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SALEM BRIDGE CLOSED

INTER-COUNTY STRUCTURE IS DANGEROUS TO TRAVEL.

Polk Being Financially Unable to Bear Its Portion of Burden, Ferry Will Carry Traffic.

As a result of the conference here on Saturday between the county courts of Marion and Polk counties the inter-county bridge was closed to traffic on Sunday morning. A free public ferry will be established and will take the place of the bridge for some time to come, as the outcome of the conference revealed the fact that the present condition of Polk county finances will not permit the court to expend its share in the erection of a new steel span. Law requires that this county pay one-third of the total cost of construction and another law requires that taxes cannot be increased more than 6 per cent over either of the preceding years, and such an increase in the tax levy in this country would not create a sufficient amount to pay the county's share of the new bridge. Another bridge, therefore, will probably not be built for several years. Salem, which owns one-third share in the present bridge has been deprived by law of the right to assist the counties in the erection of another.

The closing of the bridge is the direct result of the report rendered to Judge Teal last week by the state engineer's office. The judge and Polk county commissioners do not care to be morally and legally liable for the great catastrophe that might occur should traffic continue over the unsafe structure and the only thing for them to do was to order it closed. Judge Teal expressed the opinion that the bridge could be kept open under strict traffic regulations, but the commissioners and the Marion county court voted to close it to passage. Judge Teal, Commissioners Wells and Beckett of Polk county, Max Gehlhar and Frank Gibson of the citizens joint committee of Polk and Marion counties and Councilman Cook and Hodelson of Salem, County Judge Busby and Commissioners Goulet and Beekwith attended the joint conference here on Saturday.

It is Judge Teal's opinion, and he so expressed himself when he voted against the proposition of closing the bridge to traffic, that the span is not in the condition that the advocates of the new bridge have made themselves believe it is. The span was built 25 years ago to carry a load of 1800 pounds to the foot and it was said at that time that it would take at least four times that weight to overstrain the bridge. In his report Engineer Holmes said that it had decreased from 5 to 20 per cent. At a maximum decrease of 25 per cent the bridge should still be able to hold safely a weight of 1350 pounds to the foot. During state fair week the greatest weights and the heaviest traffic that ever crossed the inter-county bridge used the structure. It is freely admitted by all, including Judge Teal, that the bridge has practically outlived its usefulness and that it is decidedly out of date, but in view of the present state of financial affairs in Polk county some can hardly see where practically \$84,000, or Polk county's third of the cost of a new bridge, is to come from. It has been suggested that \$50,000 be taken from the road budget and applied to the cost of the bridge and the remainder raised under the Bingham law, providing a maximum taxation, over either of the two previous years, of six per cent. But that would stop road improvement work in this county, and roads are perhaps more necessary and valuable to the taxpayers of the county than the bridge is at this time. Judge Teal is favorable to the erection of a new bridge and is anxious to see the work started, but he has not yet figured how it can be done for a year or two at least. In the meantime he believes the present bridge would answer its purpose under strict traffic regulations, if it is really in the condition represented.

COUNTIES ASK ROAD AID.

Commission Withholds Decision on Policy in Yamhill and Tillamook.

Two more counties were added to the list of applicants seeking state aid for road improvement on Saturday, when representatives from Tillamook and Yamhill counties appeared before the State Highway commission to plead for funds. The delegation asked the commission to appropriate \$20,000 to help in rooking the Sour Grass road in Yamhill and Tillamook counties. The road leads over the mountains to the coast and formerly was a toll road. The commission was unable to give any definite promises, but advised the visitors that if possible money will be allotted for the road.

Wood-Cutters Busy.

A considerable amount of wood is being cut in the hills surrounding Airlie. The supply last year was inadequate and an attempt is made to ent

away a larger portion on the lands where the crops may soon replace the timber to advantage. Ash is scarce there, and the price has risen above \$5 a cord. Oak brings commonly \$4 a cord, but the price will rise 50 cents soon, it is said. During the times when employment on the farms and in Polk county towns is low, the energies of the hands are directed to cutting a large supply of wood.

REPORT BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Dr. Roberg Appoints Registrars of Vital Statistics.

Registrars of vital statistics appointed in Polk county last week by State Health Officer Dr. David N. Roberg, are E. Ennes, Perrydale, McCoy, Salt Creek, Salt Lake and Jackson; R. Osburn, Buell and Douglas; Dr. B. H. McCallon, Dallas precincts 1 to 9, inclusive, West Salem, Brush College, Eola, Spring Valley and Riekrell; Dr. F. M. Hellwarth, Falls City, Bridgeport and Black Rock; C. V. Johnson, Airlie, Suver, Luckiamute and Pedee; Dr. O. D. Butler, Independence, Monmouth and Buena Vista. All births and deaths must be reported to district registrar by some member of the family affected, say instructions sent out by Dr. Roberg.

Marking West Side Highway.

Attractive and durable road signs are being installed by G. S. Wright, president of the McMinnville Automobile club, on all road crossings along the portion of the west side highway passing through Yamhill county. The signs are 15 inches square, and are red with white lettering. They were furnished by the Yamhill county court and complete the placing of the west side highway in an ideal condition.

MUTES LOSE TO DALLAS

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM SCORES 19-0 AGAINST VISITORS.

Game Shows Many Weak Places That Will Be Built Up For Meeting With McMinnville.

In a slow and uneventful game the Dallas high school football team on Saturday hung up another victory to its credit when it defeated the heavier team of the state mite school by a score of 19 to 0. The teams were hampered by the soggy condition of the field which made speed impossible, but the Dallas boys had a good chance to display their superiority. Baldersee was the particular star of the day, all three touchdowns being scored to his credit, in addition to the goal that was kicked. The crowd was only fair, due probably to the heavy rain showers that preceded the game, and financially the game came out just about even. It is the common opinion that the local boys should have made a greater score, but they did not extend themselves too much. The officials incurred the criticism of the crowd and many of the players when they gave the mutes the short end of several decisions. The first half was all in favor of the Dallas players, but the visitors made good progress in the second session and held the home team without a score. The field being so wet several plays mapped out by Coach Rudder could not be effectively executed and the slipperiness of the ball made fumbling a feature of the game. The boys are not taking their victory very seriously, although they opposed a heavier team and had to extend themselves more than once to make yardage, in fact losing yard after yard repeatedly, and expect to put in many strenuous hours this week in preparation for the game with McMinnville high school team next Saturday on the college field. The McMinnville team is fast, according to reports, and have had a good early season record. At Corvallis last Saturday they held the speedy team of that high school to a small score, and all this has been carefully observed by the local players, who will probably put up their best brand of gridiron battle for the meeting Saturday.

SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED.

Monmouth and Independence Railroad Still Considering Electrification.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Independence newspapers made denial at the time of the proposed electrification of the Monmouth and Independence railroad, better known as Joe Hirschberg's road, preparations are still making to that end. The latest move on the part of the management is the furnishing to builders of cars with specifications for the rolling stock contemplated for use under the new order of things in order that a true estimate of the necessary expense in connection with the change of motive power may be had. It is, therefore, probable, as stated by The Observer some weeks ago, that the railroad in question will be electrified during the coming year. At least indications point in that direction.

Mrs. Arthur Goode and small son, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Morrison, have returned to their home at Salem.

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

EVANGELIST TAYLOR PREACHING TELLING SERMONS.

Spacious Armory Building Taxed to Its Capacity to Accommodate Growing Audiences.

The Taylor revival in the armory is growing in proportions with leaps and bounds. Sunday was a day long to be remembered by the church-going people of Dallas. Following the Sunday schools in the various churches, the converts thus far, who had indicated their church preferences, had been examined and received as members of the churches of their choice. Evangelist Taylor preached in the Presbyterian church to a full house, and all the other churches report a record attendance. In the afternoon at 2:30, a mass meeting was held in the armory, when the evangelist gave a strong address on the "White Slave Traffic." In that address he gave detailed accounts of specific cases illustrating the shameless traffic, pointing out the secret and devilish methods used by procurers and panders to lure innocent young girls away from their homes to be sold like cattle. The magnitude of the nefarious system as described by the evangelist is something alarming. A timely warning was sounded to fathers and mothers permitting their girls to go to the large cities looking for work. The exposures brought to light by the brilliant United States district attorney of Chicago, Edwin W. Sims, through the combined testimony of over two hundred girls, was cited to substantiate the awful horror attending this hideous monster, the white slave traffic.

In the evening at 7:30, the armory was taxed to the limit to accommodate the audience. The evangelist was at his best. The theme was "A Friend at the Door." The sermon produced a profound impression. Scores of people were under a visible conviction. When the invitation was given, nine young people stepped to the front and gave their hand to the evangelist and their hearts to the Saviour. The evidence of a significant and genuine revival is manifested in the way the people seem loath to return to their homes when the meeting is over, but tarry behind to converse with the personal workers, and greet the evangelist and pastors. The Rev. Herbert McConnell, who has recently been called to the pastorate of the Christian church, was introduced and made a few brief remarks, testifying to the great good that came from the revival held in Woodburn six years ago, where he participated with Evangelist Taylor in a tabernacle campaign. This week, Mrs. Carrie Taylor, wife of the evangelist, joins husband and son in the work in this city. She is a earnest soloist, and a skilled personal worker. Great interest and visible results are naturally to be expected from these additions to the evangelistic force. Gospel meetings every night this week, and cottage prayer services throughout the city every afternoon, will feature the religious life of the people of Dallas until the end of the month. The great chorus of nearly one hundred voices, with an orchestra of seven pieces, every night, together with the gospel solos of Paul Taylor, whose singing has never been surpassed in this city in its quality and execution, will surely draw to the armory every night this week record-breaking audiences.

FAIR BOARD OFFICERS

W. L. SOEHRN ELECTED PRESIDENT FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Mrs. Winnie Braden Succeeds Herself as Secretary—Those Composing the Directory.

The first meeting of the new county fair board was held at the Commercial club office on Saturday, and W. L. Soehren was elected president. Other officers are C. C. Gardner, vice-president; Mrs. Winnie Braden, secretary; Eugene Hayter, treasurer. The remaining members of the board, and those who act as directors of the organization's activities during the year are P. O. Powell of Monmouth, Ralph Savery of Salt Creek, John Simpkins of Spring Valley, I. L. Patterson of Eola, A. B. Muir of Dallas and J. G. McIntosh of Independence. The only business of moment transacted by the board in addition to the election of officers was the formal acknowledgment of the Commercial club's request for the use of the clock that was one of the trophies awarded to Polk county at the state fair this year. The clock was the gift of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad company and will hereafter be an ornament in the club office. Another meeting of the board will be called by President Soehren in the near future to hear reports of outstanding committees.

NEW RATES EFFECTIVE

BLANKET TARIFF ON LUMBER FOR VALLEY MILLS.

Willamette Millmen Afforded Opportunity to Compete With Portland for California Business.

A revised railroad rate on lumber from Portland and Willamette valley points to interior California went into effect on Friday and a great cry was raised by Portland mill owners that the rates were discriminatory against them. A formal objection was filed immediately with the Interstate Commerce commission and an examiner for that body will conduct a hearing in the case at Portland on November 18.

Under the new tariff the Willamette Valley mills are blanketed. All take the same rate to the affected California territory, 17½ cents per 100 pounds. The tariff is a direct outgrowth of a policy established by the Southern Pacific several years ago of giving the mills along their lines in the valley an opportunity of competing with the Portland mills for San Francisco business. The Portland mills had the advantage of water transportation; the valley mills did not. So the rates were adjusted so that the valley mills could enter San Francisco by rail on a parity with the Portland mills, which entered by water. The Interstate Commerce commission upheld the railroad in this system of rate making.

Now the Southern Pacific has established new rates to points in California not served by water—Stockton, Marysville, Chico, Sacramento and a few other places, basing the rate of 17½ cents to those points on the old rate of 15½ cents to San Francisco. The difference of 2 cents represents the back haul charge from San Francisco. The rate from Portland to these same points is 21½ cents. On this the Portland mills are basing their complaint. The valley mills contend that they are given no unfair advantage in the new tariff and an explanation of their position will be made by a committee of valley lumber dealers at the November hearing. The valley manufacturers have a strong case and an able representation will argue the proposition before the commission.

Reception to Teacher.

The parents of the children in the Mistletoe school gave a reception to the teacher, Miss Mary Padden, last Friday evening and later organized a Parent-Teacher association. The following officers were elected: Mrs. I. L. Bursell, chairman; Mrs. Cephas Nelson, vice-chairman and Mrs. F. K. Hull, secretary-treasurer. H. H. Parson, county school supervisor, and Mrs. Parson, were present. Mr. Parson gave an outline of the work being done in other schools by Parent-Teacher associations. The Mistletoe school won first prize in its class at the county fair, as well as two of the seven blue ribbons awarded the county at the state fair.

Polk County Prunes on Exhibit.

The J. K. Armsby company shipped 15 boxes of select Polk county prunes to Portland last week to be displayed in the Polk county booth at the Manufacturers' and Land Products show. Mrs. Braden is now at Portland and saw to it that the fruit that made the county famous was incorporated in the display.

HE'S VERY MUCH ALIVE

AMITY RANCHER, SUPPOSED SUICIDE, SHOWS UP.

Friends Seeking Flowers for Funeral Are Requested by "Deceased" to Make It Cigars.

Identified as a suicide by friends, relatives and employer and arrangements made for his burial, L. W. Chick suddenly appeared on the scene at the morgue in Portland and issued a strong reprimand to those who so carelessly caused trouble and worry to his mother and his sweetheart. Chick owns a ranch near Amity, and is known to many persons in Dallas and Polk county. While visiting there last week a young man hung himself from a rafter in a comfort station in one of the Portland parks. Immediately a crowd of Chick's acquaintances appeared and readily identified the dead man as L. W. Chick. The authorities wired for his mother in California and for his sweetheart, Miss Florence Alexander, in Spokane. It was not until the latter arrived at Portland that there was any doubt as to the identity of the dead man. "I just can't believe it is he," said Miss Alexander, and within a very short time thereafter Chick walked in and demanded an explanation. The live dead man saw an account of his death in a Portland paper as he sat at the dinner table at his

Amity ranch. After the terror of the situation had entirely seeped in the young man made hurried tracks toward Portland. First he sent a telegram to the Multnomah county coroner.

"Even when I did get word to him he thought that I was 'kidding' him and at first refused to believe what I said," Chick explains. "I then told him to notify all my friends and relatives that I was safe, but evidently a misunderstanding arose on that score, for Miss Alexander did not know that I was still alive until I reached Portland and called her by telephone. However, I got word to my mother and she knew before she got to Portland that I was still alive and that there had been a mistake. I got back from Amity Friday and met Miss Alexander as soon as I was able to see her."

Saturday morning Miss Alexander and Mr. Chick both went to the train to meet Mr. Chick's mother and when the train arrived the reunion was complete. While waiting for the Southern Pacific to arrive, Mr. Chick went up Sixth street for a block or two and met his employer, Louis B. Marks, a novelty manufacturer, talking with friends of Chick's. They were discussing the sort of flowers that would be best to adorn the grave of their late companion. Chick's advent swept them off their feet and they stanced each other in amazement. When Chick told them that he would just as soon have cigars as flowers they revived and asked how it all happened. Mr. Chick is at a loss to account for the fact that he was mistaken for the dead man, for he went to the morgue himself and said that there were few points of similarity that he could discover.

LIFE'S SUNDOWN TRAIL

FORMER DALLAS PASTOR, AGED 83, STILL SERVES HIS GOD.

Pioneer Minister Spends Declining Years at Patton Home—Rev. Molloy is Civil War Veteran.

The Rev. W. L. Molloy, who was pastor of the Dallas Methodist Episcopal church some years ago, is now living at the Patton home in Portland. The Rev. Mr. Molloy is a pioneer in the ministry, having served in the pulpit for 61 years. In that time, according to a story that appeared recently in a Portland newspaper, he has built 12 churches, has lived and preached in 13 different states and served two and one-half years in the civil war. The old gentleman is now superannuated and is enjoying the peace and quietness of the old folks' home while he treads the sundown trail of life, carrying with him the knowledge that he has done a man's work faithfully and well throughout these many years.

Mr. Molloy was born in Kentucky, September 26, 1832, and is now 83 years old. He entered the ministry in the Methodist Church South in 1855, when he was 22 years old. When the war broke out he joined the union army and served two years. Entering the ministry again he found that he was considered a Yankee and at that time did not feel at home in the Methodist Church South, so became a Methodist Episcopal minister. Before he entered the civil war he was a missionary to the Cherokee Indians. He spent many years preaching in various states of the south and middle west and was transferred to Oregon in 1887, from Nashville, Tenn. In Oregon he has preached in the following towns: Dallas, McMinnville, Oregon City, Brownsville and Lebanon.

Sixteen years ago he was retired from the ministry and lived in Portland until his wife died three years ago. Since that time he has lived at the Patton home. He says there was one period of his ministry which he always will remember. He was a presiding elder in Texas for 15 years after the civil war. "That was a tough job" is the way he puts it. He says he can still preach and although he has no church he preaches wherever he meets any one whom he thinks needs religion. "I won't be retired in the eyes of God until He comes down with a chariot and takes me away," he said.

OREGON DAY AT FAIR.

Governor Withycombe to Participate in the Ceremonies.

The celebration of Oregon day at the exposition next Saturday will be participated in by Governor James Withycombe. The governor will be entertained at a luncheon by President Moore and will be guest of honor at a reception and dance held by the Oregon commission in the evening. The formal ceremonies of Oregon day will be held in front of the Oregon state building at 3 o'clock. An informal reception will follow at which apples, loganberry juice, cheese sandwiches and prunes will be given away. The Dallas Commercial club has been asked those who contemplate visiting the fair from Polk county to make an effort to be present on this occasion.

ACCIDENTS ARE MANY

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE COMMISSION ISSUED.

Of 4475 Accidents Reported to State Industrial Accident Commission in First Year 71 Are Fatal.

A total of 4,475 accidents were reported to the State Industrial Accident commission in the year ending June 30, 1915, and are covered in the first annual report of the commission just issued by Commissioners W. A. Marshall, Harvey Beckwith and Carl Abrams. Only 71 of this large number of accidents resulted fatally or slightly more than one and one-half per cent of the total. Of the non-fatal cases many were very minor injuries and did not require an expenditure by the commission, while others, also slight, required the payment of first aid costs. Some expenditure was required on 3,669 cases, making altogether \$365,285.21. Of this amount \$81,865.79 was for first aid measures. Fatal accidents are most expensive for the commission as burial costs must usually be paid in addition to a pension which is set aside for dependents. The percentage of fatal accidents to each 100 full-time workmen is 2.86, and the percentage of permanent disability to the same number of full-time workers is .05. Temporary disabilities to each 1,000 full-time workers is 124.85.

The average cost in reserves for pensions in fatal cases where dependents survive is \$4,897.31. The amount to be paid in pensions from these reserves in the average case is approximately \$8,325.00, based on the expectancy of lives. This amount exceeds the maximum amounts allowed in the majority of states. The theory of the Oregon law is that compensation should be made by monthly payment. For the injuries which more seriously cripple and handicap the workman, such as the loss of a foot or an arm, compensation is restricted to payment in monthly installments. For permanent partial disabilities, caused by the loss of fingers, toes, or an eye, the workman has, however, the option of taking the sum awarded in installments of \$25.00 per month or a single payment of an amount somewhat less than the total of the installment payments. Of those exercising this option during the year, 66 per cent chose to take payment in a lump sum. The experience of the first twelve months has shown that the provisions of the law applying to injuries of this character are not generally understood.

Of vital importance to every citizen of the state is the method provided for insuring the deferred monthly payments in event of injury. Some compensation acts place directly upon the employer the obligation to pay compensation to his injured workmen. He is free to insure against this liability or to carry his own risk. If he is a man of limited means, injured workmen or their dependents are left without recourse in the event of his insolvency.

Under the Oregon law the future payments to workmen who are permanently disabled and to dependents in fatal cases are provided for by setting aside in each case a sum which, together with interest earnings estimated at four per cent per annum, will be sufficient to meet deferred payments.

RIDDELL PRAISES GOATS.

Prominent Rancher Has Very Good Luck With Grazers.

William Riddell and sons of Monmouth have had excellent results in Angora goat raising on their large ranches. According to Mr. Riddell the goats will require hay and grain throughout this winter as a result of the prolonged dry weather through the summer, but, all this considered, the goats are profitable as land clearing and as money earners. Most of the bucks raised on the Riddell holdings were shipped to Texas this year, where there is a continued demand for good stock. The kids are an exceptionally healthy lot and Mr. Riddell expects a fine herd next spring. "People will begin to realize generally the need of goats on the ranch," he says, "as one can hardly realize how the brush gains headway without them. To get the best results in clearing brush off land they should be pastured with some other stock, such as sheep or cattle."

Monmouth Parent-Teachers Meet.

A fine musical program including several selections by the high school glee club, featured the first meeting of the Parent-Teacher's association of Monmouth this year. The meeting was held at the high school last Wednesday evening and was largely attended by those who are interested in the plans for the season as proposed by the association.

Hallow'een Party.

There will be a Hallow'een entertainment and box social at the Mistletoe school house on Saturday evening, October 30, when parents, teacher and pupils will join in the merriment.