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WEST SIDE HIGHWAY

McMINNIE MEET SATURDAY WILL ATTENDED.

To Be Given Further Consideration at Meeting in Dallas October 7th.

That the West Side highway between Portland and Eugene, through the important center of the Willamette river, is to be given such consideration as to be as much consideration as any other road, a large enthusiastic representation from several bodies met in McMinnie Saturday night and formulated for securing a portion of federal appropriation in Oregon completion of this road. The highway between Portland and Eugene 12 miles shorter this way than the East Side route, more varied scenery and with less steep, and it was the opinion of the McMinnie meeting that the West Side as the East Side should share in appreciation for a permanent way.

carry out the plans a committee named to draft resolutions for a permanent organization, and the next day the association is to be in Dallas on Saturday, October 7th. Andrew Muir of Dallas is a member of the committee.

present act by congress provides for the distribution of road funds in the states, provided the states pay an amount each year which is to the government appropriate for the building of trunk highways. The federal appropriation for this year amounts to about \$78,000 for Oregon, and this amount will be increased over a period of five years to \$150,000 next year, and the third year, and so on.

The plan of the association to include various counties in which trunk highways will be built in Oregon appropriations for the fund, when is at present no state legislation providing for this fund. Of this amount will be expended in the entire state, as the trunk roads are built, each county sharing in proportion according to the length of trunk line it builds.

The McMinnie meeting was attended by County Commissioner R. G. Holman of Multnomah county, C. Chapman and W. E. Chandler of Portland, State Treasurer Thos. J. of Salem and other prominent men of the Willamette valley. The Dallas representatives included Andrew Muir, Walter Muir, Y. Fuller, Frank Cond, C. L. G. Dr. McCullon, Dr. Starbuck, C. G. R. U. Steelquist, Walter Head, Judge H. H. Belt, G. R. J. R. Craven, Ernest McCulloch, F. J. Finn and E. J. Himes.

The committee of five which will draft resolutions for the permanent organization of a West Side highway consists of Norman L. Hayes of Corvallis, Rufus C. Holman of Portland, B. Muir of Dallas, C. L. Tigard, Tigard and W. T. Vinton of McMinnie. Wm. Macy of McMinnie was president officer at the meeting. Representatives from all the important communities on the West Side were present.

The permanent highway proposed to extend out of Portland through Gard, Rex, Newberg, Dundee, LaGrange, St. Joseph, McMinnie, Johnson, Amity, Perrydale, Dallas, Independence, Corvallis and will connect with the East Side and at Eugene, both roads at that place joining the Pacific highway.

Will Come To Dallas Soon.

"We are making a pretty good crop, but are expecting to come out here as soon as we can sell out," said R. Gottschalk from Winters, who is Charles Bilyeu of the Home Hill. Gottschalk is a cotton grower and wants to come to Oregon to see. He visited here recently and saw Dallas. Mr. Gottschalk sent some cotton bolls for exhibition purposes.

Williams House Burns.

The home of T. L. Williams, two and one-half miles from Falls City was destroyed by fire Wednesday. Insurance of \$500 was carried on the building and \$300 on the furniture of Mrs. Williams, the resident.

CHARGED WITH RAPE.

Dollie Reynolds, 15, Accused Brother-in-Law of Crime.

Chas. Hamilton of Ballston was arrested Saturday in Portland by Deputy Sheriff Ward of Multnomah county on a warrant charging him with rape against Dollie Reynolds, 15, his sister-in-law. Deputy Sheriff Hooker followed Mrs. Hamilton to Portland and telegraphed Sheriff Hurlburt to have a man at the Jefferson street depot to arrest Hamilton when he came to meet his wife. Hamilton was lodged in the Multnomah county jail and Hooker brought his man to Dallas Sunday morning. Hamilton pleaded "not guilty" before Justice of the Peace Holman Sunday afternoon and was remanded to jail. Yesterday he endeavored to secure an attorney. He will probably be given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Holman this morning. At the time of the alleged offense, June 30, Hamilton and his wife were living at the Reynolds home.

WORKMANSHIP IS POOR

BELIEF EXISTS THAT BRIDGE FOREMAN WAS CARELESS.

Expert Bridge Engineer Will Make Report on His Findings in a Few Days.

Present indications point to carelessness and poor workmanship on the part of the contractors as the cause of the collapse of the Independence bridge last week. Such is the preliminary report of Prof. C. B. McCullough, expert bridge engineer of the Oregon Agricultural college, who examined the wrecked structure in detail last Saturday. He has not yet made complete report of his findings, but it is expected this will be forthcoming in a few days. The action of the county court in the matter will be based largely on this report.

BOARD REJECTS PETITION.

Two Members Disagree on Higher Assessment for V. & S.

A petition from S. H. McElmurry to the board of equalization asking that the assessment of the 28 miles of the Valley & Siletz Railway company, roadway and trackage, be raised from \$19,140 to \$150,000, has been disallowed by the board of equalization. The two members able to be present, County Clerk Robinson and County Assessor Meyers, disagreed. In the petition comparative figures of other valley railways were given. The petition recited that 43.95 miles of the Salem, Falls City & Western is assessed at \$300,941, road, trackage and rolling stock; the Oregon & California railway, \$509,650 on 33.28 miles. Taking off 20 per cent for rolling stock (the Valley & Siletz has no rolling stock), the assessment per mile of the Salem, Falls City & Western is \$5,600 a mile; the Oregon & California railway (Yamhill division) is \$12,000 a mile; the Independence & Monmouth railway, \$3,000 a mile. The petition prayed for an assessment of \$5,400 a mile for the Valley & Siletz and added that this is a fair assessment inasmuch as the roadway and trackage is entirely new and modern.

MARRIES THREE IN AN HOUR.

Rev. Bennett Is Nearest Dallas Has to "Marrying Parson."

Three in one hour Saturday afternoon is Rev. G. H. Bennett's end of the week record. He finished strong. The three knots tied were: Leo J. Clements and Miss Edna Holmes of Dallas, E. D. Crook of Monmouth and Eva Harris, and Adrian J. Dickinson of Independence and Miss Verna Linn. The first ceremony was performed in the new Clements home, Mill and Levens streets, the wedding march being played by little Cleo. Guy Dalton. The other two were solemnized in the Methodist Episcopal parsonage.

Prominent Goatmen Visit.

A. C. Gage, editor of The Angora Journal, and Dr. Parker, of Portland visited in Polk county over the weekend. Dr. Parker formerly lived near Phoenix, Arizona and had between 4,000 and 5,000 in his herds. He is now looking over the Oregon country and has decided to engage in the goat business here on as large a scale as he did in Arizona. He says Polk county looks the best of all to him. U. S. Grant believes Polk has a good chance of getting Dr. Parker to come here.

Roscoe Ballantyne Leaves.

Roscoe Ballantyne, Southern Pacific roundhouse employe, plans to leave October 1 for Ashland, where he has been transferred by the railroad company. The reason for the transfer is Mr. Ballantyne's health. Mrs. Ballantyne will not leave immediately.

Another Good Oats Crop.

James Glover of near Whiteson was in Amity Wednesday. When we asked him about his crops he smiled with a broad smile. His spring oats weighed 103 bushels to the acre and his other grains turned out equally well.—Amity Standard.

To Set Court Cases.

September 29th has been designated by Circuit Judge Belt when demurrers will be heard and cases set for trial at the fall term of the circuit court which convenes on October 2nd. A number of naturalization petitions will come up for final hearing on the first day of court.

Will Attend Convention.

U. S. Grant, president of the National Mohair Growers' association will attend the convention in Galveston, Texas, December 5. Mrs. Grant may go with him.

CITY MOVES EQUIPMENT

ELLENDALE MACHINERY IS STARTED TOWARD DALLAS

Crusher and Bunkers Probably Will Be Placed on City Property at Foot of Jefferson.

At a special meeting Saturday night the city council authorized the removal of the Ellendale rock quarry machinery to Dallas. Work started yesterday.

Two sites have been considered by the councilmen for the city's crusher and bunkers to be placed to receive rock from the Falls City quarry: one on the Spaulding Logging company's land across the Levens street bridge and the other in the Southern Pacific yards. Definite action on the selection of a site will be taken at a special meeting of the council tomorrow night. Yesterday morning the mayor and councilmen inspected the Southern Pacific yard site and this seems to have the preference. The distance from the Levens street place to the city would be a greater inconvenience than the unavoidable delays in hauling which will occur at the Southern Pacific site.

It is pretty certain that electric power will be used for the crusher. Enlarged bunkers will be built and a spur, 460 feet long, constructed. The plant will be ready for spring street work.

Graveling Road.

The graveling of the Dallas-Falls City road, on its uncompleted part near the Hugh Smith ranch, two miles west of town, is rapidly progressing and will be finished in a short time. The half-mile stretch which is now being gravelled is the only portion of the entire eight miles which has not been surfaced and with its completion the highway between these two cities will be one of the best in the county.

Examination Car Here.

The Southern Pacific examination car, which makes the rounds of the system about once each two years, arrived in Dallas Sunday and will remain until tomorrow morning. During its stop here it will examine all employes of the company who are in any way connected with the operating department, including agents, telegraph operators, engineers, conductors, brakemen, firemen, hostlers, etc. The car is in charge of W. F. Nichols, whose special car accompanies it and who has been connected with this work for the Southern Pacific for more than twelve years.

Hill Land Makes Big Yield.

Al Stow, farming the upper, hill land of the Boise farm at Ellendale reports a yield of 500 sacks of oats from 40 acres. The sacks weigh 100 pounds and contain three bushels. Some agriculturists have said that the Boise hill land would not produce good crops but Mr. Stow offers his yield in evidence.

MAY ELECTRIFY LINES

S. P. ROADMASTER HOPEFULLY ADDRESSES COUNCIL.

City Fathers Consider Location of Rock Crusher and Bunkers Saturday at Special Meeting.

That hope springs eternal in the human breast was evidenced by the eagerness with which Dallas listened to Roadmaster McCann of the Southern Pacific Saturday night. Mr. McCann was present to speak to the council as to the request of the Southern Pacific company in regard to the improvement of Birch street.

"We do not want to make a complete improvement at this time," said Mr. McCann, "as there is no telling but that we might want to tear up our lines here within a year or two to electrify." His words did electrify the councilmen. Mr. McCann went on to explain that electrification means a lot of expense and requested permission of the council for an incomplete improvement of Birch street until such time as permanent improvement could be made. The council granted the request.

Under the temporary improvement the Southern Pacific will macadamize Birch street 14 feet from each curb. The railroad tracks will be in the center with a sloping, 14-inch, open ditch on either side for drainage.

TROOPS MUSTERED QUT YESTERDAY AT CLACKAMAS.

Officers and Men Are Tanned And Happy.

Train Arrived at 8:45 Last Night.

Company L, Oregon National Guard, officers and men, returned to Dallas last night after a three months' absence. As a part of the federal body of troops of the Third Infantry, U. S. A., Company L has been at Camp Withycombe and California points since June 19.

The Southern Pacific train which returned the soldiers to Dallas arrived at 8:45 last night. Though the train was over an hour late a crowd of about 500 people waited for its arrival. The company fell in line at the depot behind an escort of the G. A. R. and marched to Court, to Main, to Mill, to Church for dismissal at the armory. At twelve last night they ceased to be members of the Third Oregon Infantry, U. S. A., and became citizen soldiers again, members of the new federalized national guard. At nine this morning the company reassembled for checking of ordnance and equipment.

One hundred per cent was Company L's answer to the request of the government to enroll in the new national guard. It is a signal honor

REGISTRATIONS VERY SLOW.

Books Will Be Open But Eleven More Days.

The registration books in the county clerk's office will close in just 11 days.

Have you registered? There has been but little registration of voters since the re-opening of the books after the May primaries. It is estimated that no more than 200 have registered, and of this number practically two-thirds were Republicans.

The total number of registered electors in Polk county April 18 was 5964. This is subdivided as follows: Republicans, 3521, divided among the men and women as follows: men, 2102; women, 1419. Democrats, 1865; men, 1084; women, 781. Prohibition, 196; Socialist, 156; Progressive, 30; miscellaneous, 195.

The normal Republican majority is approximately 600. According to the registration figures the majority is 1656. This indicates many democrats registered as Republicans. The total male registration in Polk county is 3457; female, 2507.

Aside from a few voters registered as Republicans, but who are now and always have been Democrats at heart, the Republican vote in Polk county will go almost solidly for Hughes. Hughes should carry the county by a little better than the normal majority. Defections to Wilson from the Republican column are more than made up by the additions to the Hughes movement of Democrats, many of them formerly Democratic leaders here.

Among the Republican women of this section there is an enthusiasm in favor of Hughes that is most noticeable. They are proudly wearing Hughes buttons, and are doing much work for the ticket. Democratic hopes that "he kept us out of war" would influence these women to vote for Wilson has been blasted.

The registration figures above also indicate that practically all the Progressives have returned to the Republican fold.

COMMITTEE MEETS SATURDAY.

Republican Body, With Auxiliary, to Make Campaign Plans.

A general meeting of the Republican county central committee, together with the woman's auxiliary, has been called by Chairman J. C. Talbott, to be held in the circuit room in Dallas Saturday afternoon, September 30, at one o'clock. Plans for the ensuing campaign will be laid, and thereafter the campaign opened. The woman's auxiliary will also be permanently organized, the officers will be elected, and committees appointed. Chairman Talbott was in Dallas Monday and made all arrangements for the meeting. Personal notices are being sent by the secretary to all members of the committee. A large attendance is expected. Republican county central committee headquarters will be opened the first of October in room 22, Dallas National bank building. Campaign literature will be kept at headquarters in plentiful supply, and Chairman Talbott and Secretary Macken will make it a point to be present as much as possible during the campaign. Chairman Talbott has made an investigation of political conditions extending over much of the county and is highly gratified at the enthusiastic support being given Hughes and the whole republican ticket.

Miss Robertson Recovered.

Miss Maude Robertson has recovered from her recent severe attack of throat trouble and is able to receive visitors. Miss Robertson has been sick about four weeks.

Party For Miss Holmes.

Mrs. Ida Manston was hostess Friday night at a party for Miss Edna Holmes, bride-elect.

JERSEY SALE OCT. 10

POLK COUNTY CATTLE TO BE OFFERED AT INDEPENDENCE

Is Second Annual Event of Jersey Breeders' Club—85 Head of Thoroughbreds Up.

The second annual sale of the Polk County Jersey Breeders' club will be held at Independence on Tuesday, October 10th, when almost a hundred head of the highest class of registered Jersey cattle in Polk county will be put upon the block. The sale will be in charge of the president of the association, W. O. Morrow and Col. J. W. Hughes, well-known auctioneer of Forest Grove, will cry it.

The animals which are to be offered are selections from the breeders' herds of Polk county, which of course insures they are the best in the west, and are such cattle as were seen by thousands at the county fair here last week. They are in no wise culled from a consigner's herd, but are all surplus high class animals, among which are registered cows of merit that have made their records with plain dairymen's care.

Manager Morrow states that inquiries have been coming in rapidly of late regarding the sale and catalogs are now being mailed out. The buyers will find a fine lot of animals offered and these who attend will receive a hearty welcome.

It is the plan of the breeders to hold a sale every year. The first annual sale was held in 1915 and was the greatest Jersey sale in recent years in the west. This year eighty-five head of cattle have been consigned and they are from some of the best producing blood in the northwest, and these breeders put their good names behind their consignments. The consignors to the sale are well known to Polk county and western Oregon people, and accounts of their herds have appeared in these columns frequently.

BENNETT GOES TO LEBANON.

Will Attend Annual Conference of Oregon Methodists.

Rev. G. H. Bennett left this morning for Lebanon to attend the sixty-fourth session, Oregon annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which opens tomorrow morning and continues through Monday. Mr. Bennett will preside tomorrow evening, when the anniversary board of home missions and church extension meets. A. G. Kynett, D. D., Philadelphia, secretary of the church extension work will speak, tomorrow evening, on "America, the Strategic Battleground of Christianity;" Edgar Blake, D. D., Chicago, secretary of Sunday school extension, will take as his subject, "The New Sunday School Movement." Mr. Bennett is a member of the examining board and the committee on education, two of the most important bodies in the conference.

Among the prominent Methodists who will participate are: Mathew Simpson Hughes, D. D., L. L. D., bishop; J. W. McDougall, D. D., district superintendent; J. T. Abbott, D. D., district superintendent; H. J. Van Fossen, D. D., district superintendent; T. B. Ford, D. D., district superintendent; Walton Skipworth, D. D., pastor.

Motorcyclist Fined.

Fritz Helinger, a mechanic employed at the Espee car repair shops, was fined \$5 by Judge Gregory Saturday for motorcycle speeding.

Coulter Sues Plaster.

A foreclosure of chattel mortgage suit has been filed by W. R. Coulter against Ed. Plaster.

FLOWERS ARE WANTED

Polk county people going to the state fair this week are requested to take bouquets of flowers along for use in decorating the Polk county booth. The bouquets should be delivered to Mrs. Winnie Braden. Yellow and purple flowers are preferred as these are the colors of the booth. Citizens who are not going to the state fair but who do wish to assist in making Polk's exhibit attractive to the eye are asked to leave flowers at Fuller's Pharmacy. The flowers will be forwarded from there to Mrs. Braden.