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GOOD ROADS BILLS HOLD ATTENTION OF SENATE

JACKSON COUNTY BONDING SCHEME IS THEME FOR IMPORTANT DISCUSSION IN UPPER HOUSE.

MUCH INTEREST IS SHOWN

Big Crowd Listens to Debate on Proposed Bill; People Look For Legislation, Claim of Senators; Bill Creating New Judicial District Opposed; Note of the Fray.

Salem, Jan. 28.—(Editorial Correspondence).—Good roads and how to get them, has been the theme for discussion in the upper branch of the Oregon legislature for the major portion of the time so far this week. The senate wrestled with senate bill No. 12 all the afternoon yesterday and took it up again this morning in committee of the whole. This is practically the same bill voted on at the November election and known as the "Jackson county bill," or "the Home rule bill." It provides that county courts may call special elections for the purpose of voting bonds when a petition signed by at least 25 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the candidate for the supreme court in the last preceding general election, and provides further how the bonds are to be disposed of and all the other details essential.

Senator Neuner, of Douglas, introduced an amendment providing that the notice of the election should set forth where the road was to be built and how it was to be constructed, the bill being to prevent the building of roads in the populous centers, and saving the more sparsely settled districts to get along as best they may. He attacked the bill in its present form, and declared that it was a move the automobile owners and promoters of the Pacific Highway to construct a trunk line north and south throughout the state when, as a matter of fact, it was east and west road "feeder" that was wanted. The amendment failed, and it is predicted that the bill will pass the senate. The bill also had under discussion a good roads bill of similar import, but its consideration was postponed until the session under discussion by the senate shall have been passed upon. One thing is practically assured, however, the bill passes the senate and goes over to the house, in its present form, in any other shape, for that matter, it will be subjected to a fierce onslaught and may be so amended that our daddy wouldn't recognize it.

Road Legislation Wanted. There seems to be a well-defined feeling that the people of Oregon are desiring some sort of good roads legislation from this legislature. Senator Neuner made the assertion that the people of the state should be taken into consideration of the people's feelings in matters that they did not want to bond bill. Others, who favor the bill under discussion, took the position that the various bills were passed because there were too many of them and it was difficult to select the most meritorious. It was openly stated that the people were looking for legislation to give them some relief, and in the language of Senator Day, "if we don't do it, quicker we adjourn and go home, better."

During the discussion, the senate lobby was jammed with legislators, thus testifying to the interest manifested by the people in sort of legislation. It is probable a joint session will be held to discuss the different road bills now before the branches of the legislature, as it is felt that this is the most important legislation to be considered by the law-making body of Oregon.

Twelfth Judicial District. Considerable interest has been manifested in the senate over the bill introduced by Senator Carson, of Marion, proposing a division of the present judicial district and the formation of a new district to be composed of Yamhill and Tillamook counties, known as the "Twelfth Judicial District." Dallas attorneys are not united in the matter. Some feel that such a district would be antagonistic, while others declare that it might help the east side counties, who would have two judges over two counties rather than five, as at present, the formation of the district would require new courts and an additional district attorney which would increase, to a considerable extent, the cost of maintaining the system. This bill is slated to go today for final disposition, some interesting developments expected.

On this subject of judicial

ORCHESTRA TO ASSIST

Woman's Club Preparing Excellent Program for Opening of New Library on Friday Night.

With the assistance of the Dallas Orchestra, Euterpean Chorus (two numbers being allotted this musical organization) and a repetition of the folk dance, the Woman's Club on Friday night expect the public to be given a program that will be most appropriate, upon the formal dedication of the Carnegie public library. The affair is wholly under the management of the Woman's Club, who with members of the library board, and their wives, will act as a reception committee to the public. Mayor Craven, J. G. Van Orsdel and others will have places on the program, luncheon will be served, and the beautiful building will have its formal entry into the public life of the city. Children under the age of 15 years will be excluded, but the club extends a general invitation to the public to attend the opening of the library. The Dallas band will be asked to take part in the program.

districts, and judges, I might say that a bill appeared in the senate yesterday, increasing the salary of circuit judges to \$4000 per year. A similar bill was killed during the first week of its deliberations and it is entirely improbable that the present measure will succeed.

Fair Play Was Slogan. There is no question but that this legislature, so far as the members were concerned toward Governor West, was in the line of fair play. Nobody who listened to the discussion of the vetoed bills in the senate, or the house, either, can successfully contradict that statement. This legislature was confronted by a large number of bills of the 1911 session which had received executive disapproval, and each house referred its own bills to committees which passed upon them, on their merits and made recommendations accordingly. Take the senate, for instance. There were 25 vetoed bills placed before it and of this number, the disapproval of the governor was sustained in 14 and 11 were passed, notwithstanding his veto. In the discussion of the bills on the floor, and all of them were discussed, no attempt was made on the part of any member to make political capital out of the fact that the governor had disapproved of them. The party whip didn't crack once and Republican members favored some bills and opposed others, apparently without reference to any other idea than their own convictions in the matter. All men do not see things alike, and what one difference arose over the advisability of the different bills was clearly attributable to the merits of the bill as each legislator viewed it. That was the spirit manifested throughout. A measure that was believed to be bad was unhesitatingly condemned and those that were believed to be needful, were passed.

Stirred Up Trouble. But the friends of the governor apparently did not choose to let things go that way. In proof of this, behold the attitude of some of the Democratic members of the House, who admitted that senate bill 43, the sanitary live stock inspection bill, mentioned in these columns last week, was a meritorious measure and ought to be passed, yet who refused to support it merely because it had received executive disapproval. The petty political actions which received its start in this matter, spread rapidly and naturally aroused the resentment of the friends of the bill. They said if this is the way our friends are going to perform, then the quicker we get together and save our bacon the better it will be for all the measures which we desire to pass. There was a time last week when it was thought that the activities of those who were playing politics would have its reward, and that legislation would be blocked unless the governor was favorable to it. And it might have gone on this way had the chief executive kept his hands off, or at least confined his work to advice to his cohorts. The governor went altogether too strong for his own peace of mind, and the majority, which is naturally against him, has put him in a hole.

Even at that I seriously doubt whether any really meritorious legislation which he favors will be side-tracked merely because it has received his approval or because he seriously desires that it be placed on the statute books. But his alleged threat to expose a chart in the lobby of the capitol building showing just where appropriations must stop is taken as another bit of "horse-play" and if he should be so foolish as to pull off this stunt, it will spell the end of his influence with this legislature, and they will go in for their program, utterly ignoring the governor, and work out their plan in their own way.

Want to Do Right. I honestly believe that the members of this twenty-seventh biennial session are honest, and want to do what is right by the people. I believe that they have come here for the greatest good for the greatest number, and that there is a well-defined belief that all appropriations should be pared, most have been apparent to all who listened to any of the discussions in the senate or house.

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Uncle Sam's Giant Wireless Station Talks 4,000 Miles

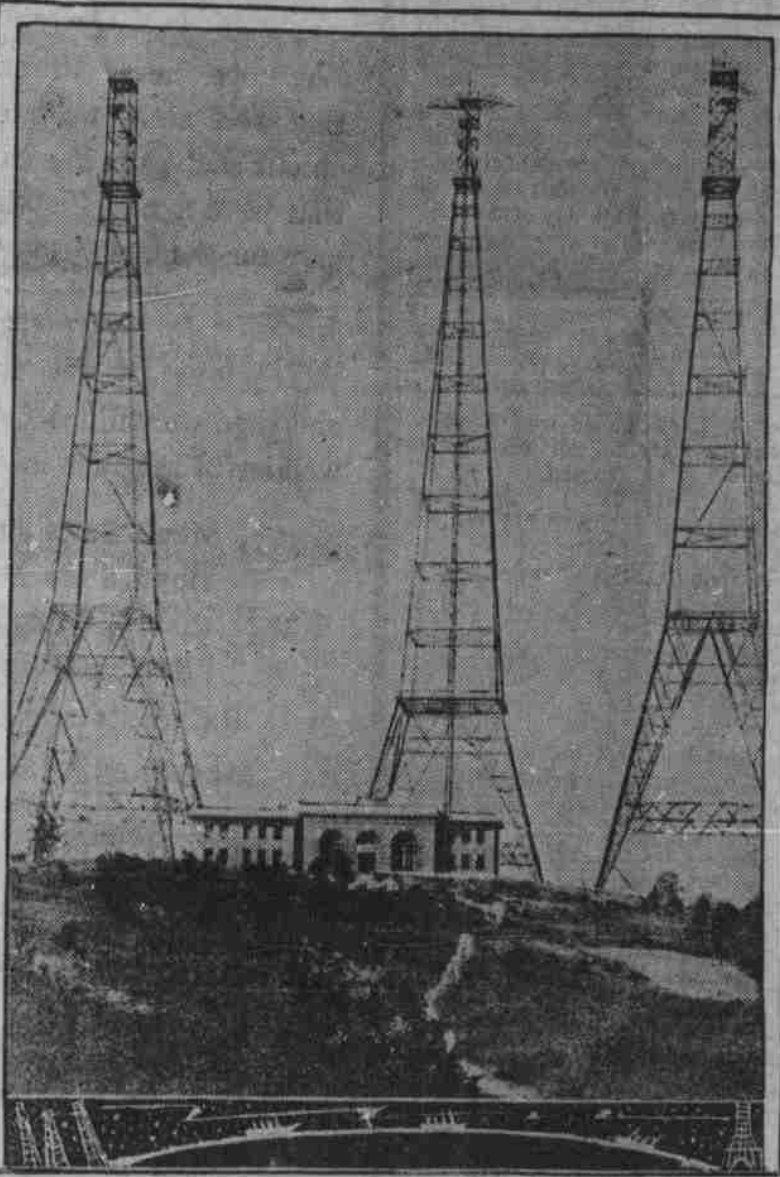


Photo by American Press Association.

SENDING wireless messages 4,000 miles is the latest feat of the new giant station at Arlington, Va., just across the Potomac from Washington. New Year's greetings were flashed to the Eiffel tower in Paris. Uncle Sam's biggest wireless wonder is in charge of Commander W. H. G. Bolland. The station consists of three great steel spires which catch the air messages and transmit them to the instruments in the operating rooms below. It seems hardly credible that one can talk by this means 4,000 miles, but it is so. What this means to the government in time of peace and war is significant. Jules Verne never thought of such a feat. It makes his "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" look pale.

WHITE COVERING IS WASHINGTON TEAM NOW GREEN OUTCLASSED

SNOW GRADUALLY GIVES WAY TO WARM CHINOOK. COAST ARTILLERY PLAYERS NO MATCH FOR INFANTRY.

Oregonians Cease to Shiver, Loggers Resume Work, and Sawmills Again Make Merry Music.

A mild, melting southern breeze, the remnants of a chinook which hovered over the Pacific Northwest during the past week, sent the last of the "big snow" to the rivulets and creeks and onward to the larger sources of drainage, so that today the earth again presents its beautiful green surface, sending joy to the Oregonian, dispelling all the ills which beset the native and send the shivers quivering down his spine at the sight of the beautiful. A warm rain, a mist in fact, helped to move the snow slowly toward its destination—and today there is happiness on every hand. In the hills there is once more the clatter of the axman's weapon and the merry sound of the saws at the mills again furnishes the familiar hum of industry that makes the payroll.

The Dallas Lumber & Logging company resumed work on Monday, getting out a small turnout of fir, feeling the pulse of the plant preparatory to a busy season after a thorough overhauling of the whole mill and adding improvements to the equipment. The loggers, who have been enjoying the city's favors during the lull in work in the woods, have gone back to their work and everything has resumed the normal stage in the industrial line. It is generally agreed that the visit of the snow king has proved a blessing and happiness greets the appearance of real Oregon weather.

INDEPENDENCE HIBERNATING Basket Ball Players of Sister Town Crawl in Hole.

The high school basketball team was much mortified on Sunday by the general challenge issued to various teams of the state by the Independence team, including in the list of desirables yet unmet and unconquered, the Dallas team. Repeated efforts on the part of the Dallas players for a game have been met by the Independence manager with no response. The boasted champions, it is thought, pin their honors to newspaper notoriety, and are afraid to cope with Dallas talent. Manager Cadle says he has worn out all the telephone lines leading to the home of the manager of the self-styled champions in an effort to get a date and will now have to be satisfied with reading challenges from a team that is apparently afraid of its own shadow.

UNIVERSITY CLUB A DELIGHT. Songs, Skits and Sketches Please a Large Audience.

The O. A. C. Glee club on Saturday night gave a Dallas audience a real treat at the Armory, equalling a performance at the Newberg team at that place, defeating the Yamhill county team, by a score of 27 to 18. The High School team returned at noon Saturday, and say that the Newberg "were just easy," but "good fellows," in a social way.

Wayne Greenwood was threatened with an attack of appendicitis during the week, that came near causing his immediate removal to the hospital. He was able to be about on Sunday, and is on the mend at present.

SALEM LAD STEALS DALLAS BRIDE

FORMER RESIDENT OF CITY WEDS DALLAS GIRL.

Ceremony Performed at Sweeney Home Saturday; Contracting Parties Favorites in Dallas Society.

John Randolph Mills and Miss Dese Katherine Ridgeway were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Sweeney, 406 Mill street, Saturday, January 25, at 12 o'clock, noon, in the presence of relatives and a few friends. Rev. Edgar W. Miles, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiating, the impressive ring ceremony being used. Mrs. Olive Smith-Bicknell played Mendelssohn wedding march.

The rooms of the Sweeney home were beautifully decorated with a profusion of Oregon grape, carnations and holly, the latter predominating.

The bride was charming in a gown of white crepe de chine over messaline with trimmings of lace and pearls. Her bouquet was a shower of brides' roses and her traveling dress was a smart tailored suit of dark blue. After the ceremony a delicious luncheon was served.

The happy couple received many handsome gifts of cut glass, silver and china.

The bride is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney and has made her home with them for the past several years. She is popular in Dallas society and has made warm friends by her many amiable qualities. John R. Mills, the "lucky dog" of this interesting occasion is interested in the Elliott Printing company of Salem, but he was for some time a resident of Dallas and held the position of news editor of The Observer. Through a long acquaintance with him and daily personal contact with his abilities the writer unhesitatingly declares that "Jack" is a "mighty good scout" and in every way worthy of the best this world has to offer. He has been successful in his business and has a bright future before him and The Observer family with one accord wish Mr. and Mrs. Mills the fullest quota of happiness and prosperity.

The couple left on the afternoon train for a short stay in Portland and will be at home in Salem after February 15.

Those present at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. John L. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. VanOrsdel, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Allgood, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Crider, Mrs. Olive Smith-Bicknell, Mrs. J. C. Cline, Mrs. A. A. Bernardi, of Salem, Miss Jennie Muscott, Miss Pauline VanOrsdel, Helen Sweeney; Messrs. James Sweeney, Robert VanOrsdel, Maurice Dalton and Master John Sweeney.

HORSE SINKS ON MAIL ROUTE.

Carrier Makes Daily Trips Where Mud Is Deep.

Carrier Grant, on Route 2, says that a good illustration of the difficulties that beset the carrier was furnished to the public Friday, when Claud Lewis was bringing some stock to the city for market. His horse floundered in the mud on the regular line of the mail route, lost a shoe, and the rider had to dismount and drive his cattle and hogs on foot for a distance. The trouble occurred at the Raney Riggs place, near the Lacklams, where there is a stretch of road, says the carrier, that is almost impassable. He is of the opinion that when a horse is unable to carry its rider along the route that patrons of the service might be glad that they ever receive any kind of service. Mr. Grant says this is a bad part of his route during the rainy season and needs the attention of the patrons.

PATIENTS SENT TO PENDLETON Congestion at State Insane Asylum Relieved.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 25.—A special train carrying 300 inmates of the insane asylum here to be transferred to the branch asylum at Pendleton, left today in charge of attendants and Drs. McNary, Yamiesie and Hagood. Dr. McNary is at the head of the Pendleton institution. The Eastern Oregon institution was built to alleviate the crowded condition at the Salem asylum in this city. Two installments of patients have already been sent to the branch institution, but the detachment sent today was much the largest yet sent to Pendleton.

Young Woman's Section Entertained.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gerlinger, at 1018 Main street, was opened to the young women's section of the Woman's club Thursday night, Mrs. Gerlinger acting as hostess to 75 members of the club. The evening was said by those in attendance to have been highly entertaining. A parlor play gave the ladies much pleasure, the members of the Young People's Dramatic club added to the enjoyment of the evening, music and games and refreshments rounded out a joyous evening.

CLIMATE MOSTLY TALK

Dallasite Experiments With California Winter Resort, Shivers, Catches Cold, and Comes Home.

In speaking of California as a winter resort, John Lynn, who recently returned from California, where he went with Mrs. Lynn to pass the winter, said that at Long Beach, where he was quartered, furnished a weather report for the entire Coast country, and he noticed that when it was 22 above zero there it was exactly 22 at Portland. He said there was very little variation in the temperature at Long Beach and at Portland. "After awhile," he said, "I stood around watching the weather reports as posted on the bulletin boards and caught cold." He said he had Mrs. Lynn to "pack up;" he purchased a couple of tickets for Dallas, where the climate was not supposed to be much but at the same time he would know just what to expect. Mr. Lynn is still very hoarse and the interview with The Observer man came in short pants and gasps. Mr. Lynn says California climate is mostly talk.

GOOD ROADS DAY NEXT FRIDAY

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN ROAD BUILDING

County Road Supervisors Requested to Attend Lecture and Exhibition; Public Invited to Attend.

Through the invitation of the Commercial club those interested in good roads and good streets will on Friday afternoon of this week be given an opportunity to listen to a lecture and witness the lantern slide exhibition at the Star theater. The county court has been asked to invite each road supervisor of the county to co-operate with the club in creating an interest in the building of good roads and good streets. The lecturer promises to throw open the screen for the edification of all views of every variety of paving as well as for the building of good roads. No charge will be made to attend the lecture and exhibition, and every possible effort is being made by the club to have a large attendance of those interested in good roads. The lecture, while given under the auspices of the Commercial club, is under the management of the "Good Roads" boosters of the state. The directors, at a meeting last night, decided upon having the lecture given at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Death Rewards Aged Lady. Elizabeth Johnson was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1849, and died in Dallas, Oregon, January 24, 1913, making her 63 years, 4 months and 12 days old.

She was united in marriage to Isaiah M. Palmer, May 6, 1867, to which union five children were born. The marriage took place in Prairie du Chien, Crawford county, Wisconsin. Soon after they moved to Iowa, and ten years later to Clay Center, Kansas, twelve years later to Dallas, Oregon, where they lived at the time of her death.

She was converted in 1869 and united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a faithful member until the time of her death.

She leaves to mourn her death her husband, Isaiah M. Palmer, and Mrs. W. R. Howe, Mrs. Paul Hunter, and N. L. Palmer, of Dallas, Frederick E. Palmer of Seattle, Wintha R. Palmer of Fayette, Ind., two brothers, Charles Johnson and T. S. Johnson, and four sisters, Mrs. Julia Bailey, Viola Johnson, Mrs. Mary Case, and Mrs. Libby Eperson.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. D. Lester Fields from the family home, on Monday, Jan. 27, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m. Interment took place in the old Pioneer cemetery, yesterday.

New Course for Hop Growers.

A new course in hop growing which has been planned because of the growing interest throughout the state in improved methods of handling both the hop plant and the soils on hop fields, will be given at the Oregon Agricultural College next year. It was hoped to begin the work during this short course, but because of the heavy burden of the large number of lecture courses in agronomy, it was decided to wait another year. Assistance to hop growers will be given in the coming season through co-operative work in cultivation and fertilization of the crop and in the proper handling of the vines.

COLORED SINGERS PLEASE.

Monmouth, Ore., Jan. 25.—(Special).—The celebrated troupe of "Williams Jubilee Singers" gave an interesting entertainment in Independence on Saturday night in the opera house. They gave many of the old plantation melodies and showed their ability in singing both high and low pieces. All present enjoyed the evening and only wished that the program could be repeated.

REVIVAL INTEREST INCREASES

FINE WEATHER GIVES IMPETUS TO MEETINGS.

Bible School, Under Capable Leadership, Has Remarkable Attendance; Added Interest and Enthusiasm.

Sunday was a great day at the Christian church, where the revival is still in progress. Evangelist Stivers' work is bearing much fruit, both in numerical results, and in various other ways the value of which can never be computed. Every department of the church life is feeling the effect of the revival. That this is a great congregation accomplishing large things for the cause of Christianity, was manifested in the activities of every feature of the church work Sunday.

At 10 o'clock the Bible school convened with an actual count of 289 members present. This splendid work is under the capable leadership of H. C. Seymour, County School Superintendent. This is a Bible school in the truest sense of the term, where the bible is studied by the latest methods in carefully graded classes, for which their large and convenient building gives them an adequate equipment. Mr. Stivers and Mr. Curtis are both Bible school enthusiasts and their work and encouragement is being felt in every class of the school.

The morning service and communion was largely attended by both members and friends of the church, and immediately after this service Brother Stivers delivered a strong sermon on the intensely practical theme, "Business in Christianity and Christianity in Business," which prepared the hearts of the people well for the appeal for pledges to cover the expense budget for the running of the local work for the year. The public appeal, together with the results of the work of the finance committee during the day, shows the splendid financial condition of this work.

Mr. Stivers was looking to the evening service as the probable close of the meeting, but the large crowd, the intense interest and the immediate results of that service caused him to announce that the services would continue during the week. Six adults responded to the invitation of the gospel presented by the evangelist at this one service, and many others expressed their desire and intention of taking the stand on the side of truth and right.

Some of the evangelist's strongest sermons will be delivered during this week, and the duration of the meeting will be determined by the interest manifested by the public and the response to the invitation from night to night.

The question box still proves a source of helpfulness and interest and all questions are answered the same night with dispatch and accuracy.

YOUNG MEN ORGANIZE

Enthusiasm Grows Plan to Form Social Organization for Benefit of Young Men.

On Sunday afternoon a number of the young men of Dallas met at the M. E. church for the purpose of organizing a young men's club. The purpose of this club is to give the young men a place to spend their time profitably, and also to become acquainted with each other. This club is to be either a Y. M. C. A. organization, or, if not called by that name, its purpose will be very similar to that of a Y. M. C. A. A temporary organization was effected, for the purpose of finding out how this proposition would be received by the boys, and all signed up. There is to be another meeting next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the same place, and they expect to double the number now signed up, which is 30.

COUNCIL HAS SHORT SESSION.

Adjourned Meeting Last Night Uninteresting.

At the adjourned meeting of the city council last night very little business of importance came up for hearing, and an adjournment was taken to Friday night of this week. A change of location of lights on Washington street was noted and the committee reported that a light had been installed on Fairview avenue, as requested by Mr. Ashbaugh. The annual report of the library committee was read and adopted. The president and secretary of this committee notified the council of the presentation to the city of a store and some furniture that had been used in the old library, and the council ordered the secretary to thank the library committee for the gift. A resolution was passed authorizing the making of a contract with Attorney Coad to act as city attorney to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Walter L. Toms, Jr.