

The Polk County Observer

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(THE HOME PAPER)

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UNEXPECTEDLY FINDING DOCUMENT

Sent To Moser and Attorney to Aide Governor.

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the good interest court are becoming to be ridiculous and Polk county, backing Polk court, is getting

SECRET TOMORROW.

Union To Tell Ad-

Co-operation.

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Polk County Fruit-

other growers in this part of the state and the union handled \$62,000 worth. The organization is prosperous; it has paid for a large plant and prune packer out of its profits and the local growers look forward to Mr. Paulus' talk with interest because they may do something along the cooperative line, soon, according to Secretary Frank Brown. Mr. Paulus will deal mainly with the factors that have made possible the great success of the co-operative packing plant, across the Willamette.

Fred Ewing, a prune grower of eastern Polk county will supplement this talk with his own account of the benefits he has received from co-operative prune packing and what this would mean if carried out on a large scale by all the fruit men of the county.

Cash Register Inventor Here

Thomas Bilyeu of Hillsboro visited his cousin, Charles Bilyeu, of this city yesterday. Mr. Bilyeu invented the cash register which was used as the stock in trade of the National Cash Register company, officers of which started their penitentiary term last week for duping the public. Mr. Bilyeu was not concerned, however, in the marketing of the invention, as he sold all his rights early in the game to the company.

Buying Farm Horses

Albert A. Werner of Perrydale was a visitor here this week buying up horses for the Werner estate farm at Perrydale. Several head were bought of local farmers at an average of about \$200 each. The horses will be placed on the farm and held for speculative purposes.

HIGHWAY BOARD NAMED

E. J. ADAMS OF EUGENE IS MEMBER FROM THIS DISTRICT

S. Benson, Capitalist of Portland and W. L. Thompson, Pendleton Lawyer, Other Members.

Governor Withycombe on Tuesday appointed the new state highway commission, naming E. J. Adams of Eugene as the member from the Western Oregon district outside of Multnomah county. Mr. Adams is a lawyer and contractor of that city and his term of office is for one year. Numerous Polk county friends of H. Hirschberg of Independence had urged the governor to appoint him as the member from this district.

Other members of the board are S. Benson, capitalist, philanthropist and road expert of Portland, appointed for a three-year term from the Multnomah county district, and W. L. Thompson, attorney of Pendleton, who will serve two years from the Eastern Oregon district.

The governor declared, in announcing his appointments, that with the personnel of the committee and the safeguards thrown around the \$6,000,000 bond issue which is to be voted upon by the people in June, he was strongly in favor of the bonding plan.

"In selecting this commission I have keenly felt that it has been the most responsible duty that has been placed upon me since I entered the office," said the governor. "The road question is probably the greatest of all problems before the people of the state today. The legislature has enacted what I consider the most constructive road legislation in its history and it will compare favorably with road legislation in any state in the union."

"With the commission so framed and with the safeguards that are thrown about the \$6,000,000 bond issue, which will go before the people for their ratification, I feel gratified in declaring that I can give my unqualified indorsement to the project. With the bonds issued under a limitation of \$1,000,000 for the first year and \$2,000,000 for the second year, the people will be well protected and the commission given ample time and means to get the great road program under way."

"The commission has a mighty work cut out for it and it was my aim and hope to make the selection of men who will have the confidence of the people and who will be able to follow the construction of the road which will be imposed upon them in a satisfactory and efficient manner."

"The commission will have an entirely free hand as far as this office is concerned. Now that this office has named the members of the commission it will be entirely through with the question of road work. The commission will go ahead with its labor unhampered and untrammelled."

Work Night Hour Shift at Mill

An eight-hour day until the snow goes off in the mountains around the Black Rock camp, was the order at the Willamette Valley Lumber company's mill this week. The shorter shift was started Monday. Only the planers were running during Tuesday, Friday and Saturday of last week. The company expects to cut down any day, now, however, and then the entire force will come more work full time.

Post of Snow at Weavert

A foot of snow covered the hills west of the Water company's reservoir the first part of the week, reports of that section report.

SEEK ROAD ARGUMENTS TALKS FOR COMMUNITY

COMMITTEE WOULD ENLIST SCHOOLS IN DISCUSSION

\$312 In Prizes Offered For Essays For Highway Improvement To Use In State Campaign.

The committee, composed of Senators W. D. Wood, of Hillsboro; E. D. Casick, of Albany, and Julius A. Hurley, of Vale, named by Gus Moser, president of the state senate, to compile arguments on the \$6,000,000 statewide good roads bond issue to be voted on at the June election, will offer to bona fide residents of the state and counties prizes aggregating \$312 for essays containing arguments why the state should follow out the road program outlined by the last legislative session.

Although the plans have not been settled, it has been announced that there will be two prizes offered in each of the 36 counties of the state for the best and second best arguments. First prize will draw \$5 and second \$2. The county contest will be open only to residents of the counties and the content of the essays must refer to the benefits that would accrue to that particular county from the construction of the statewide good roads.

For the two best essays or arguments on statewide benefits, open to any resident of the state, prizes of \$25 and \$15 will be given.

High school students may compete in a special contest arranged for them on statewide benefits, the best essay drawing \$10. Still another separate contest will be open to grammar school students and the first prize will be \$10.

It has been suggested, and will probably be the rule of the contest, that each contestant may submit only one essay. He or she will have some range of choice, but it will no doubt facilitate matters by allowing a contestant to enter only one contest.

The committee has arranged the contest to bring before the voters of the whole state the necessity of serious consideration of the bond issue that, if passed, will give to the state a comprehensive and definite system of state and county highways.

The scheme is largely the idea of Senator Wood, chairman of the committee named by President Moser. It is probable that three or more Portland men will be named when the contest is concluded to judge the arguments submitted. Complete details of the contest will be announced within a few days.

It is also probable that at least parts of the prize-winning essays will be included in the arguments for the bond issue that will appear in the pamphlet circulated by the secretary of state including all measures to be considered at the June election.

Members of the committee are enthusiastic over the proposed contest and they assert that the money for prizes will be easily obtained. They feel that no effort should be spared to bring the attention of the voters at large to the necessity of studying the merits of the bond issue thoroughly before coming to any conclusion.

Prize-winning essays will be offered to the newspapers of the state generally for publication.

D. B. Jarman Goes to Salem

D. B. Jarman left yesterday for Salem where he will have charge of the new J. C. Penney Company's store which is to open there next month. Mr. Jarman has been connected with the Penney store in Dallas for some time past and has a host of friends in this city who regret his leaving but who know he will make good as in his new job. He is an experienced merchant, having been engaged for many years in the business in Eastern Oregon and Washington before coming to Dallas. Rae Craven will take his place in the company's local store.

SECTION MEN GET MORE PAY

Southern Pacific Union Wages To 10 Cents An Hour.

The 10 section men working for the Dallas branch of the Southern Pacific company were given notice of an increase of 10 cents an hour in their wages, yesterday. They will get 20 cents an hour beginning with March 1.

This increase means about \$100 a month increased payroll for Dallas

ARE USING OLD BRIDGE

WEST SALEM PEOPLE MAKE NEW USE OF STAIRWAY

Have Covered Trestle Gaps With Planks and Are Crossing Structure on Foot.

West Salem citizens have taken the bit in their teeth and have inaugurated their own method of getting across the river, as far as pedestrian traffic is concerned. The plan is to put the condemned highway bridge in shape for foot traffic and this week workmen have been engaged in patching over the parts of the two approaches that were torn out after the bridge was condemned and building railing for safety, says the Salem Statesman.

"Already several maddening foot-paths have been worn from West Salem to the foot of the stairway that leads from the Polk county side of the river to the surface of the old bridge.

"The fact that the approaches to the bridge had been torn out was no hindrance to the people on the other side of the river when they decided that the cheapest and easiest way to cross the stream was over the old bridge. The stairway that was constructed for the use of patrons of the bathing beach last summer has been converted to its new use by turning the bottom tier of steps around and planks have been laid across the swampy ground near the river bank. On the east approach a plank foot-bridge with railings has been placed over the torn out portion of the approach.

"All day yesterday many pedestrians were crossing the old bridge. It is still necessary to climb the bars that have been placed across the east end of the bridge, but men and women of all ages and school children were doing it yesterday. Many of the school boys made use of the bridge by climbing the piling before the new arrangement was made, but now the girls are able to cross, too.

"Apparently the plan is for persons to cross the bridge at their own risk. No announcement has been made by county or city officials on this side of the river to the effect that sometime has been given for anyone to cross the bridge even on foot."

It was reported in Dallas yesterday that the Marion county court would take action to stop the traffic, as it was feared that some accident might happen wherein they could be held responsible. No action has been taken by the Polk court as they have not been officially notified that the bridge was being used as was reported by Salem papers.

Cleveland Wants Dallas Potatoes

"Our year association sent to a few ears of potatoes" was the import of a letter received Wednesday morning by Frank Brown, secretary of the Polk County Fruit Growers' association. "If there is any chance, wire me price and conditions," continued the communication. The letter came from Cleveland, Ohio and was written by the manager of the William Hopkin company, a large produce firm. This is one more instance of encouraging the country for the almost depleted tuber and shows the desperate shortage. No wonder the potato is becoming legal tender at picture shows and other business houses.

Only One Ferry Running

Because preparations for the operation of another ferry system have been held up by a difficulty with the government authorities, the ferry operated by Captain Mitchell is the only one running between Salem and the Polk county side of the river at the present time. When it came to the making of a landing at Salem between Court and Chenoketa streets it was found that some of the dirt most of necessity is dumped into the river. However, permission of the government was necessary and this was refused. The difficulty will be met by the construction of a plank road from Front street to the landing.

County Fair

Most Dallasites probably remember the very successful "County Fair" given by the C. E. of the Christian church last year. It was such a success that the decision was made to make it an annual affair. It will be held this year in the building formerly occupied by the Braden Feed store on Friday night, March 3. There will be real displays, side shows, variety booths, dream land, "The Wild 'ole" and other attractions too numerous to mention. Everyone is invited to attend the fair.

To Play With Omaha Team

Werner Barkum will leave the middle of the month for Omaha, where he will play baseball this season with the Omaha club in the Western league. He received his contract Tuesday and is to report for duty on the 23rd of March. He was with the Vancouver team in the Northwest league last season.

WILL SHOW FOREST SCENES

State Forester Elliott Here Monday With Lantern Slides.

State Forester F. A. Elliott will show lantern slides of forest scenes to the Polk county people next week. These pictures were shown at the high school auditorium here recently and were greatly appreciated by Dallas people who saw them. The pictures will be shown at the new Commercial club rooms in Dallas at 8 o'clock Monday evening, March 5th. On Tuesday evening they will be shown at Black Rock and on Wednesday evening at Falls City.

The pictures will be accompanied by a very interesting and instructive lecture on the timber resources and the lumber industry of Oregon. No admission will be charged and the Polk County Fire Patrol association urges all to attend.

Independence Couple Married

Thomas R. Smith and Miss Mabel Williamson of Independence were married at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by Rev. W. P. Tapscott. They will make their home 2 1/2 miles west of Airlie, where Mr. Smith has a lumber contract.

GUARDS MAY MOBILIZE

WILL CAMP IN ARMORY FIRST IF CALLED OUT

Next Move Would Be To Vancouver and Then To American Lake; Captain Staffin Perplexed.

Company L will camp right here in the local armory for two or three weeks if the war is declared with Germany, according to Captain Staffin. The next move would be to the Vancouver barracks and as soon as a division was ready to be mobilized it would go to American Lake, near Tacoma.

Captain Staffin is undecided in his own mind as to whether Company L will be mobilized or not. The only new order he has received is to buy new equipment that is needed for the local armory and company. He says there is just about enough equipment in the local quartermaster's room to equip a minimum strength company, however. The minimum strength of a company is 95 men and there are only 25 in the local roll, so there seems to be no immediate need for new stores for the Dallas company.

Discussing the strength of his company, Captain Staffin expressed the opinion that many more men would benefit if the call to arms was given. He said the provision passed by the war department soon after the new national defense act was passed, which denied pay for drill unless 60 per cent or over of the minimum strength company should drill 48 times a year, at least, had done much to weaken national guard companies.

Captain Staffin's personal opinion is that this order will be revoked soon and that members of the militia companies will be paid for drill, despite the number participating.

March 5 will and Captain Staffin's leave of absence, served to attend the legislature, and he is working on some plans for the best interests of Company L, which is to be ready to induct into service after he gets back on the job, actively.

"The Coast Artillery will be called out first if war is declared," said the captain. The armory has been locked up since the Multnomah hotel-keepers strike and has not been allowed to be opened unless in the personal presence of Lieutenant O. I. Chapman, who has been in command during Captain Staffin's absence. Details have been told regularly, however.

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