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STEEL BRIDGE FOR WILLIAMS CREEK

BIDS ASKED FOR AND CONTRACT TO BE LET AT NEXT TERM

IS FIFTEEN-TON CAPACITY

Court Forbids Heavy Engine Traffic Over Rogue River

The county judge and commissioners, after an inspection of the bridge across the mouth of Williams creek at Provolt, decided that the present structure is apt to go out with the first high water, being in an unsafe condition, and it was an absolute necessity to have a new bridge constructed there at the earliest opportunity. In the emergency it was thought that the contract could be let at once for the building of a new bridge, but as the estimated cost is about \$3,000, it will be necessary to first advertise for bids, advertisement being necessary where the sum to be expended amounts to more than \$500.

It was decided at the Saturday session of the county court to erect a substantial steel bridge at Provolt, the span to be about 75 feet, and 16 feet wide. The capacity will be 15 tons. Three weeks' advertisement is required, and the contract can be let at the next session of the court.

Action was also taken Saturday by the court regarding the overloading of the steel bridge across the Rogue at Grants Pass by the great tractor and lumber cars from the Swede Basin mill. It is estimated that the tractor and its four cars weigh when loaded one hundred tons, and the designed capacity of the bridge is but 15 tons, with a supposed limit of 30 tons. The heavy engine was especially damaging to the flooring of the bridge, and the strain upon the steel work was commencing to tell. The court, therefore, ordered that the crossing of the outfit be discontinued, and will hereafter permit but a single one of the trucks with its 10,000 feet of lumber to cross at a single time. The tractor will not be permitted to cross, and a lighter engine will have to be used to haul the trucks one at a time.

MEDFORD SHORT ON WATER FOR FEW HOURS

Medford, Oct. 9.—Medford's water supply was temporarily put out of commission at 9:30 o'clock last night by a break in the big main on Main street, at a point opposite the Pacific and Eastern depot at the east end of the Bear creek bridge.

At 10 o'clock the water was shut off by Water Superintendent Tranna, and a force of workmen put to work repairing the big break, which threatened for a time to flood nearby houses. Until the repairs are made the city is in a precarious condition.

At one o'clock this morning Superintendent Tranna said that the entire district west of the Bear Creek bridge was being supplied with water through a two inch pipe, and that another similar line would be in operation by six o'clock this morning. A portion of the east side is being supplied with a full force, while the remainder has no water at all.

DRUNKEN CAPTAIN CAUSE OF WRECK
Portland, Oct. 9.—That Captain Owen Williams of the British ship Gleneslin had been drinking the morning of the day the vessel piled up on the rocks of Neap-Kah-Nie mountain two weeks ago, and that he had been twice warned that the vessel was close to shore, was the evidence presented before the British court of naval inquiry which convened today to place responsibility for the wreck. A number of witnesses were examined.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY BOY AND GIRL SCORE HIGH

The scores of the Grants Pass winners in the eugenics contest at the state fair last week ranks well up with the head of the list, the score of Margaret Hooper being 980, the second in her class scoring 935, and the third scoring 925. Kenneth Campbell's score was 970, and he secured third prize. The highest score in his class was the grand champion boy with a score of 995, while the second stood 970, the same as Master Campbell.

The scores received at the state fair correspond well with the scores given at the Josephine county fair, when Margaret was given 987 in her class and Kenneth Campbell stood 993 in his class.

The Sunday Oregonian has the following to say of the Josephine winners:

"The grand champion boy and winner of the sweepstakes and first-class cup, Wayne Porter Buchanan, was born in McMinnville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan is a professor in the public schools of that city. The baby is 3 years old.

"Margaret Hooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hooper of Grants Pass is another winner of high honors in eugenics contests. At Salem she won first prize in the class of 2-year-old country girls, and in the Josephine county fair some time ago she won the Woman's Home Companion medal and received the championship ribbon. The cost of her trip to Salem and return was awarded as an additional prize by the Josephine county fair committee. Mr. Hooper is cashier of the Grants Pass Trust & Savings bank.

"Another Grants Pass baby which won distinction in the state fair is Kenneth Campbell.

"Master Campbell was born September 19, 1910, in Fruitdale district in Josephine county, three miles south of town. His life so far has been on a fruit farm. At the county fair September 24, Kenneth took the first prize with a score of 99.3; there were 85 babies exhibited. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell could hardly believe their baby had taken the prize when shown the Oregonian message announcing the result."

SEARCH FOR "BLOOD MONEY" DISCONTINUED

San Diego, Cal., Oct. 9.—Search for the \$500 buried by Burr Harris, the negro who confessed here this week to the murder of Mrs. Rebecca P. Gay, according to his story, was discontinued today.

According to Harris, the money was blood money given to him by a person whose name he did not mention for the murder of Mrs. Gay. The detectives gave up the search as hopeless after going thoroughly over the ground.

REPORTED MASSACRE CAUSES MUCH ANXIETY

Mexico City, Oct. 9.—Spanish Minister Coloman conferred today with American Charge d'Affairs O'Shaughnessy concerning reports that a massacre had occurred at Torreón. Messages have been received tending to confirm the earlier rumors and much anxiety was felt.

The Torreón massacre was said to have followed the rebel capture of Torreón. The federals were reported as having been shot and cut down wholesale.

DISTRIBUTION POSTPONED

New York, Oct. 9.—Chairman Lovett of the Union Pacific directorate announced today that the road's expected \$82,000,000 melon would not be cut at present, but did not say why.

DAIRING FEAT OF FRENCH AVIATOR

Paris, Oct. 9.—A new flying thrill was introduced here today when Aviator Pegoud carried a passenger aloft, then capsized his aeroplane and flew upside down for a long distance. This was the first time such a flight with a passenger ever had been accomplished.

CITY PURCHASES RIGGS RAILROAD

SECURES RIGHT-OF-WAY, RAILS AND LOCOMOTIVE

ELECTION ON OCTOBER 23

Vote on \$200,000 Railroad Bonds and \$400,000 Total Indebtedness

The city council met Monday night in connection with the railway commission for final discussion of ordinance No. 696, amending the charter and providing for the issuance of \$200,000 railroad bonds. Citizens generally were present and entered discussion of the proposed ordinance, which with slight change was brought up for final reading and passed by the council.

October 23 was named as the date on which the election shall be held. The ordinance, a portion of which was published in Sunday's Daily Courier, provides for the issuance of not more than \$200,000 bonds for railway purposes and limits the total bonds which can be issued by the city at \$400,000. The present charter of the city allows an expenditure of something over \$800,000, and in compliance with the suggestion of Attorney Cassich of New York this clause limiting to \$400,000 indebtedness finds a place in the ordinance. This ordinance further provides that not more than \$200,000 of bonds may be issued after the adoption of the amendment unless the same is first authorized by a majority vote of the city. This, it is believed, will allay any opposition when the measure comes before the people at the polls.

The railway commission met again this forenoon and voted to purchase the Riggs railroad property, consisting of right-of-way from the Southern Pacific track to the intersection with the right-of-way of the municipal line. Also the ties and railroad iron, the bridge across Rogue river and the locomotive No. 1. The price agreed upon was \$7,250, payable as title is perfected, the deed and bill of sale being placed in escrow.

The engineer was instructed to communicate with the bridge companies and make a call for bids for repairing the present trestle across Rogue river and the building of a bridge and also for a bridge across Allen creek and another across the Applegate river. It is expected that work can be commenced upon the bridge across Rogue river by the 16th of this month.

Today teams are clearing the brush on the last mile of the right-of-way this side of Wilderville. Nine miles of grade is now ready for the iron, it being practically completed to the Applegate, and next week a crew will move across the river, grading the last mile, when the city's unit of the road will be ready for iron and bridges. Fifty teams and 75 men are now on the work, creating a daily pay roll of from \$350 to \$400.

MISSOURI CLEANING UP

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 9.—A general clean-up of rubbish and other materials which might cause fires is going on throughout Missouri today in observance of the governor's proclamation naming the anniversary of the Chicago fire as "Fire Prevention Day."

LOW CHURCHMEN DON'T WANT AN "AMERICAN POPE"

New York, Oct. 9.—The Episcopal House of Deputies met here today to consider an amendment to the constitution proposed at the 1910 church convention and providing for an "American Pope." The suggestion was also made that the name "American Catholic" be adopted by the church. Low churchmen vigorously oppose both propositions.

WALLACE PLEADS GUILTY AND IS FINED \$5.00

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

At the hearing today in Justice Holman's court of young Wallace for the larceny of a gold watch, it developed that the boy was but 15 years of age, and on last Friday night when he committed the theft he was dead drunk. He pleaded guilty to the charge in the complaint but claimed he didn't know what he was doing when he took the watch. He said he had lived around Grants Pass about all his life, working in the mines, and had never been arrested or found drunk before. The court gave the young man some wholesome advice and let him off with a \$5.00 fine and costs on account of his age and previous good character. But of the episode and the testimony of Wallace at the hearing there is apt to develop more work for the city police.

TOM RICHARDSON WILL ADDRESS MEETINGS HERE

Tom Richardson arrived in Grants Pass Friday morning for a general meeting with the citizens of Grants Pass and will be entertained at a business men's lunch at the Josephine hotel at noon, and he will speak in the afternoon and evening at meetings which will be generally attended, and to which the Ladies' Auxiliary and all ladies have a special invitation.

Word comes from Ashland and Medford that the meetings held there in the past few days have aroused considerable interest in the plan advocated by Tom Richardson to induce travelers to secure stop-over privileges in the Rogue River valley. Mr. Richardson also has a plan whereby the farmer of small means may be helped to secure the necessary funds to put his farm on a paying basis.

A general meeting of the commercial clubs of this section has been arranged for on the 15th, at which time the questions involved will be thoroughly considered and some plan of action agreed upon.

Those desiring to attend the luncheon should notify the secretary of the commercial club or the hotel.

The following program has been arranged for the day:

Morning—Reception and meeting of trustees with Richardson.

Noon—Business men's lunch Josephine Hotel; address of welcome by Mayor Smith. Richardson address.

3:15 p. m.—Richardson address to high school students.

8:00 p. m.—General meeting, introduction by Pres. Kroh; Richardson address; short talks by Mrs. C. H. Clements and O. S. Blanchard; instrumental and vocal selections.

Saturday morning—Auto trip through the lower valley and around town.

Saturday night—Auto trip through the Applegate-Williams valleys.

SAN FRANCISCO TO AID STRICKEN CITY OF NOME

San Francisco, Oct. 9.—Wiring from Santa Barbara, Mayor Rolph today called a conference of the supervisors, public welfare commission and the Red Cross association to organize a relief committee in this city for the suffering victims of storm and fire in Nome, Alaska.

The mayor received a telegram from Mayor Jones of the stricken city and wired the city's sympathy and promise of aid.

PRESIDENT OUTLINES PLANS FOR CURRENCY BILL

Washington, Oct. 8.—President Wilson called the senate leaders into conference today and outlined his plans for immediate action on the currency bill. It was understood he proposes to force democratic recalcitrants into line by insisting that they fulfill their caucus pledges. He may issue a statement soon setting the issue forth in detail.

TORTURED VICTIM OF RHEUMATISM SUICIDES

San Francisco, Oct. 9.—Tortured by rheumatism, Patrick J. Ryan, a saloon keeper, shot himself through the head in his saloon early today and must have died instantly. The porter found his body when he came to open up in the morning.

SIX SALOON MEN UNDER ARREST

CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR TO MINOR

DANA & GILMORE GET \$15

Disappearance of Star Witness Halts Proceedings and Changes Indictment

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Growing out of yesterday's hearing of Fred Wallace for larceny, Chief McLane this morning served warrants on six local saloon keepers, charging a violation of the city's liquor laws. All roads led to the office of Police Judge Creager as George Williams, Dana & Gilmore, O. R. Swearingin, Dan Hearn, Maple & Hardy, and W. I. Sweetland answered to the roll call in police court and were each turned loose on their own recognizance by the judge to appear for trial when wanted.

The warrants for these arrests were sworn out by Chief McLane on the affidavit of young Wallace, who claimed in that document that on last Friday night he and G. A. Ross, from whom he later stole a watch, being too drunk to know what he did, had made the rounds of the places whose proprietors are now under arrest and purchased and drank intoxicating liquors, and that he was then and is now a minor and but 18 years of age.

All the parties arrested entered a plea of not guilty and the trials will begin tomorrow morning at 9:30, with Dana & Gilmore on the carpet. By mutual consent this first trial will be before the court without a jury.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The hearing of Dana and Gilmore this morning before Police Judge Creager, charged in the warrant with allowing a minor to loiter about their place of business, resulted in a fine of \$15 and costs being imposed upon the defendants.

While the state's witness, both in his affidavit on which the warrants were issued and at the trial, claimed that he bought and drank liquor in the Dana & Gilmore place, the warrant did not so charge, both loitering in a saloon and drinking by a minor being an offense under the city ordinance, the former being the more easily proven was the one charged. The star witness for the saloon people, "Monty" Corbett, did not attempt to deny this charge, but he did deny that he sold the boy a drink and further testified that he absolutely refused to give Wallace drinks after ascertaining his age, and that he wasn't drunk when in his place.

The state's witness, Wallace, contradicted "Monty" in many particulars. He swore he was drunk when in the defendant's place, but not so drunk that he didn't know and remember what he did. He testified that he bought a glass of beer in the place and was served by the bartender.

G. A. Ross, a most material witness, was a minus quantity. It was this man Ross who helped Wallace paint the town red Friday night. The officers are now searching for him with a subpoena. In the absence of this witness, and as there was no testimony to prove that the young man had secured liquor the judge imposed a fine of \$15.

The balance of the cases will probably come up Monday or at such time as the witness Ross can be located.

ORDERED TO RENEW ANTI-PICKETING INJUNCTION

Lansing, Mich., Oct. 8.—The Michigan supreme court today ordered Circuit Judge O'Brien of Houghton to renew the anti-picketing injunction dissolved recently upon representations of attorneys acting for the copper mine strikers. The court ordered that cause must be shown why the injunction should not be made permanent.

GOVERNMENT WILL SURVEY IN SQUAW CREEK BASIN

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

An interesting session was held last night by the ten local parties holding coal claims in the Squaw Creek basin, and as a result of the meeting the government will begin at once a survey of this part of the forest reserve. No final filings on these lands have been accepted because the lands were unsurveyed, but word has just been received from the district surveyor-general's office in Portland stating that upon payment of \$1400 the survey would be begun, and as the money was pledged at last night's meeting, it is expected there will be no further delay.

Upon the completion of this survey the government will receive coal land filings of 160 acres each at the rate of \$10 per acre, with one year in which to make payment.

The government has just completed an exhaustive examination of these coal fields, and the coal is declared to be the finest grade of anthracite, as well as the most extensive deposits on the coast.

There are 10 claims held by Grants Pass parties, among them being the following, who pledged \$140 each, this sum to be returned in government script and later redeemed on their respective land payments: M. J. Anderson, B. Anderson, Alfred Anderson and wife, George Donnell, W. P. Counts, R. Counts, H. L. Truax for Messrs. Kinney and McCormick, mick.

MARKET FOR APPLES CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

The market for apples continues to improve, and the outlook for the sale of the Rogue River crop is excellent. The growers' association is now actively interesting itself in the sale of the crop, but none of the offers yet made have been accepted. Thursday an offer of \$1.40 per box for Yellow Newtowns, f.o.b. Grants Pass was made, but it was not accepted. An offer of an advance of \$1 per box on all 4-tier red apples, including the Ben Davis, has also been made, the grower to take whatever the market would bring above the dollar advance. This offer also has been rejected, and none of the crop has been sold.

All the orchards are busy picking the fruit, and all is going into the warehouses. Great care is being exercised in the pack, as the law regarding infected or wormy fruit is being rigidly enforced. Fruit Inspector Burke has issued a warning to the orchardists, and has also advised the spraying of the trees immediately after the fruit is off.

The apples this season are of the best quality and are running of good size, and will command the top prices when the growers are ready to dispose of them.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY OBSERVED

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 9.—Throughout Indiana and several other middle western states, "Fire Prevention Day" is being formally observed today. The date is peculiarly appropriate. Forty years ago today the disastrous Chicago fire in which more than 300 lives were lost, \$200,000,000 property damage done and 17,450 buildings destroyed started when "Mrs. O'Leary's cow" kicked over an oil lamp in a stable in the outskirts of the city.

Fire drills were held today in every public school in the state, premises were inspected and drills held in thousands of factories. The day was observed as "Fire Prevention Day" by proclamation of the governor. It will be an annual event.

TWENTY PERSONS INJURED IN "OLYMPIAN" WRECK

Forsyth, Mont., Oct. 9.—Twenty persons were injured when the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul's east-bound "Olympian" train was wrecked forty miles west of Forsyth yesterday by the breaking of a brakebeam on an express fish car next to the engine. The seriously injured are: John Bratvotich, Tacoma; S. D. Green, Oxnard, Cal.; A. Larson, Shawmut, Mont.; and W. H. Dugan, Chicago, Pullman conductor.