

TAKE NEW START

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROPOSED BRIDGE UNSATISFACTORY

County Courts of Polk and Marion Discuss Question at Meeting Here on Wednesday.

Because the state highway department did not follow the instructions and desires of the courts of Polk and Marion counties, in preparing detailed specifications for the proposed inter-county bridge, the two courts were held to hold a joint session at the Polk county court house on Wednesday to thresh out the misunderstanding that was created. At a recent meeting of the two courts at Salem...

The highway department overstepped itself and prepared specifications for a steel span whose load was far beyond all reasonable bounds, thus sending the limit of \$50,000 up to approximately \$220,000, the same or more than the cost of a concrete bridge. Economy has been the keynote of the ambitions of the two courts, and when the specifications were submitted by the highway department it was apparent that a serious mistake had been made. The engineers made a bridge capable of holding a greater excessive load. There was to be a load capacity of 80 tons to the foot panel, in addition to a live load of 100 pounds to the square foot. In excess of anything that has been constructed outside of Portland, a heavier span than railroad bridges. The requirements as outlined in specifications for a steel span would bring the cost of such a structure to nearly the same as that of concrete, when it was intended that the cost would be kept within \$150,000. The Polk county court strongly voiced its objections to the specifications at the meeting here on Wednesday, and the Marion county court showed its displeasure. It is, therefore, more than probable that on competitive plans are opened at once on December 24 all will be ready, and the entire accomplishment will back up and take a new start. It is proposed by the two courts to receive from the highway department just exactly what they need for a steel bridge to cost not more than \$150,000, and the cost for a concrete span to cost not more than \$250,000. So specific were the specifications as prepared that no study was offered to engineers in plan competition, and the best that could be secured. In addition to the members of the courts, most all of whom expressed their dissatisfaction with the method used by the state highway department, the meeting on Wednesday was attended by a number of taxpayers in both counties. There were also present experts and legal advisors.

FORMER DALLAS MAN PASSES.

A. Madison, in Business Here For Years, to be Buried Tomorrow.

A. Madison, formerly prominent as a businessman and lodgeman, at the family home at Independence last evening, the cause of death being tuberculosis. Mr. Madison's death came after a long period of suffering from the dreaded disease. He leaves a widow and a son, Harry Madison. As a businessman in Dallas, Mr. Madison made a host of friends, many of whom will attend the funeral to be held at Independence tomorrow. The funeral services will be conducted by the Elks' lodge of which Mr. Madison was a popular member. At the time of his death he was 47 years old. R. Chapman of Dallas has charge of arrangements at Independence.

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In the issuing of a sixteen page paper, practically every line of which is printed from the Tuesday issue, the capacity of The Observer's press plant and printery. Presently under the typesetting machine, the most complete regular issue of any paper ever produced in this county. After reading your copy, send it abroad to some friend.

It will give them an idea of Dallas and the county of which it is the seat of justice.

Among the Churches. The Rev. George H. Bennett of the Methodist church has accepted the invitation of the Dallas Masons and will deliver a special sermon at a meeting of that order on the Sunday following Christmas day. Minister Howard McConnell of the Christian church will take "Family Religion" for his morning subject next Sunday. In the evening his theme will be "Raccoon John Smith." The subject of the lesson-sermon at the Christian Science church on Sunday will be "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

HONORED CITIZEN DEAD

ELI T. HENKLE OF INDEPENDENCE PASSES AWAY.

Deceased Had Been Respected Resident of Oregon for More Than Forty Years.

An outstanding character and a good man passed to their final reward at Independence on Tuesday, when Eli T. Henkle died at the age of 69 years. Mr. Henkle, who was justice of the peace for the district in which he resided, was buried on Wednesday afternoon at the K. of P. cemetery south of Monmouth. His was a life of action; he was always a man up and doing. In 1867 he crossed the plains to California, and deserted that sunny state to come to Oregon in 1867. For nearly thirty years of the 48 years he had been in Oregon Mr. Henkle had lived in Polk county, most of the time at Independence. He was born in Lee county, Iowa, in 1846, was a member of the Presbyterian church since he had reached his majority, and was a member of the Odd Fellows' lodge for 45 years. Fraternally he was also associated with the A. O. U. W. and the Fraternal Union. In 1879 he was married and is survived by Mrs. Henkle and one daughter, Emma, who is a teacher in the Corvallis schools. Other relatives to mourn his passing are three sisters, Mrs. W. H. Walker, Mrs. Abram Nelson and Mrs. Mary A. Davis. He leaves four brothers, R. L. Henkle, Amos, James and Abraham Henkle, all living near Philomath in Benton county.

In a strong republican community Mr. Henkle was so popular, that although a loyal democrat, he was elected last year to the office of justice. Within the past year he suffered a broken leg, and in spite of his advanced age he overcame the injury and seemed to mend nicely. His death came as a great shock to many of his hundreds of friends throughout the county.



A PEASANT EFFECT.

A royal blue velvet is used for this peasant gown. The snugly fitted bodice has an apron-like tunic, while the effect is further accentuated by the pockets, which are set like those on a Normandy apron. The short skirt is quite full, and the V shaped neck is finished with a turnover collar lined with white satin.

The Observer, a Twice-a-Week paper, costs no more than a weekly.

UNIQUE CASE IS HEARD

JUDGE BELT RULES AGAINST ACCIDENT COMMISSION.

Parents of H. J. Moore, Accidentally Killed, Shall Receive \$20 Per Month From State.

Judge H. H. Belt, without the usual precedent to follow, handed down a decision in favor of the appellants, William R. Moore and Anna A. Moore, dependent parents of the late H. J. Moore, in their appeal from the award of \$10 a month made by the state industrial accident commission. H. J. Moore was accidentally killed in Polk county some time ago, and his parents being dependent upon his earnings for their livelihood, the accident commission awarded his mother and father a monthly benefit of \$10. This was not nearly the amount contributed to their support by the young man, and the parents appealed from the ruling of the commission. The case was unique in Oregon law, being the first one of its kind presented and no precedent had been established upon which Judge Belt could base his decision.

The account book kept by the young man showed that he had contributed an average of \$40 a month to the support of his parents, and the court accepted the accounts therein as being true statements. Therefore, Judge Belt's decision grants the parental appeal for an increase of the allowance of the commission to \$20 monthly. The general tone of letters sent by the son to his parents discloses that he was a most dutiful young man, and the court expressed itself as not being justified in finding the accounts submitted to be false.

"The record submitted under the stipulation in this case is so meager in many respects that it is difficult to reach a satisfactory conclusion," says the court's decision, "and it would have been much better perhaps from the commission's standpoint, if the court had had an opportunity of seeing the witnesses and hearing them cross-examined in reference to the amount of money actually contributed. After a careful consideration of the authorities cited, and the briefs of counsel, and after having made an independent research of the authorities bearing on the question at issue, I am of the opinion that the appellants, William R. Moore and Anna A. Moore, his wife, are entitled to an award of twenty-dollars per month and to recover their costs and disbursements herein."

Eastern Star Elects.

At the annual election of the Order of the Eastern Star, on Tuesday evening, the following officers were chosen: Mrs. Emma Jost, worthy matron; Mark Hayter, worthy patron; Mrs. Emma Miller, associate matron; Mrs. Estella Barnes, secretary; Mrs. Nellie Farrington, treasurer; Mrs. Blanche Hamilton, conductress; Mrs. Lucile Sweeney, associate conductress. Two candidates received the degrees and about sixty members enjoyed refreshments at beautifully decorated tables in the banquet hall.

Sells Lane County Farm.

H. G. Campbell has traded his 20-acre tract near Cottage Grove to J. O. Vincent of Salem for an 8-acre tract near that place, receiving \$1000 in cash in the transaction. Mr. Vincent and family will take immediate possession.

RETURNED TO ASYLUM

THOS. E. LYONS, MENTALLY UNBALANCED, INCARCERATED.

Labors Under Hallucination That Relatives Would End His Career By Poison.

Thomas E. Lyons was sent to the state hospital for the insane on Wednesday by the county authorities and upon complaint made by relatives in Dallas. Mr. Lyons is not dangerously insane, but cherishes a delusion that he is pursued by friends and relatives who would ensnare and poison him. He has impulsive streaks occasionally when his delusions are strongest. His temper is bad at times and he is restless and depressed at others. The cause of insanity was not discovered by Dr. McCallon who examined the patient on Wednesday. It is reported that Mr. Lyons is unreasonable about business affairs and his care of himself. He is suspicious of all the food and drink that is put before him. The last attack in which the symptoms showed themselves was about a week ago.

Mr. Lyons is about 54 years old and has been in Oregon since he was twenty years of age. He is married and has a family. He was committed to the state hospital in 1911 for trouble similar to that which has made it necessary to give him the proper attention again. Mr. Lyons was born in Iowa. Attendants from the asylum came to Dallas on Wednesday evening to accompany the patient to Salem.

BELT DISMISSES CASE

MIXUP OVER MONMOUTH PROPERTY IS DECIDED.

Court Holds That Title to Land Never Passed From Campbell—There Will Be No Appeal.

The case of Lucile Curtis and son against T. J. Campbell, Orpha Dashiell, R. L. Dashiell, J. D. and O. C. Smith of Dallas, involving title to certain real property in Monmouth, was tried in the circuit court before Judge Belt yesterday. Plaintiffs contended that in 1902, Mr. Campbell executed and delivered to W. E. Vance, since deceased, a warranty deed to a house and lot in Monmouth. That the consideration for the deed was the assumption of certain indebtedness of Campbell's by Vance, and the payment of the same by Vance's heirs after his death. In October, 1914, Mr. Campbell again transferred this land to Orpha Dashiell, and about the same time a mortgage upon the same was given to J. D. and O. C. Smith. The Vance deed was never recorded, and the suit was instituted by Mrs. Curtis, widow of Vance, and Harold Vance, son of W. E. Vance, deceased, to re-establish the Vance deed, and to set aside the transfer to Dashiells and the mortgage given to the Smiths. In their pleadings filed in answer to the plaintiffs' complaint, the defendants, Dashiells and Smiths, set forth that they were innocent purchasers for value and without notice, actual or constructive of the Vance transaction. Mr. Campbell filed a separate answer, in which he admitted the execution of the Vance deed, but claimed that there had never been a delivery of it to Vance, and that one of the considerations for the transfer was the agreement of Vance to care for and support him during the balance of his life, which agreement Vance wholly failed to perform.

The evidence presented a difficult knot to untangle, it being contradictory in some respects, and unsatisfactory in others, owing to the fact that most of the witnesses were of advanced age, and their memories rather poor. Holding that as a consideration for the transfer from Campbell, which agreement he and his heirs wholly failed to perform, Judge Belt held that the title never passed from Campbell, and that Vance never secured any rights in and to the land in question by virtue of the deed. He also held that Mrs. Dashiell was an innocent purchaser for value, as were also the Smiths. The complaint was dismissed without costs to either party. In rendering his decision, which was very clear, Judge Belt was compelled to rely very largely upon the probabilities of the case as gathered from the whole evidence. It is not likely that the case will be appealed.

This decision settles the title to this property. Graham, Beckett & Cooper, Portland attorneys, appeared for the plaintiffs, Mrs. Curtis and Harold Vance, Mr. Beckett of the firm appearing at the trial of the case yesterday. Walter L. Toozs, Jr., represented the various defendants, Campbell, Dashiell and Smith.

Remarks a facetious exchange: "Let us at least hope that Henry Ford will not become seasick on the way over and throw up the whole undertaking."

BIG GAME SCHEDULED

FIRST BASKETBALL CONTEST AT ARMORY TOMORROW.

Star Team From Agricultural College Will Try Conclusions With Dallas' Best Talent.

The Dallas basketball team goes up against the season's first difficult problem tomorrow evening, when it meets a team of star players from the O. A. C. on the armory floor here. As to the difficulty of the proposition the names of a few of the men on the visiting team is answer. Flying the banner of the Phi Delta Sigma fraternity, a local organization on the agricultural college campus, the opponent of the Dallas team utilizes several "varsity" players when they leave their collegiate environments and thereby usually establish a winning score. Such "varsity" stars as Ira Mix, the lanky center and Blagg, one of the principal players on the college team are listed in the lineup that will appear on the local floor. The Dallas team is made up of very good players although their practice season has been short and they are not in the pink of condition. That quality has usually had little effect upon the final scores made by former Dallas teams, but this time it is figured as a decided handicap. The Phi Delta Sigma team is certain to put up one of the warmest battles that the Dallas team will enjoy this season and for a real lively game it will probably rank high among those pro-

posed by the local team members.

The basketball game will not interfere with the dance that is to be held tomorrow evening. The game will be over in plenty of time for the dance and the visiting players will be entertained, if they are in condition, at the dance. A section will be reserved for high school students at the game and if the interest of the contest warrants it taken by the townspeople the meeting will be a paying one. A nominal admission fee has been set. The Dallas players who will don basketball togs tomorrow evening are: Walter Ballantyne, Ray Boydston and O. I. Chenoweth, forwards; "Skeet" Hayes, center; Lynn Matheny, Leonard Shaw, Uda Burke and Fred Good guards.

ASKS M.D. FOR DAMAGES

MRS. BARHAM FILES SUIT AGAINST DALLAS DOCTOR.

Complaint Alleges That Injury to Shoulder Joint Was Improperly Diagnosed.

Asking damages to the extent of \$4,850, Mrs. Laura M. Barham, wife of A. J. Barham, has, through her attorney, B. A. Klikes of McMinnville, yesterday filed a complaint against Dr. L. A. Bollman of Dallas, alleging incorrect diagnosis and unskillful practice. Mrs. Barham, according to her complaint, sustained an injury to her right shoulder joint about March 6 of this year, and was treated by the defendant doctor. He diagnosed the injury as other than what it actually was, says the complaint, and from that date until May 31 he treated her for the trouble that she alleges did not exist. As a result of the alleged unskillful practice Mrs. Barham's arm was paralyzed from the shoulder to the finger tips, and even now since treating with other physicians and specialists and since an operation the trouble has not been entirely rectified, she states.

According to Mrs. Barham her physician might have found his error before it was too late had he used the ordinary methods known to medical science. An X-ray taken by another doctor detected the alleged injury to the shoulder after the local doctor had been treating her according to his diagnosis by massage and electricity. After much pain and mental anguish the plaintiff asks damages to cover the actual outlay during her suffering and the operation that was necessary to correct the injury to the shoulder joint after it had grown together. Among the expenses are listed those of medical treatment, nursing, and domestic help since the right arm became practically useless.



A SMART TAILLEUR.

Russian green gaberdine is used for this design, which is richly trimmed with different widths of black silk braid. The front is vested with tan broadcloth and fastens at one side with a black silk tassel. The choker collar is faced with tan broadcloth, and the crown of the sailor is encircled with tiny ostrich feathers.

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TERSE TALES OF TOWN

LOCAL NEWS OF DALLAS AND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

Personal Paragraphs Pertaining to People and Their Movements, Gleaned by Observer.

The Fuller Pharmacy have secured the services of P. D. Quisenberry, who is a full fledged druggist, as assistant clerk. Mr. Quisenberry comes here from Tillamook and is not an entire stranger in this part of the country, as he worked several years in the Bowersox drug store at Monmouth.

Frank Brobst, formerly in the furniture business here, and now living near Perrydale, was a visitor in the city on Wednesday.

Pastor W. T. Tapscott of the Baptist church will preach next Sunday morning on "A Visit to Bethlehem" and in the evening on "The Divine Christmas Gift." Mr. Frank Morrison will sing.

Judge H. H. Belt spent part of the week in Portland, where he transacted business and enjoyed pre-holiday festivities.

Mrs. F. R. Rich of Summit, Oregon, returned to her home today, after having spent a fortnight visiting friends in the city. Mrs. Rich was a resident of Dallas for fifteen years and her many friends have vied with each other in furnishing entertainment during her stay here.

C. S. Calkins of Airlie was a Dallas visitor on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Martin went to Eugene on Tuesday, and the same evening attended the Godski concert. They returned on the following day.

W. F. Gilliam of Airlie was in Dallas on Tuesday enroute home from San Francisco, where he had been seeing the sights at the exposition during its last few days.

Mrs. Robert Hays has been enjoying a visit from her son, Samuel, who lives in southern Lincoln county.

Mark Spivey of Rock Creek was a Dallas visitor this week.

Edward Earl and Ernest Earl are visiting their sister, Mrs. Thomas Watson.

Mrs. I. E. Tetherow of Falls City visited friends in Dallas on Tuesday.

Isaac Reddekopp and brother David of Alberta, Canada, are spending a few days with relatives in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Holman are enjoying a visit from Charles Turner of Sheridan.

Mrs. Edith Brown of Falls City visited on Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Ellis.

Mrs. Orie James is reported to be very ill. Her mother, Mrs. West of Sheridan is with her here.

Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Cary are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cary of Missoula, Mont.

See our offer on page one.

AN ENJOYABLE OCCASION.

Mrs. George Gerlinger Entertains Young Ladies at Dinner.

Mrs. G. Gerlinger charmingly entertained Monday evening with a buffet supper, in honor of the Young Ladies' section of the Woman's club. Supper was served between five-thirty any seven-thirty. The dining room table was adorned with a huge bouquet of pink chrysanthemums, with Miss Ednelle Collins presiding. The little Misses Georgiana and Irene Gerlinger and Miss Pauline Aulen served a very delicious supper. Miss Dorothy Bennett rendered a number of artistic selections on the piano, early in the evening. Miss Naomi Scott displayed her ability on the violin, accompanied by Miss Bennett. Miss Marjorie Holman played Sexteth from Lucien, which was very pleasing. Miss Lucile Hamilton and Gertrude Irwin sang a number of very pretty songs.

A very clever game furnished amusement for the evening. In various parts of the living room were different articles, each representing a musical term. Pencil and paper were supplied each guest and a contest for the answers was enjoyable. There was a tie between Misses Flora McCallon, Marie Griffin and Marjorie Holman. Miss Griffin drew the prize.

A short talk was given by Miss Collins in behalf of the Young Ladies' club, and a number of names were handed in for membership. Those present were: Misses Maud A. McDonald, Rose Sheridan, Gladys Cartwright, Cora Rossiter, Bess Owens, Gertrude Irwin, Florence Kopan, Gertrude Follow, Miss Tuft, Fannie Dempsey, Nora Robinson, Flora McCallon, Maud Robinson, Bob McCallon, Naida Scott, Buena Fiske, Roxana Fiske, Miss Van Voorhees, Hattie Teats, Jennie Muscott, Ednell Collins, Alice Grant, Nola Coad, Ava Coad, Effa Brown, Miss Dennet, Pauline Coad, Pauline Aulen, Ruth Barrett, Mariel Grant, Maud Barnes, Hallie Smith, Pearl Smith, Dorothy Bennett, Miriam Hart, Gladys Loughary, Helen Casey, Naomi Scott, Helen Loughary, Marie Griffin, Nina Farley, Marjorie Holman, Sarah Toews, Gertrude Wilson and Mrs. George Gerlinger.

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