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## SPECIAL TAX FOR WOULD SEVER BOND PLANT READY BY THREE BOYS OVER MACHINE PLUNGES DISTRICT WELL OF 34 YEARS SEPT. 10 ON ASSAULT CHARGE DOWN GRADE EXPENDED

### GOOD ROADS OPERATIONS IN NORTHWEST POLK SPREADS FAME OF DISTRICT IN FOUR COUNTIES.

### COST IS \$3,000 PER MILE

### More Than Four Miles of Model Highway on Important Coast Route Completed; Trip Over It is Inspiring, and Shows What United Action May Do.

(By E. F.)

With approximately four and three-fourths miles of what is undoubtedly the best road in Polk county completed, work in district No. 1, in Northwestern Polk came to an end for the season last week. The excellence of this road, which is well known, is looked upon as the standard of road construction. It is on the main highway to the Tillamook coast county, and many of the most important highways pass over it. Its fame is known to the autoists of Portland, and its excellence is a theme for conversation where good roads enthusiasts foregather. It has taken two seasons to build it, and it will require many seasons more to finish it to its projected limits, but it has been money well spent, and the men who paid for it should be, and no doubt are, proud of their work.

### Built by Special Tax.

This road is a shining example of what the residents of any neighborhood in the county may do, if they so desire. Last fall the voters of the road district placed a special tax of eight mills upon the taxable property of their district for road purposes, and as soon as possible this spring work began. Approximately \$5200 was raised by the special tax, and next year every cent appropriated to this district may be used on the road itself, and it is believed that next season the road will be completed to the four miles.

### Road Is Model.

For four miles this road has been completed along the north bank of the Yamhill river, starting at Willamina it closely follows the banks of that beautiful stream and its broad surface, rocked to a width of 12 feet, is a model piece of work. It is rocked to a depth of 10 inches, and is as smooth as a floor. The cost has approximated about \$3000 a mile, but it requires only one trip over it for anyone to realize that it has been money well spent. The road is officially known as the "Willamina and Dolph" highway, and is the gateway to the coast counties—Polk, Lincoln, Yamhill and Tillamook. Some heavy work in cutting and filling has been done, but every foot shows that men familiar with a proper road construction have had charge of operations. The curves are long and graceful, the drainage is perfect, the soil is a mixture of fertile fields, wooded hills and sparkling river, forms a pleasing vista to the eye that once seen, will not soon be forgotten.

### Inspiration For Other Districts.

But what has been done in this district has before been stated. The inspiring people of district No. 1 have solved the transportation problem, or are solving it as rapidly as possible. Voting a special tax has increased the value of their farms to an appreciable extent. They have inspired a trail road in winter and a rough, hilly and unsatisfactory road in summer into a finished and excellent highway which will permit them to haul heavy loads to market at all times of the year and, in addition, will reflect great credit upon the district.

### Will Furnish P. O. Fixtures

Coad Planning Mill Gets Important Contract From Falls City.

F. J. Coad, manager of Coad's Planning mill was a visitor in Falls City today called there on business connected with his contract for furnishing the new fixtures for the post-office at that place. Ordinarily fixtures of this nature are purchased in the East and are very expensive but, in this case, Coad materials will be tried and the entire outfit, exclusive of the boxes, will be turned out at the Dallas plant.

### Back From the Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hayes have returned from a six weeks' stay at Nehalem, where they have been operating a moving picture theater under canvas. They disposed of the outfit and will hereafter remain in this city, where Mr. Hayes will resume the management of the Star theater on Main street. Mr. Hayes says since the completion of the railroad to the Tillamook country new people are moving in by hundreds and all of the towns and "townsies" are booming.

### Oh, You Pallet.

Ced. Matthews served a chicken dinner to all visitors Saturday evening.—Falls City News.

Miss Martha White, of Oak Grove, visited friends in Dallas the last of the week.

### RAPID PROGRESS MARKS WORK ON ARMSBY PACKING HOUSE.

### Building Ready for Machinery Early in Coming Week Says Contractor; Prune Crop Light Here.

With a full force of men employed, work is being rushed on the prune packing plant of the J. K. Armsby company in this city and Contractor McIntire is authority for the prediction that the building will probably be completed by the first of next week. The work of installing the machinery will then begin and it is hoped to have this completed and the plant ready for operation by September 10.

### Crop Light Here.

"It is my belief that the prune crop of Polk county will not average more than 30 or 40 per cent," said R. L. Chapman, the well-known grower today. "While the fruit is not dropping more than usual at this time of year, those growers who neglected to give their orchards a thorough cultivating early in the season are apt to find that more of their fruit will drop than is usual."

### NEW SUFFRAGE LEAGUE BORN

### Monmouth Has Organization For Promotion of "Votes For Women."

MONMOUTH, Aug. 12.—A large woman's suffrage league has been formed here. The officers are: Mrs. Verona Daniel, president; W. E. Smith, vice-president; Dr. Laura C. Price, second vice-president; Mrs. P. H. Johnson, secretary; Ira E. Powell, treasurer; advisory council: Mrs. J. H. Ackerman, Rev. W. A. Wood, Mrs. Myrtle Davidson, H. S. Portwood, T. M. French.

### Property Division Arranged.

In the complaint it is recited that plaintiff and defendant have come to an understanding regarding the proper division of their laces and penates and each has agreed not to make claim for any portion of the others property. Both are residents of Polk county, according to the complaint.

## QUARRY TO OPEN SOON

### Oswego Portland Cement Company to Begin Operations on Rock Quarry in Few Days is Report.

Operations of the big cement rock quarry west of Dallas owned by the Portland Cement company of Oswego, it is reported will begin in a few days. Twenty-five men will be employed. The plant at Oswego is practically completed and everything is in readiness for the manufacture of cement.

A siding from the main line of the Salem, Falls City & Western railway was built to the rock quarry last year, but delay in the completion of the big plant at Oswego has made it impractical to begin work at the quarry on a large scale. Under the direction of Manager Steinmetz a large amount of work has already been done at the quarry but no rock has been shipped.

## ROCK HAULING NIGHT AND DAY

### Ralph Adams Rushing Work on His Street Hauling Contract.

Working two crews and rushing operations night and day without cessation, Ralph Adams, who has the contract for hauling rock for the city streets now undergoing improvement, is bringing in the material at a rapid rate. The new engine which was first placed in operation last week is giving excellent satisfaction, it is said and on every trip from the quarry to town hauls three big trucks of gravel with ease. Mr. Adams has had his share of bad luck and disappointment in connection with this contract and his efforts to secure a machine which would fill his requirements, and now that he has the proper engine he proposes to make up for lost time.

## WAITING TO BE FOUND.

Eagerly scanning the face of every passerby, a small black and white spotted terrier takes up a prominent position on the curb on the corner of Main and Academy streets and watches and waits "to be found." Every evening at nightfall the wistful canine face appears on the corner. The dog can never be found in daylight, and will not permit itself to be captured in the evenings, but sits there for hours, unless an effort is made by some kind-hearted individual at consolation, the most pitiful, lone-some little dog in the world. Abandoned by its master, it probably remembers seeing him last on the corner which it haunts so persistently, and the poor, half-starved, weak, little animal imagines he will return for her where she lost him. People living in the neighborhood have grown to know quite well her wistful face and the poor, slim little body, so plump and "wiggly" when she first began her nightly vigils, but all advances toward cementing their friendship with nice bones and bowls of milk are disdainful by the faithful dog.

Dr. A. B. Starbuck, accompanied by his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Starbuck and sister, Miss Edith, returned late Sunday night from a week's outing at Pacific City on the ocean beach in the vicinity of Tillamook. They report a very pleasant trip.

## SALEM WHISKEY RESPONSIBLE FOR ROW ON POLK COUNTY SIDE OF RIVER FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

### ONE MAN IS BEATEN UP

### Fred Lind, Said to be a Paroled Convict, Gets Worst of Dispute With Two Companions; Latter to Face Grand Jury is Court's Decision; May Have Been Hold-up.

H. Bristow and Clifford Young, two young men who claim Portland as their home, were bound over to the next session of the Polk county grand jury by Justice Hardy Holman, under \$500 bonds, upon the charge of assault, following a preliminary examination held this morning in Dallas. They are now in jail in default of bail. The complaining witness is Fred Lind who bears a scar on his forehead as visible testimony that he was hit and hit hard.

The trouble occurred on the Polk county side of the Willamette river in West Salem on Friday afternoon. According to the story told by witnesses at the preliminary examination, Bristow and Young purchased a quart bottle of whiskey in a Salem saloon and prepared to go to the river on a swimming expedition. Lind asked to accompany them and the three went to the river and hired a boat in which they started to row across the stream to the Polk county side. When they reached a log boom the boat was upset and all of the three plunged into the water, Lind, being the most intoxicated, getting the most complete ducking.

### Up to the Point of the Testimony of the three principals, substantially agrees but from this time on it differs widely. Lind claims that the others beat him over the head with the bottle for some unknown cause, while Bristow and Young declared the boat had been beached for more whiskey and threatened to kill them if he didn't get it. They say that they thought he might have a revolver and tapped him over the head before he could use it.

The testimony of Lind and of three eye-witnesses strongly tend to show that Bristow and Young were the aggressors. They say that he was beaten over the head as he lay on the ground, helpless because of his intoxication and the wet clothing, and that one of the men afterward threw the bottle at him, striking him in the back. Previous to this, Bristow and Young had ordered three boys who were eye-witnesses to the row to "beat it" which they did, but hid in the bushes nearby and watched the fight. All three of the boys told a very straight story regarding the affair and it evidently impressed the court.

### May Have Been Hold-Up.

The questioning of the witnesses by Deputy District Attorney Joseph E. Sibley brought out the possibility that the state might attempt to establish a charge of "hold-up" against Bristow and Young. It is admitted by Lind that he had a few dollars in his possession when he met the other two men in the Salem saloon, but when he awoke in the Salem hospital where he was taken after the fight he did not have a cent. The eye-witnesses referred to heretofore said they saw one of the men searching Lind's pockets as he lay on the bank of the river.

### Concludes Eastern Visit.

Mrs. Frank Wing, who has been visiting her parents in West Bend, Wisconsin, for the past three months returned to her home in Dallas Monday evening. Mrs. Wing was accompanied by her sister, Miss May Shiner, of West Bend.

### Back From Vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hayer and son Charles returned Friday from a month's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patterson Jr., at Marble. They also visited a sister of Mrs. Hayer in Roseburg, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Yeakum and family will leave tomorrow for Newport for a few days outing.

William Paul, formerly engaged in the hardware business in this city, but now residing near Portland, is in Dallas shaking hands with friends.

Miss Elsie Titman, who recently resigned her position as matron of a sanitarium in Walla Walla, Washington, is in the city, visiting Miss Edith Starbuck. Miss Titman is on her way to Coos county where her parents live.

J. W. Crider, accompanied by Mrs. Crider, of San Jose, California, are expected here about the latter part of next week. Mr. and Mrs. Crider will visit the principal southern cities on their way up.

## CELEBRATED BATTALION OF NATIONAL GUARD IS DOING DUTY AT OLD STAND.

### Accident Occurs Early Sunday Morning on County Road Near Ballston; Ankle Crushed Under Machine.

Plunging with his engine off the road grade near Ballston at an early hour Sunday morning, and being pinned down by the heavy machine for some time, until companions succeeded in freeing him, James V. Chitty road master in district No. 1, and a well-known citizen of Polk county had a miraculous escape from serious injury and possible death. Mr. Chitty who has had charge of the road work in Northwestern Polk started for Dallas with the engine late Saturday night, following the shutting down of operations for the season.

The accident occurred about 2 o'clock Sunday morning at a small bridge near Ballston where the grade is not as wide as the bridge. In the darkness it was impossible to distinguish this feature and, while the front wheels kept on the grade, the rear wheels being wider, failed to do so and the heavy engine plunged down the grade and landed on its side. The machine caught Mr. Chitty's left ankle and held him so securely that companions found it necessary to dig away the ground in order to free the injured man. He was brought to this city on the tank wagon where his injuries were attended to and it was found that he was not seriously injured, although it will be some time before he will be able to be about as usual.

### WALK DRY-SHOOD OVER FALLS

### Interesting Sights at Oregon City During Dry Season.

How many of you, long residents of Oregon City, ever took advantage of the dry season, when every bit of the water in the big river is going through the mills, to walk around on the edge of the falls, dry shod, and see the places that are usually covered with tons of water? It is interesting to see this dry bed of a great river and the work the water has done for centuries, and it is interesting to watch the hundreds of big cels trying to go up over the falls through the fish ladder. The narrow cut in this ladder is a very nice race and hour after hour the big cels will try to get up to the river above the falls. They will cling to the sides of the cement and their mouths, while the rushing water will make their tails snap like whip lashes. Hour after hour, and day after day they will work, gaining inch by inch but always losing it as they almost gain the top, and as they lose their holds and are carried down they take with them a mass of wiggling, writhing cels below them. Unless you are fully sober, I would not make the trip. And, by the way, did you know that sixty tons of these cels and cogs to water snakes have been taken from below the falls here this summer, or 276,000 single, slimy cels. This great mass of writhing was loaded in boats and shipped from here by the state game warden, and they are put in cold storage and fed to fishes in the different hatcheries—Oregon City Courthouse.

### DEATH RESULTS FROM DROPSY

### Monmouth Woman Succumbs to Attack of Disease.

Mrs. C. H. Parker died of dropsy at the family residence in Monmouth, August 9, at the age of 59 years, 11 months, eight days. The funeral was held at the Christian church on Saturday August 10, at 2 o'clock, by Rev. W. A. Woods and interment took place at the Knights of Pythias cemetery.

Mahala Roe Parker was born August 18, 1852, in South Dakota, and came to Oregon with her husband and children about two years ago, when the family lived in Monmouth where she lived until her death. She was the mother of five children, a boy and a girl living in Monmouth and one child in South Dakota who was unable to be present at the funeral. Two children are dead.

### WILL HOLD ADJOURNED SESSION

### Judge Galloway, of Department No. 2, to be in Dallas Wednesday.

County Clerk E. M. Smith has received notice from Judge William Galloway that that official will be in Dallas tomorrow (Wednesday) for the purpose of holding an adjourned session of his court. All interested are asked to govern themselves accordingly.

### Invited to Salem.

Capital Assembly No. 34, United Artisans will hold a festival on a levee on Friday night, August 16, to celebrate their arrival at the 500 mark in membership, and Dallas lodge has been invited to participate, according to a letter received by Willis Simpson, secretary of the local assembly, on Monday. The local lodge is also urged to bring in any candidates which they may have for initiation. It is probable that several Dallas Artisans will attend.

### Hand Cut by Saw.

Catching his finger in a saw and cutting the flesh to the bone was the painful experience of Edward Staffin who is employed at the Dallas Lumber and Logging company's mill. Some time yesterday afternoon while attending to his duties his hand slipped and the saw caught his second finger just above the first joint, almost severing it.

W. V. Fuller and Robert Fisher returned late Monday night from a motor trip to Newport. They made the run to the resort and back in Mr. Fuller's Cadillac and report a pleasant and successful trip each way. They went over Sunday, August 5.

## POLK BIRDS WILL BE SEEN AT FAIR

### ASSOCIATION DECIDES TO MAKE EXHIBIT OF CHOICE POULTRY OF MEMBERS AT BIG STATE SHOW.

### HELP INDUSTRY IS IDEA

L. S. Robbins, of Eola and Mrs. Winnie Braden, of Dallas, Among Those Who Have Already Announced Probable Exhibits; Others Expected Soon.

Decision to provide a suitable exhibit of the prize poultry of Polk county fanciers at the coming Oregon State fair was made at the specially called meeting of the Polk County Poultry association held at the Court House in this city on Saturday afternoon. While there was not a large attendance, owing perhaps to the very busy season with the farmers, those who were there were enthusiastic over the proposition and the prediction was freely made that there would be no trouble in securing and installing an exhibit at Salem. The association feels, it is declared, that no opportunity should be overlooked to promote the industry in this county and it is realized that exhibits at public fairs are one of the best plans to encourage growers to improve their poultry.

### Some Who Will Exhibit.

L. S. Robbins, of Eola, one of the largest poultry raisers on the Coast will exhibit about 20 choice birds, it is said. Mrs. Winnie Braden, secretary of the association and manager of the "Sleepy Hollow Poultry farm" near Dallas, will also have some choice representing more profitable than any other. Other members of the association have also signified their intention of exhibiting and it is thought that there will be no trouble in securing the 100 birds necessary to enter an exhibit as an association.

### Sound Financially.

"The Polk County Poultry association is practically out of debt," said Mrs. Braden, secretary. "We have funds in the treasury. This has been a successful year, our first one in fact, and interest in the association has grown to such an extent that practically every poultry raiser in the county is making a specialty of better birds, is a member.

### "Better Birds and More of Them"

and there appears to be a general desire on the part of the breeders to live up to this motto. Poultry raising is fast becoming more profitable each year, and interest in the industry is growing as the success of the older breeders is noticed. We are trying to make this year the banner one in the history of the county, and feel that a creditable exhibit at the state fair will go a long way toward establishing the claim that Polk county is the "blue ribbon county" of the state. We certainly have the poultry—all that is necessary is to set it on display at the fair. This I believe will be done."

## NEW PORTLAND RECORD

### J. L. White Drives E.-M.-F. Car From Dallas to Portland in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

Fred Belcher's record of two hours and thirty minutes between Portland and Dallas, made on July 4, in his Thomas car, was shattered Saturday, when J. L. White, of the Oregon Power company, drove his 5-passenger E.-M.-F. from Dallas to Portland in exactly two hours and 17 minutes. With four passengers, Mr. White left Dallas at 2:00 o'clock. He took the Perrydale, Amity, Newberg road, and one hour and a half after leaving this city, rolled into Newberg, where a stop of five minutes was made. Leaving Newberg at 3:35 the run was made to Portland in rapid time and the intersection of Corbett and Bancroft streets was reached at 4:22. The roads are in excellent condition, according to Mr. White, and in fine shape for rapid traveling.

The party returned from Portland Sunday evening, making the night run in three and one-half hours.

### NEW OFFICER INSPECTS ROAD

Assistant Superintendent Goes Over Line in Gasoline Car.

Superintendent L. R. Fields, of the Southern Pacific, was in Dallas last week in his private car for the purpose of making an inspection of the S. P. C. & W. and other portions of the line. With him was F. M. Siefert, recently appointed assistant superintendent to succeed C. C. Blood, and two days were spent in this vicinity. The party made a trip over the S. P. C. & W. and the section of the road between Whiteoak and Dallas in the gasoline car used by Mr. Siefert. It was Mr. Siefert's first trip over the road.