

### BRIDGE GHOST BOBS UP

#### INTER-COUNTY STRUCTURE IS UNDER DISCUSSION.

##### Polk Not Inclined to Consider Building Proposition at This Particular Time.

When the county court visited Salem last week to confer with the Marion county court relative to the construction of an inter-county bridge across the Willamette river between Salem and West Salem, Judge John B. Teal discouraged the building of the proposed bridge at this time, in appreciating the indisputable fact that the tax-payers of Polk county are sufficiently incumbered without adding to their expenditures for the consummation of the proposed undertaking. It is estimated that Polk county's proportion of the cost would be approximately \$70,000, but that estimate would probably be exceeded by from \$20,000 to \$30,000 before the bridge was finally completed. With the expressed opinion that the present structure is safe to traffic, and will be for several years to come, the Polk county court will be in no hurry about assessing the people in order to gratify a longing on the part of Marion county. And, besides, under present conditions it would be quite impossible for this county to raise an amount sufficient for the purpose without taxation beyond the limit permitted by law.

The two courts visited the bridge and discussed the matter quite fully, whereupon a request was made that a site be selected, but this matter was of no particular interest to this county and the commissioners declined to participate in that part of the program. That the bridge is in safe condition is the opinion of Judge Teal, the structure having received a number of repairs recently, among them being new decking. One of the points made by the Marion county people who are interested in having a new bridge at that point is that the floor is rough for travel, but this may be easily remedied, says Judge Teal, by applying hot asphaltum and rolling a quantity of sand therewith, thus making a smooth wearing surface that would last for many years. The objection made by the Marion county to this proposition was that it would add too much weight to the bridge, and further endanger it, but the argument does not appear to be well supported. When the structure was re-decked last year several tons of weight were removed by taking out a large number of unnecessary stringers of huge proportions, and the elimination of these strengthens the belief that the bridge would easily carry the weight of the proposed mixture.

While Marion county would have a bridge with a thirty-foot roadway, the Polk county court is of the opinion that a heavier structure should be built in order to care for the years to come. The probabilities are that within the not very distant future there will be need of a street car track from Salem to West Salem, and by leasing the inter-county bridge for this purpose some revenue might be derived, but this could not be taken advantage of with a thirty-foot roadway. West Salem is fast developing as a residential section, and the time is soon coming when many Salem people will make their homes in that portion of Polk county, and interurban transportation facilities will then become a necessity. Taking all the existing facts into consideration Judge Teal believes that it will be to the best interests of all persons concerned to hold the matter in abeyance for a time. The bridge will accommodate present traffic in safety; the people are illly prepared to meet the expense necessary to carry out the project; later requirements should be considered in the construction of the bridge. These are the things that are being taken into account by the Polk county court in declining to entertain the proposition of the Marion people to put an amount necessary to build the bridge into the 1916 budget.

#### ONE KILLED IN AUTO.

##### Salem Youth Loses Life, Others Injured in Accident.

Carl Anderson, 21, son of S. Anderson, proprietor of a Salem garage, was killed instantly on Sunday night, and Keith White, 19, was seriously injured, when the automobile in which they were riding overturned on the Independence road. Anderson was driving the car, returning to Salem from Corvallis. The machine struck a plank in the road near Brunk's bridge, five miles from Salem, plunged into the ditch, and Anderson was pinned beneath the car and crushed. White sustained severe burns when the gasoline became ignited. He will live.

#### Tom Thumb Wedding.

The Civic Improvement League of Independence staged a benefit performance at the opera house in that city last night, the event taking the form of a Tom Thumb wedding. One hundred Independence children partici-

ipated in the show at which little Miss Fideil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fenton, and Billy Oviatt were united in the mock marriage ceremony. The children are both less than five years old. The clergyman was Edward Moore and the entire list of attendants was made up of the little folks of Independence.

#### PRUNE CROP IS SMALL.

##### Estimate Yield is About Two Thirds of Normal Crop.

Present indications, with the harvesting of the 1915 prune crop just about complete, are that about two-thirds the normal crop has been picked. This means that about 10 per cent will be the increase over last year. The J. K. Armsby company is packing probably the greatest portion of the crop, and the prunes which the company has purchased early in the season at about 5 cents a pound, when growers feared a marked decrease in price. Those who have not already figured that they will come in, at high prices, in the sale for export. The war has had some effect upon the export trade, and according to experienced buyers, the shippers will necessarily depend to a great extent upon the New York market for the disposal of the Polk county crop. In spite of the market conditions and the less-than-average crop that has been harvested the last two seasons, there is no noticeable decrease in the usual prune acreage each year. Just as many new trees are being put out, and just as much interest is taken in the industry by the growers. The greatest demand is for prunes for fancy packing and the J. K. Armsby plant is shipping many carloads of this fine fruit each week to eastern markets.

#### ARRESTED FOR RESISTANCE.

##### Warden Bremmer Has Interesting Session With Pheasant Hunter.

After paying a fine of \$50 and court costs William F. Breitzkie has decided that the high cost of living is materially increased by offering resistance to a game warden, on Thursday evening when Warden Roy Bremmer asked the gentleman to permit an inspection of his very weighty and suspicious looking game bag Breitzkie refused and turned his gun dangerously close to the pit of a certain unarmed warden's stomach. Bremmer then asked to see the hunter's license and when Breitzkie refused this the warden warned him that he was treading on dangerous ground, and left him. On Friday about the time Bremmer was swearing to a complaint against the man, he appeared and gave himself up to the authorities, having been told by friends the penalty that he was liable to. Breitzkie pleaded guilty before Justice Holman, who fined him \$50 and an additional \$3 for court costs. The hunter also forfeited his license.

#### REAL LOGANBERRIES.

##### College Authorities Explode Burbank Statement.

That the famous loganberry juice as produced in Oregon is made from the loganberry and not from the phenomenal berry, is the declaration of Professor C. I. Lewis, chief of the Agricultural College Department of Horticulture. This declaration is substantiated by the men chiefly instrumental in propagating the loganberry and the phenomenal berry in this state.

It has been widely reported that Lathur Burbank, the originator of the phenomenal berry, has said that the Oregon berry grown and marketed as the loganberry is not the loganberry at all, but is the phenomenal. He is further reported to have said that the real loganberry is a greatly inferior berry, being small and of little account, and that in some manner the phenomenal became known as the loganberry.

#### M'LEAN ASKS FOR DIVORCE.

##### Willful Desertion Alleged in Complaint Filed by Husband.

In spite of the great attention and kindness he displayed toward his wife, the lady left his home and board and moved to California, according to a divorce complaint filed on Friday afternoon by Joseph A. McLean, a resident of this county, against his wife, Mildred H. McLean. The two were married in the state of Washington August 18, 1911, and have no children or property. Life was happy in the McLean household until a year ago, when the spouse willfully deserted for no apparent reason, and moved to California, where she has lived in the meantime. Ivan G. Martin and Carey F. Martin of Salem are attorneys for Mr. McLean.

#### Salem to Have Market Day.

The Salem Commercial club has appointed a committee to make plans for a farmer's market and sales day. The Dallas Commercial club did the same thing about a month ago, after plans had already been practically worked out by F. E. Davis. "But," say those who have followed the fiddling of the local committee, "Salem will probably hold its first market day a month before the Dallas organization finds out what it wants to do."

### QUARRY TO BE OPENED

#### DEPOSITS NEAR BRIDGEPORT WILL EMPLOY MANY.

##### Oswego-Portland Cement Company Crew Laying Track to Property. Operation to Start at Once.

That work will be started within the next few days on the property of the Oswego-Portland cement company is a welcome announcement to the many in Dallas and other parts of the county, who are interested in this important industry. Within the past week stakes have been set for the railroad spur from Bridgeport to the company's property about 4 miles southwest of town and at the present time teams are engaged in hauling ties to the right of way. The grade for the road bed was built about three years ago and approximately a mile of track was laid at that time. But operations were suspended pending the reorganization of the company, and from the manner in which the company is again taking up the work it is evident that it means business. The survey of the property and establishment of lines was made by S. B. Taylor and his crew and it is expected that before the week is ended the company will have a large crew at work laying tracks.

According to the word received here the company contemplates development of its limestone deposits as soon as the trackage is completed. It is said that under the extensive scale which development is proposed that about 75 men will be employed at the quarry as soon as it is opened. President Aman Moore said, at the time a reasonable railroad rate was promised between Dallas and the plant at Oswego, that development would not be delayed. But the track laying crew went quietly to work and had made much progress before the fact that it was at work was discovered. All possible haste will be made to get the track laid, and according to plans before Justice Holman yesterday morning, and was sentenced to fifty days in jail, or the alternative of paying a fine of \$100.

The new road, together with the other portions that are being built, will be called the Oswego, Dallas & Roseburg railroad, a subsidiary of the Portland Cement company. Aman Moore of the cement company, said Saturday night that four miles of track would be built at Roseburg, three and a half at Dallas and two and a half at the Oswego plant. The company owns limestone quarries at Roseburg and Dallas and the road now being laid by the Oswego, Dallas & Roseburg company will connect the property with the Southern Pacific. Work on the track at Oswego has begun and will be completed within 60 days, Mr. Moore said. The company is now being reincorporated and Mr. Moore refused to predict when its Oswego plant would be opened.

#### JOHNSON HEARS THE LAW.

##### Too Many Pheasants Hens Are Expensive for Independence Man.

Too many hens of the pheasant species cost E. M. Johnson of the firm of Fluke & Johnson, Independence grocers, \$25 in the justice court on Saturday when he pleaded guilty by wire to a charge of killing more than the legal limit of female birds. Warden Roy Bremmer placed Johnson under arrest and he did not appear for a hearing. He mailed his check, covering the fine, to Justice Holman, Warden Bremmer confiscated Johnson's game, bag and hunting license and remarked that there will be one addition to the rapidly growing list of law abiders for the remainder of the year.

#### Teachers Will Read.

A more complete reading circle course for teachers of Oregon, compiled by J. A. Churehill, superintendent of public instruction, was issued late last week and is being sent to law provides that every teacher must read at least one book a year pertaining to the profession of teaching and that the books must be selected by the superintendent of public instruction. The reading this year will be done under the supervision of the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college.

#### Naturalist Burned Out.

Father George Schoener of Brooks, the "Luther Burbank of Oregon," is penniless and homeless as the result of a fire which destroyed his house and the church Saturday night. Practically all the results of his five years of experimentation and labor on breeding of new varieties of flowers and fruits were wiped out in the fire, for his best experimental gardens were close to the house and the church.

#### Rob J. C. Penney Company.

Word has been received by the management of the Golden Rule store here that the J. C. Penney company's establishment at Dayton, Wash., was robbed on Thursday night. Elmer Cantrell of Dayton, held on a charge of robbing the Walls Walls store, is suspected of the latest robbery.

### POULLAS SELLS LIQUOR

#### SHERIFF ORR CATCHES ALIEN AT BOOTLEGGING.

##### Transient Commits Two Crimes in One Day—Will Spend Fifty Days in Sheriff Orr's Hotel.

"You're a sweet-scented scoundrel," cried Sheriff Orr, as he quietly stepped from nowhere, in the vicinity of the high school building, on Saturday night and collared William Poullas, as he was taking a dollar from a bottle of whiskey from a customer. The sheriff had arrested the man earlier in the day for stealing a pair of gloves from an employe of the Sunrise hotel, and he was fined \$7.50 for that offense. Poullas is a Greek or Italian, and had only been in the city a few days. He will remain here for fifty days, however, as a special guest of Sheriff Orr, as a result of the sentence imposed upon him on Monday morning by Justice Holman, who asked for a fine of \$100 or fifty days in jail. The culprit accepted the jail.

Poullas was soliciting on the street Saturday evening and attracted the sheriff's attention when he stopped two men and plied his trade with them. The men parted company with Poullas and went toward the high school building with the sheriff following closely. Soon the bootlegger appeared and transferred a pint bottle of whiskey into the keeping of his patron, taking therefor a silver dollar. No sooner than he had the money safely in his hand when Sheriff Orr nabbed him. So sudden was the shock that Poullas dropped his money, and in reply to the sheriff's exclamation said, "Yes, I guess I am." When he was lodged in jail Poullas was searched and his pockets yielded seven pint bottles of the fiery liquid. It is the belief that the bootlegger disposed of a great quantity of the stuff before he was arrested. Poullas pleaded guilty to the charge against him when he was arraigned before Justice Holman yesterday morning, and was sentenced to fifty days in jail, or the alternative of paying a fine of \$100.

#### A REAL GYPSY WEDDING.

##### Band Near Independence Holds Gay Nuptial Ceremony.

What was perhaps the first gypsy wedding ceremony ever celebrated in Polk county was an event of last week at Independence. The "ceremony" started on Tuesday morning and concluded on Wednesday evening with a great burst of speed, characterized as a Gypsy high jinx. The principals in the interesting affair, about fifty in number, were camped at the state fair grounds during the time of the fair, but fire water, dear to the Gypsy heart, was too scarce in that vicinity, so the tribe moved its belongings to Independence and pitched a colony of tents. The Salem band attended the ceremony, receiving good American coin for its services. The band music was a feature of the opening of the ceremony on Tuesday morning and on the following morning the band played for a dance given by the party. The dusky couple which was ceremoniously united, decked out in the most gaudy colors in silk and satins and were ornamented with cheap jewelry. The king of the Gypsy band "officiated" at the ceremony.

#### SOEHEHN AND GWINN PAY.

##### For Shooting From Public Highway Citizens Are Held.

W. L. Soehren and Everett Gwinn made up a purse on Saturday to contribute to the large fund that is being gathered from game law violators. Soehren and Gwinn were guests of a third party and were riding along the highway when the host spied a pretty pheasant. He missed the bird, but the game warden got the number of Soehren's car and swore out a complaint against him on Saturday. Neither Soehren or Gwinn were responsible for the shooting, they say, but rather than divulge the name of their host they contributed equal shares to the fine of \$25 and costs that was assessed against them by Justice Holman.

#### Lad Looses Fingers.

When a dynamite cap which he was carrying in his pocket exploded, Chauncey Davis, a Falls City youngster, suffered the loss of a thumb and index finger. The accident occurred on Tuesday and Dr. Hellworth of Falls City hurried the lad to the Dallas hospital, where Dr. Starbuck assisted in amputating the mangled digits.

#### Filberts Important Crop.

One of the industries of the county that is of constantly increasing importance is the growing of filbert nuts. At the county fair this year there were a number of fine samples of the nuts displayed. Children took a great interest, too, in exhibiting the nuts from trees that they had cared for. Many plots near Monmouth have been planted to filberts and the yield of the

present year was very good. The quality of the nuts grown in that section is exceptional. Some of the nuts are almost the size of a walnut. It is a fact that there are but few bearing filbert orchards at present, but many are planted and when they come into bearing within the next year or so the filbert industry will be an important one in this county.

#### FATHER FORCES MARRIAGE.

##### Elopers Found at Vancouver and Parent Witnesses Union of Couple.

There was no prosecution in the case of Edwin Johnson, 25, and 15-year-old Ruth Thompson, the couple that eloped from Blodgett last Sunday. The irate father of the young girl followed the pair to Vancouver where Johnson had been held by the civil authorities on a charge of abduction. Instead, Mr. Thompson took the couple before Judge R. H. Back and witnessed their marriage in the Vancouver courthouse on Thursday. The couple eloped from Blodgett last Sunday, going to Roseburg, where they attempted to secure a license and Tuesday evening they returned to Vancouver. On Wednesday when they appeared at the courthouse to take out a marriage license, notice had reached the sheriff's office and the pair was arrested and held until Thursday, awaiting the arrival of Miss Thompson's father and the sheriff of Benton county. Upon the arrival of Mr. Thompson the pair was turned over to the sheriff and the father marched them upstairs to the judge's chambers, where they were quietly married.

#### HELD TO THE GRAND JURY.

##### Charles Stinnett Will Be Tried on Serious Charge.

Charles E. Stinnett, a farmer living near town, was indicted by the grand jury yesterday on two counts, assault with a dangerous weapon and threat to commit a felony by shooting his wife. At a hearing before Judge Belt, Stinnett pleaded not guilty to both charges. The man is elderly and is the father of a well-known and reputable family. Several outbursts are said to have recently occurred in his household. In the rampage on Sunday Stinnett is reported to have attacked his wife with a pistol and threatened her life. He alarmed members of the family and they appealed for assistance, with the result that the case was brought to the attention of the grand jury.

It is a common belief that the man is mentally unbalanced. The circuit court will convene again tomorrow and after disposing of a damage case, will hear Stinnett's case.

#### YOUNGSTER HAS CLOSE ESCAPE.

##### Son of James Braden Standing Near Window Where Rifle Bullet Hit.

A reckless hunter barely escaped injuring, or probably killing the little son of Mr. and Mrs. James Braden on Sunday when a carelessly aimed bullet hit a window casing of their home, not more than an inch from where the lad was standing. The bullet from a high powered 22 rifle imbedded itself in the window casing at least two inches, and the boy was standing near the window, inside the house. Had the bullet gone an inch closer it would have shattered the glass and hit the boy somewhere near the waist line, with probable fatal result. The source of the shot was not determined.

#### CIRCUIT COURT TOMORROW.

##### Today Being Non-Judicial Jury is Dismissed Until Wednesday.

The circuit court session which was announced for Monday will not meet until tomorrow, today, Columbus' birthday, being a non-judicial day. After the session on Thursday jurors were dismissed until one o'clock Monday, and when they assembled at that time the grand jury indicted one man, and all adjourned until tomorrow. The next case on the docket, that of Joe Fritz vs. the Southern Pacific company, will probably require an unusual amount of time, and could not have been disposed of on Monday. As soon as the Fritz case is settled the judge will hear the case of Charles E. Stinnett, indicted on Monday on two counts.

#### Falls City in Darkness.

The water is lower in the Little Lackiamute than for many years, and as a consequence that city is practically in darkness, an insufficient quantity being available to operate the electric lighting plant. Mr. Claud Ellison, who recently became the sole owner of the system, hopes by next season to have made improvements to the plant that will insure lights even though the water be low, but at present he is helpless and devotes the greater part of his time to listening to complaints and in praying for rain.

#### Allege Wages Unpaid.

Alleging that \$102.58 is due them for labor claimed to have been performed by the defendant between September 1 and November 1, 1914, David White and Ida White filed suit in circuit court of Marion county against Fred Gooch. They allege the amount originally due to have been \$157.19, but that \$54.61 has been paid.

### FALLS CITY IS JUBILANT

#### REPORTED THAT COBB & MITCHELL TAKE OVER MILL.

##### Logging Railway Will Be Extended Into Extensive Timber Holdings of New Owners.

It is reported from Falls City, on what seems good authority, that within the ensuing ten days a corps of engineers will commence surveying for a railroad into the Siletz basin from that point, or rather from the terminus of the present logging road operated in connection with the lumbering business of the defunct Falls City Lumber company. It is said that Cobb & Mitchell of Portland, who have extensive timber holdings in the territory to be tapped by the proposed railroad, will soon come into possession of the manufacturing plant in the city by the falls, and will conduct the same on a large scale, receiving logs at the mill from the basin over the extension. The people of Falls City are jubilant over the prospects of this new undertaking and the resumption of operations at its only industrial institution, and adhere to the belief that under the management of Cobb & Mitchell the mill will run continuously for years to come, providing employment for more workmen than heretofore in both plant and woods.

The railroad, constructed by the Falls City Lumber company, now has its terminus near the summit of the Coast range mountains, and its extension into the Siletz basin, and its extension there, may be accomplished without difficulty. Following the surveying as closely as possible will be a crew of right-of-way men, who will probably remove the timber along the route during the winter that grading may be inaugurated as early as weather will permit. The exact distance from the terminus of the present road to the timber of Cobb & Mitchell is not known, but it is estimated that at least ten miles of railroad will be built.

#### DEPUTIES JOIN SEARCH.

##### Pat Murphy and Independence Force Look for Peculiar Thief.

One of the deputy sheriffs at Independence received a call from Falls City last week requesting him to apprehend E. Bruce, who had stolen a shotgun and other things from the cabin of "Gypsy" Joe in the Siletz basin, and a merry time was started in both cities. At Independence the several deputies kept watchful eyes wide open for a light complexioned, bald headed, grey moustached and blue-eyed nervous man about five feet, eight inches tall, who was heading toward Albany, and when spoken to would wheel round suddenly, and walked with a hobbling gait. All this information was given over the phone by a stranger, who also told his story to Pat Murphy, Falls City marshal. The search was concluded, however, late in the evening when Pat saw his informant in the last stages of a beautiful reunion with Falls City intoxicants.

#### Many New Silos at Monmouth.

Much activity in building silos within the past two weeks is reported from the farms in the vicinity of Monmouth. Especially within the past week has there been a rapid increase in the number of silos to be found. It is said that fifteen first-class structures were erected in that time. Where farmers had but one silo there are now two and in more than one case, three. This is attributed to the rapid increase in size of dairy herds in the district. The new feed store houses are now being filled, and it is expected that the farmers will find a shortage of corn for the purpose. That district hasn't sufficient corn to fill all the new structures and their builders did not take this shortage into consideration when they hurried the completion of the new silos.

#### Pat Investigates Scare.

Pat Murphy, good Irish marshal of Falls City, investigated a burglar scare at the home of Lloyd Ellis late last week and is now undecided as to whether he got into a burglarized or a haunted house. Mrs. Ellis and Velma Miller were in the house when they heard footsteps on the stairs. They speedily deserted the house and called the marshal from the home of Mrs. Mary Miller. Murphy searched the premises carefully, found nothing missing and everything in proper order. If there were thieves in the house they retreated before the object of their visit was completed. Mr. Ellis was out hunting when the incident occurred.

#### Fined By Proxy.

For shooting from a public highway, C. O. Johnson of Salem was fined \$25 in the justice court on Friday. Johnson sent his attorney, S. T. Richardson, from Salem to enter a plea of guilty. He was placed under arrest on Thursday evening by Deputy Warden Roy Bremmer.