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COMMISSION HAS UNSCRAMBLING JOB

Due to various juggling of finances and law, the state highway commission is finding that it has a basket of scrambled eggs in Polk county. The decision of Judge Kelley that it was unlawful to divert market road money to prepare the grade on the Monmouth-Benton county road and that the contract for grading the Rickreall-Holmes Gap is contrary to the state constitution in that it creates an indebtedness in excess of \$5000 has caused consternation in the seats of the mighty. From Salem and from Portland are emanating reports that unless Polk county comes through with the coin "instancancer" there will be no hardsurfacing in Polk county now or hereafter. It will require \$113,000 to appease the eminent road builders, it being figured that it will take this amount to reimburse the state for the money which has been advanced and which will be necessary to build bridges and complete the road ready for surfacing. This is in addition to the \$43,000 of market road money which has been turned over to the state and another \$10,000 from another source.

It is passing strange, the difference in the interpretation of a decision. After Judge Kelley had issued his manifesto, there were some Polk folks who took it to mean that it would be necessary for the state highway commission—or somebody—to refund to Polk county the \$43,000 which had been unlawfully taken from the market road fund, and any money which had likewise been paid out on the other contract.

With this anticipated \$43,000 back in the strong box of the county treasurer, there was a feeling that Polk would have some money with which to help the farmers get their crops to market, and along about this time the commission gives us a knockout blow in demanding an additional \$113,000.

Judge Kelley seems to have been overlooked entirely in the "unscrambling process". We have always had a notion that a court decision was to be respected. Apparently, it is not so when it applies to the highway commission. Contractors Hiltibrand and Trent are continuing with their work in spite of the fact that they were specifically instructed otherwise by the court.

The highway commission following its policy of rule or ruin is attempting to use the club of "no highway" in order to whip the Polk county court into the task of endeavoring to unscramble the eggs.

And the state highway commission is responsible for all of this trouble. Had that august body simply carried out the mandates of the state legislature and a subsequent indorsement by the people, there would have been no road "scrap" in Polk county. Please bear this in mind when you feel like cussing somebody for the delay.

IS DIRECT PRIMARY A FAILURE?

Propoganda for the abolishment or modification of the Oregon primaries is being spread, and is gathering many adherents, notably politicians. The republican gubernatorial situation is pointed out as an example that the voters are not competent in political matters. The republicans have a fight on their hands which may culminate in disaster to the party this fall. History shows that similar situations arose in the old convention days, and yet there was survival for both party and state.

We are willing to admit that the Oregon primary is not functioning as well as is desired. As a remedy to some of the weak points of the system, it has been suggested that there be compulsory participation. A radical change, of course, but sentiment would be expressed and that is what is desired. Compulsory voting would be strongly opposed by some. So was compulsory education at one time, but it seems to fit in quite satisfactorily with our ideas of things now.

INTERESTING SOCIAL EVENTS OF WEEK

Mrs. Sarah Irvine entertained at dinner Monday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. Vibbert and Mr. and Mrs. Claire Vibbert of Salem.

The past matrons of the O. E. S., enjoyed a pleasant afternoon recently at the Masonic parlors. The affair was a farewell party for Mesdames Clark and Eldridge, both past matrons of the order, who will soon leave Independence to reside elsewhere.

About 25 members of the Pythian Sisters were royally entertained by the Salem lodge Tuesday evening in their beautiful rooms in that city. A splendid program was followed by a banquet, after which, with a smooth floor and good music, dancing was the diversion for the remainder of the evening.

Complimenting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark, who will leave soon for their new home in Forest Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Kimball entertained the first of the week at their home with a dinner followed by a theatre party at the Isis. Guests of the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. George Carbray, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mattison, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark.

On Monday evening the domestic science class of the high school under the direction of Miss Yexley was hostess for a four course dinner with the members of the school board and faculty with their families as guests. The dinner was prepared and served by the girls of the domestic class and speaks well for the work accomplished by the class during the past year.

An appreciative audience listened to the benefit concert given at the Methodist church Monday evening under the directorship of Mrs. J. G. McIntosh. The various numbers of the program were well rendered and enthusiastically encored. A feature of more than passing interest was the music presented by five Filipinos. These young men, who are O. A. C. students were experts upon various stringed musical instruments, the music rendered by them being unique and "catchy" and the young men responded to frequent encores. Mrs. McIntosh added a generous sum to the church treasury as the result of the entertainment.

One of the interesting functions of last week was the dinner and reception given May 28th by Mr. and Mrs. John Dickinson at their beautiful Rose bungalow on Main street in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Dickinson's forty-third wedding day. The springtime effect was obtained by the use of beautiful white blossoms that furnished a pretty setting for the dinner table. Covers were laid for 25 guests: Dr. H. Charles Dunsmore, Harvey Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Will Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coffe, Mr. Bower, Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Dickinson, and son John, Mr. and Mrs. J. Virgin, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dicknson, Don Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. George Dickinson and son, Ben Smith, Misses Marion Dickinson, Pauline Dickinson, Charlotte Dickinson, Glass, and Mr. and Mrs. John Dickinson.

C. W. Irvine "chaperoned" a bunch of boys to Portland recently, to witness the double ball game between Salt Lake City and Portland. It was a big day for the boys, one long to be remembered. Mr. Irvine was host and carried out his role to perfection. He knew just the place where the best eats were to be had and just where the best show was running, and saw to it that the boys had seats at the ball game that commanded the best view of the field. The party reached home just before midnight, and it is safe to say that "when a feller needs a friend" Mr. Irvine will have a whole auto load of them in the boys who were his guests at Portland. The lucky fellows were: Bob and Billy Irvine, Billy Baker, Elvin Calbreath, Valmore Bullis, Quincy Weddle.

Valsetz Events

(Too late for last week)
A crowd of picnickers from Spur 23, better known as "Snoosville," left Sunday morning on the motor car and spent the day two miles below Olson at the old dam. Fishing, wading and swimming were the sports of the day. A fish fry and coffee made on the camp fire were part of the appetizing lunch enjoyed by all. Another picnic is being planned for the near future.

Have been informed that since all of the Swedes have left it is now called East Valsetz.

Mrs. H. Holderman and children arrived Wednesday after a ten day visit with her mother in Vancouver.

W. Lappe spent Wednesday and Thursday in Independence.

H. Holderman spent Wednesday in Salem and Independence shopping.

Mrs. C. E. Bassett of Independence is visiting her son, A. L. Bassett, for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Tice arrived Tuesday night. Mr. Tice is improving rapidly.

The Valsetz mill men have ordered a radiphone which will be here in about a month, then dances can be planned at short notice. The ladies will enjoy the concerts as it will be free of charge. It will be installed in the dance hall.

Major La Londe spent several days last week in Portland on business.

Mrs. Frank Freeman is visiting her daughters in Portland.

Mrs. W. Whalen entertained the 500 club last Thursday.

WEEK'S DOINGS IN HIGHLAND COUNTRY

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Alexander will attend the graduation and commencement exercises on Friday of the high school in Silverton.

Miss Hazel Van Avery, who has been visiting in Portland, returned the last of the week accompanied by her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Webber. Mr. Webber is leader and director of the juvenile orchestra which has been so popular in Portland musical circles the past season. Miss Mildred Van Avery and Harold Van Avery were also at the home for the weekend.

Ivan Jones, who has been employed on the J. W. Osborn farm for several weeks, discontinued his services there last Friday.

The farmers are now busy harvesting their clover hay.

Mrs. Allie Kurre of Albany was a last week guest of her sister, Mrs. W. N. Alexander.

Mrs. S. H. McElmurry and son Henry were last week visitors in Providence and Crabtree. Mrs. McElmurry's nephew and family are preparing to return to their former home in Montana.

Several from this district attended the picnic Saturday at Elkins school. An interesting program was furnished by the Farmers' Union.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rulifson and daughter were in Corvallis Thursday and Friday, the former on business while Mrs. Rulifson attended the reunion of her class at O. A. C.

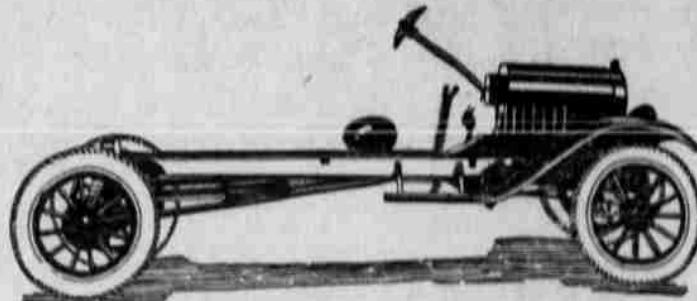
Pearl Black is substituting on mail route No. 2, in the absence of the regular carrier, Percy Dickinson.

The school board held a meeting at the school house on Wednesday evening.

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