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BRIDGES MAY BE OF CONCRETE

COUNTY COURT CONSIDERS NEW TYPE OF STRUCTURE

NEW BIDS ARE CALLED FOR

Figures Submitted on Bridge at Provoit Show Small Cost Over Wood and Steel

Bridges of concrete construction are apt to succeed the wood and steel structures in the future in this county if the action of the county court is any criterion. The court had asked for bids for the erection of a bridge across Williams creek at Provoit, the bridge to be of the usual steel and wood type. Three bids were received in answer to the call, and in addition one bidder submitted an alternative bid for the making of a concrete structure. The difference in cost between the two kinds of bridges was so slight, however, that the commissioners concluded to look further into the matter, and the awarding of the contract was continued and a call made for bids for bridges built of concrete. When these bids are received the merits of the two types of structure will be compared and the bid will be awarded as the interests of the county appear to the commissioners.

For bridges of steel and wood, according to the plans prepared, R. S. Dahlberg had the lowest bid for the Williams creek structure. The plans called for alternative bids, one for riveted steel work and the other for plain construction. Dahlberg's bids were \$2,845 for the former and \$2,485 for the latter. The other bidders were the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company, whose figures were \$2,865 and \$2,540, and the Central States Bridge Company, which bid \$2,895 and \$2,555.

The bid for a concrete structure was submitted by Albert Anderson, who agreed to build a bridge 195 feet long, constructed in four spans, with 18-foot driveway, for \$3,250. He guaranteed that the bridge would carry 20-ton loads, whereas the capacity of the steel bridges is usually placed at 15 tons. As this bid was not in accord with the plans and specifications, the commissioners decided to make a new call, continuing the bids already received for the steel bridge, and these will be considered in connection with the bids for the concrete bridge at the next meeting. It was evident, however, that the county board was impressed with the possibility of the use of concrete in future bridge building, and if there is not too great a difference in the cost of the two types, Provoit will undoubtedly pioneer in the county in the new kind of structure.

PIONEER OF MERLIN HAS PASSED AWAY

Sara E., wife of John G. Lanterman, died at the family home in Merlin Wednesday, November 12, at the age of 82 years. The funeral services will be held Friday forenoon, at 11 o'clock, at Merlin, conducted by Rev. Vater of the Bethany Presbyterian church, the deceased having embraced the Presbyterian faith early in life.

Sara E. Harkness was married to John G. Lanterman in 1854, removing to the state of Oregon from Wisconsin with her husband in 1870. They were pioneers in the valley, and were factors in the early business and social life of southern Oregon. They located upon the land now occupied by the Merlin townsite, and Mr. Lanterman was for 20 years the postmaster at the town of Merlin. They were beloved by all their neighbors, and the taking away of the wife of the household has caused general sorrowing. The bereaved husband, now in his 87th year, has the sympathy of all in the loss of his life companion.

HANK BROWN SUICIDES ON LIVERY STABLE ROOF

The dead body of Hank Brown was found lying on the roof of the Grants Pass livery stable early Tuesday morning, an empty bottle that had contained carbolic acid accounting for the method which a despondent man had accepted for ending his life, suicide being the unmistakable cause of death.

Brown, who was an employe of the livery barn, had been missing since Sunday. He was last at his home on East L street last Friday evening, and Friday night he was at his duties as night man at the livery barn, and Sunday was seen about the street. It is evident that the suicide was committed some time Sunday, and that the body lay upon the barn roof till Tuesday before being found. Then it was seen from the upper floor of the Paddock building, across the street, and the attention of Chief McLane was called to it. Investigation proved that it was the body of Brown, and that he had been dead for some time, and as it was so plainly a case of suicide, Coroner Truax decided that an inquest was not necessary. Brown had climbed to the top of the building by way of a ladder placed on the south side, had gone to the center of the flat roof, and there had swallowed the poison that soon ended his life. The bottle lying by his side bore the label of the National Drug store, though there is no record of Brown having purchased the drug, and it is not known from whom he obtained it.

The reason for the suicide is supposed to have been despondency over drink, Brown having remarked at the time he left home Friday evening that he would rather be dead than to be under the spell of liquor, and he seemed unable to escape from its thrall.

The deceased, who was 52 years of age, was a native of Wisconsin, and had resided in the state of Oregon for the past ten years. He was for a time mail carrier from West Fork, but of late had been night man at the Grants Pass livery stable. He leaves a wife, but no children.

The body was taken to Hall's undertaking rooms, and the funeral was held Thursday.

TWO MORE HUNTERS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED

The local game and fish protective association has engaged two more hunters to put in the winter hunting the predatory animals throughout the territory of the proposed game refuge in southern Oregon. G. B. Crabtree will hunt in the southern part of the county, and H. O. Dimmick will be sent into territory yet to be selected. Crabtree will be joined by his brother from California, who will bring a pack of dogs with him. These dogs are trained in the chase for predatory animals, being part of a pack that has been employed in keeping cougars, cats, etc., out of range occupied by sheep in the southern state, and have records for kills. Dimmick will use some of his own dogs and also a pair of P. A. DeGenault's dogs, all trained in the hunt.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES IN EVENING

At the meeting of the ministerial association it was decided that the union Thanksgiving Day services would be held on the evening of Thanksgiving Day instead of in the morning, as heretofore. The services are to be held at the Newman Methodist Episcopal church, and the sermon will be preached by Rev. Vater, pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian church.

WALL STREET COMPANY FAILS FOR \$6,000,000

New York, Nov. 13.—Following the filing of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, a receiver was appointed today for H. B. Hollins & Company, one of the largest firms in Wall street. Liabilities were given as \$6,000,000, and assets as between \$250,000 and \$500,000. The amount named in the petition was \$661.

The firm is a member of the Consolidated and New York Stock exchanges.

POMONA GRANGE MEETS SATURDAY

WILL CONVENE IN HALL AT FRUITDALE

3 EXPERTS WILL LECTURE

Following Day Session, Speakers Will Go to Williams and Hold Second Meeting

The Josephine County Pomona Grange will hold a session at the Fruitdale hall, Saturday, which will be made especially interesting because of the appearance on the program of three specialists who will address the farmers upon subjects that are of vital import at the present time. The morning session of the grange will be given over to business. In the afternoon a special program will include addresses by M. S. Schrock, deputy state dairy commissioner; Prof. H. T. French of the state agricultural college, and Howard Hill, the special orchardist from the Country Club orchard tracts.

Mr. Schrock will take up the subject of dairying, but Prof. French's subject has not yet been announced. Mr. Hill will speak especially of the proper pruning of fruit trees, and will demonstrate with a tree that will be taken to the hall. This will be an unpruned tree, and the reasons for the cutting of each branch will be explained.

The meeting at Fruitdale will be completed at four o'clock, and the three visiting speakers will be taken at once in waiting autos and driven to Williams, where a second meeting will be held in the Williams Grange hall.

COUNTY COURT

Judge Calkins was here Monday morning holding an adjourned term of the circuit court.

A decree was handed down and a divorce granted Mrs. Maysal Mann from John Mann. Desertion was the grounds for the action.

Judgment was also given in the cases of J. G. Curtis vs. H. P. Tracy for \$1,282.85, principal and interest on a note; Chas. Akard vs. Alameda Mining Company, foreclosure of lien for \$107; John Pugh vs. C. R. Fowler, action to quiet title.

Argument was heard in a number of civil cases, in which judgment has not yet been rendered.

LABOR FORCES WIN IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Nov. 12.—A sweeping victory was claimed today by the union labor forces as a result of yesterday's election of eight supervisors, a tax collector and a police judge. Five of the successful supervisors were supported by union labor. Edward F. Bryant, the union labor candidate for the tax collectorship, also was elected.

The supervisors elected are Fred Suhr, Jr., James E. Power, John O. Walsh, Cornelius Deasy, Charles A. Nelson, Ralph McLeran, Edward I. Nolan and Fred L. Hilmer. The union labor forces supported Deasy, Nelson, Power, Suhr and Walsh. Andrew J. Gallagher, another prominent labor leader, was elected supervisor at the primary election some time ago.

John J. Sullivan, incumbent, defeated William P. Cauba for police judge.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER COMES TO PACIFIC COAST

Washington, Nov. 12.—Commissioner General of Immigration Anthony Caminetti is en route today to San Francisco, by way of Chicago. In addition to making a special study of the question of better administration of the exclusion laws, Caminetti will spend the next six weeks inspecting the immigration service along the Pacific coast.

DEVELOPMENT MEETING DRAWS LARGE CROWD

The development meeting in the opera house yesterday afternoon was called to order by Judge Colvig of Medford, and proceeded at once to the business which has so well succeeded in bringing the commercial interests of the valley into working harmony. Judge Colvig briefly stated the purpose of the gathering, that the commercial organizations of the valley might get to an understanding for future concerted work in exploiting the resources and industries of the district. He further showed that the convention was not hampered by established limits, but being merely the outgrowth of the previous meeting in Medford it was free to act in the matter of giving its approval of any plan.

Mayor Smith was elected chairman of the convention and G. P. Schlosser of Roseburg was elected secretary. The resolutions, prepared by the committee of fifteen appointed by the Medford meeting, to set forth the purpose and idea of the convention, were read and unanimously adopted. The resolutions follow:

"Resolved, That this convention ask the commercial bodies in Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties to write letters to all present members of the Oregon legislature, and to all of the commercial clubs of the state, setting forth the object of this convention as follows: To crystallize sentiment in favor of a state exhibit of the resources of the state of Oregon at Ashland, with a view of forming a concrete organization at a convention composed of delegates from all the commercial bodies of the state to meet at some future date, and to devise plans of advertising throughout the eastern states with a view of inducing Pacific coast traffic during 1915 to buy their tickets routed with local stopovers through the state of Oregon."

Smith Advises Concerted Action

Mayor Smith briefly told of the past endeavors made by individual localities to push their own interests to the fore, but that it was the logical conclusion that the localities must first realize the greater efficacy of concerted action in order to expend their energies in development to the greatest good. This he showed to be the purpose of the convention, to work in unison in advertising the district in order to induce tourists to investigate the opportunities offered by Oregon. He further showed that the women of the country can help much in this campaign for publicity and extended an invitation through a special committee to the Ladies' Auxiliaries of the valley in session here to attend the convention.

California Club Woman Talks

Mrs. S. L. Wiley, leader in the California State Federation of Women's Clubs, who was to have addressed the meeting of the southern Oregon women, was asked to speak before the general convention, and this she did to the assurance of the belief before entertained that the women can be a great factor in the movement planned. She told of the development work done in the San Joaquin valley of California and the wonderful name it came to have over the world, and expressed her earnest opinion that we of southern Oregon have even greater opportunities because, as she stated, our valley is absolutely the most beautiful and wonderful on the earth. The great work done by the federation of clubs of California, she said, can be duplicated here, and to this end is aiding in the federation of the Southern Oregon Women's Clubs.

Richardson Outlines Plan

Tom Richardson of Portland, referred to as "the greatest community builder and organizer," now definitely set forth the line of action it is intended to take up in attracting the attention of this expected tourist traffic of the opportunities in the state of Oregon. The idea is to establish an extensive exhibit of Oregon products at Ashland, as the gateway of the state, during the great travel over the Pacific Highway and the Southern Pacific railway during the Panama-Pacific exposition. It is planned that this exhibit shall be under the direction of the state board that has charge of the exhibition of Oregon products at the fair, and thus shall represent the entire state by districts of interest. This, it is thought, will be of more benefit to each community than

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FINE POINTS IN NEW FISHING LAW

FISHING WITHOUT CATCHING NOT A VIOLATION

ATTY. GENERAL'S OPINION

Argument Arises Over Arrest of Man for Fishing Near Fish Way

On complaint of Deputy Game Warden Merrill, B. F. Rosencrans appeared before Justice Holman Thursday morning, and on a plea of guilty was fined \$25 for fishing within 200 feet of the old dam below the steel bridge. A petition is being prepared which will be dispatched to Governor West asking that the sentence of the court be set aside, the deputy warden and other interested parties joining in the petition.

It is said that Rosencrans did not know that he was within the prescribed dead line, and that his violation was unintentional, though in face of the plea of guilty, the minimum fine of \$25 was necessarily imposed.

A fine point in the new fish law as enacted by the late legislature is involved in the fish question as raised by the arrest of Rosencrans, and the attempted arrest of two other parties within the past few days. The newly appointed county attorney, Mr. Miller, states that under the law he doubts the guilt of Rosencrans, holding that the law as it reads prohibits the catching of "migratory" fish only below the fishways or dams, and that the common varieties of trout are not migratory, that term applying to such fish as periodically pass up or down the stream, and including salmon and steelheads. If Mr. Miller has placed the proper interpretation upon the law, mountain and cut-throat trout, or other varieties that do not ascend the streams as "migratory" fish, could be caught right up to the fishways, so that the salmon and steelheads were not molested. The attorney is looking further into this phase of the law.

Another fine point was raised when the deputy warden arrested two men for fishing within the prohibited limit and attempted to bring them to account before the court. The men claimed that they had caught no fish within 200 feet of the dam, and that the law could not hold them accountable unless they actually caught fish. The attorney-general of the state was asked for an opinion upon this point, and he informed Attorney Miller that the mere casting for the fish, even if the tackle was ample for catching and landing the prohibited fish, did not constitute a violation unless a fish was actually caught. On the strength of this opinion of Attorney-General Crawford the action against the two men was dropped, as they were not seen to catch a fish above the dead line.

300 PEOPLE KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE

Lima, Peru, Nov. 12.—A dozen towns were destroyed, at least 300 persons were killed and 5,000 to 6,000 were made homeless by an earthquake which shook the mountainous province of Ayamarca last Friday, according to news received here today.

Communication was prostrated following the disaster, so that the first accounts of it did not reach Cuzco from Albacay, the town which suffered most heavily, until last night. Orders were telegraphed to troops in Cuzco, only 40 miles from Albacay, to go to the sufferers with relief.

On their arrival they found conditions much worse than had been supposed. Not only were all the towns in the quake zone practically destroyed, but vast slides were shaken down from the mountains, burying the ruins, together with the dead and injured, under tons of earth and rock.

BIG WILDCAT KILLED BY HUNTER'S DOG

Dell Churchill, one of the well known and successful hunters of the Cow creek country, is the first of the three professional hunters to be engaged by the Game and Fish Protective Association, and he will probably operate in the Beaver Creek district during the winter. Mr. Churchill is now in the city making arrangements to take to the field after the enemies of the game animals. He has two good "varmint" dogs, and one of them showed his mettle Sunday morning when taken out for a short run in the Green creek country near town. Mr. Churchill was accompanied by Messrs. Silder and Sherman, officers of the game protective association, under whose authority the hunters are to work, and by Taxidermist Bush. Only the one dog was taken along, but at 7:30 in the morning he had a bob cat treed and was merrily giving tongue to call in the hunters. The limb on which the cat has sought refuge was cut off by rifle shots, and when the animal struck the ground he found the dog waiting for him. The battle was short, and the feline is now in the hands of the taxidermist.

The two other hunters authorized by the state game commission have not yet been employed, but will soon be put on the job. This action initiated by the local association is meeting with the heartiest commendation on the part of the sportsmen and is the best move ever made by the state for the protection of the game animals. C. Messenger of Deer creek, who is well posted in regard to game conditions in his portion of the county, says that deer are really growing scarcer in the face of the many protective laws. Cougars and cats, he says, are becoming more plentiful, and they are making serious inroads in the game supply. He says the reason for the increase in the number of the cat tribe can be laid to the fact that the prohibition on the use of dogs in hunting has taken practically all the dogs out of the country, and that without them the big cats cannot be successfully hunted. He approves the hiring of hunters and the encouragement of dog packs for hunting the predatory beasts.

JOHN LIND LEAVES CITY OF MEXICO

Vera Cruz, Nov. 13.—When John Lind arrived here he was accompanied by all of the officials attached to the American embassy in Mexico City except Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy.

Mexico City, Nov. 13.—Following the departure of John Lind for Vera Cruz, the wildest rumors were current here today.

One story was that the American charge d'affaires and the embassy staff would follow Lind, all relations between Mexico and the United States being broken off. Another was that President Huerta, who has received no visitors since Lind left, has disappeared. This his friends denied.

Well informed observers said the situation had not really changed, except for Lind's departure.

CONVENTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

Ashbury Park, N. J., Nov. 12.—Better systems of Bible study were discussed today at length here at the sessions of the Sunday school convention of the Presbyterian Church, which convened here yesterday. Today's morning meetings were devoted to the institute of the different departments of New Jersey for educational purposes. The annual banquet of the Superintendents' Union of New Jersey will be held this evening in the Metropolitan Hotel. Edward A. Dunham, superintendent of the Third Presbyterian church in this city, is president of the Superintendents' Union. Sessions will close tomorrow.

OREGON CITY EDITOR ACQUITTED OF LIBEL

Oregon City, Nov. 12.—After deliberating an hour a jury today acquitted M. J. Brown, editor of the Oregon City Courier, charged with criminal libel in connection with a recent recall election.