Wednesday, which made a total of 120 cases so far this week. There were 30 dozen eggs in each case. Mr. Spray finds that, although there are fewer hens here now than there were some years ago, the egg production is much greater, the larger number of hens now being owned by those who make a specialty of egg production and insist that biddy pay for her feed.

REQUEST FOR SEED IS DENIED

Secretary of Agriculture Turns Down Request of Silk Creek People.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The secretary of agriculture has advised Representative Hawley that no seed can be sent to Cottage Grove, Ore., for the purpose of reseeding to suitable grass a large area of land west of that city and east of the Siuslaw valley, which was burned over by forest fires last fall. Residents of Cottage Grove had agreed to sow the seed if the government would furnish it. Secretary Houston advises that no fund is available to buy the seed and also that the forest service experts are of the opinion after conducting more than 600 experiments that the cost of reseeding is out of proportion to the results secured.

Examinations Being Held.

This is the week of examinations in the schools. Students with grades of 90 or better have been exempted and are on vacation while the others work, except in the seventh and eighth grades. In order to temper these for the state examinations in May, all have been required to take the examination at this time, irrespective of grades.

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OTHER PLACES MAY FREEZE BUT COTTAGE GROVE HAS FUEL TO SPARE

Cottage Grove is not affected by the fuel shortage which is causing so much suffering in the east and has resulted in an order from the fuel administration curtailing the activities of industries.

Cottage Grove has not required much fuel for heating this winter and there is any quantity of wood within easy reach of the city that can be had almost for the cutting and hauling away. At the mills hundreds of cords go into the burners because that is the cheapest way to get rid of it.

Another Candidate for Legislature.

W. S. Roberts, of Eugene, who was a member of the Rough Rider regiment in the Spanish-American war, has announced his candidacy for the legislature. Mr. Roberts declares in favor of better roads and of state-printed school text books. He is now stock brand inspector.

SERVICE FLAG FOR CITY IS SUGGESTION

The suggestion has been made that Cottage Grove have a service flag. The high school has one, lodges, churches and private houses have them, and why not the city? In proportion to population Cottage Grove has done quite as well as any city in the country—much better than the average city—and it might be found that it heads the list, population considered.

Other places have service flags. Why not Cottage Grove?

Mrs. Martha A. Stroud Dies Here.

Mrs. Martha Ann Stroud died here Sunday following a stroke of paralysis just a week before. The stroke occurred on her sixty-third birthday anniversary. Funeral services were held here Wednesday, Rev. Joseph Knotts, of the Methodist church, officiating. The body was taken to Corvallis for interment beside that of her husband, who died last July at that city, since which time Mrs. Stroud made her home with her brother, W. G. Perry. The only other surviving near relatives are J. L. Perry and Mrs. Mary Skoglund, brother and sister, both of Seattle.

Martha Ann Perry was born January 14, 1855, in Polk county, Oregon. She was married to David Stroud April 1, 1871, in Benton county, August 23, 1884, while in Shasta county, California, Mr. and Mrs. Stroud adopted a little three-year-old girl, Ollie Hyatt, whom they raised and who is now Mrs. Ollie Anderson, of Los Angeles, Calif.

The price of want ads, is about the only thing that hasn't gone up on account of the war. One cent a word—three times for the price of two.

FIGHTING FORCES OF CANADA SHOWN HERE

Canada's Fighting Forces, shown in motion pictures at the Arcade theater Sunday, attracted large audiences. Private W. E. Collinge gave the lecture that accompanied the pictures. He served nine months in the trenches and lost his right arm in attempting to throw a German bomb out of a German trench which he and his companions had captured. He spoke of the great sacrifices being made by the Canadians and emphasized the fact that the winning of the war now depends upon Uncle Sam, the allies little more than holding the enemy even. He made a strong appeal for every American to stand behind those who are sacrificing all in the trenches and said it was time to stop doing our bit and do our best.

ELKINS SAYS SOLDIER BOYS KEEPING CLEAN

That the soldiers at the mouth of the Columbia river are leading a clean life is the statement of Chaplain Willard A. Elkins, of the coast artillery corps, formerly of this city. In a letter to a Portland paper January 19 Rev. Elkins says:

"There has been considerable discussion of late as to the morality and general moral conduct of the American soldiers. My personal observations for the last five months have been limited to the east defenses at the mouth of the Columbia river.

"Out of justice to these soldiers, and for the information of those who may be especially interested in them, I wish to commend, most heartily, the high standard of their moral conduct. They mean business and, apparently, have no time for dissipation. Gone are the days when the term soldier stood for a 'rip-roaring good time.' Efficiency is now the watchword.

"Unqualified praise is due the coast defense commander, Colonel Ellis, and Colonel C. C. Hammond, O. C. A., for their constant efforts to protect these soldiers from immoral conditions and influences. This statement calls attention to a fact of great general interest of which a leading United States journal has recently said, 'Never before has a nation taken so advanced a position on moral matters in time of war.'"

Dead Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for at the Cottage Grove postoffice for the week ending January 20: Foster, Mrs. Roy; Frost, W. J.; Frost; Pitman, Bill.

TIMELY WARNING SAVES WRECK ON S. P.

W. W. McFARLAND DISCOVERS BROKEN RAIL IN NICK OF TIME

Because of Defect Steel Had Broken Off in Such a Manner That Train Would Have Been Forced into Ditch.

Undoubtedly W. W. McFarland averted a wreck on the Southern Pacific Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McFarland and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tyson were on their way to Eugene. As they passed over the tracks at the bell crossing north of here Mr. McFarland noticed that a piece of one of the rails was gone. Going back to investigate, he found that the break was at least four inches in length and broken in such a way that the wheels of a train would be forced off the track on the ditch side. He reached a telephone as quickly as possible, telephoned to the agent here and had warning sent to trains that might be approaching the crossing. A freight was about to leave here at that time and was only able to pass over the rail by moving at a snail's pace. A crew was immediately dispatched from here to put in a new rail. The break was evidently discovered immediately after it took place. The cause was a defect in the steel.

Unquestionably fatalities would have followed had a fast-moving passenger hit the break.

HAZARDOUS CROSSINGS MAY BE ELIMINATED

As Cottage Grove people are interested in having some of the dangerous railroad crossings north of here eliminated and are planning action through the public service commission, the following extracts from the law under which the public service commission could act are of interest.

No highway shall hereafter be constructed across the track of any railroad company at grade, nor shall the track of any railroad company be constructed across a highway at grade, without having first secured the permission of the Commission; provided, that the foregoing shall not apply to the replacement of lawfully existing roads, highways and tracks. The commission shall, after a hearing, have the right to refuse its permission or to grant it, upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe. The Commission shall have power, after a hearing, to determine and prescribe the manner, maintenance, use and protection of each such grade crossing.

The commission shall also have power, after a hearing, to alter or abolish any grade crossing heretofore or hereafter established, or to change the location of such crossing when in its opinion the public safety requires such alteration, abolition or change, or to require a separation of grades at any such crossings, and to prescribe, after a hearing of the parties, the terms upon which such separation, alteration or change shall be made, and the proportion in which the expense of the alteration, abolition or change of such grades, and the separation of such grades, and the maintenance thereof, shall be divided between the railroad company or companies and the state, county, municipality or other public authority in interest.

The commission shall also have power, after a hearing, to alter or change any crossing heretofore or hereafter constructed, where a highway crosses the track of a railroad company above or below grade, or where the track of a railroad company crosses a highway above or below grade, when in its opinion, the public safety requires such alteration or change, and shall prescribe the manner in which such alteration or change shall be made, and the proportion in which the expense of such alteration or change and the maintenance of such crossing shall be divided between the railroad company or companies and the state, county, municipality, or other public authority in interest.

Hoff May Run for Treasurer.

O. P. Hoff, a former Lane county man, now state labor commissioner, which office he has held for a number of terms, may become a candidate for the nomination of state treasurer on the republican ticket. Mr. Hoff was station agent of the Southern Pacific at Irving for many years previous to his election as labor commissioner. A Salem dispatch says:

"State Labor Commissioner Hoff, who was back at his office for the first time in several days, today stated that he is giving serious consideration to the matter of becoming a candidate for the republican nomination for state treasurer and expects to definitely make up his mind by the latter part of the week. There seems to be no doubt in the minds of Mr. Hoff's friends here that he will become a candidate for the place."

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