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## ROAD BILL PASSED DOUBLES AUTO FEE

PROVIDES \$280,000 IN REVENUE

Multnomah Forgoes Benefits  
—Game Code Cuts Off Game  
Season Two Weeks.

Licenses on automobiles and automobile trucks are to be doubled under provisions of a bill passed by the House Monday and the proceeds will be applied to the state highway fund for distribution in counties outside of Multnomah.

This bill, which of course is subject to change, is a part of the legislative road program; was prepared by the joint House and Senate committee on roads and highways, and is a companion to the general road code put through the House last week.

It is expected to raise approximately \$280,000 in cash next year and to increase from year to year as the number of automobiles in the state increases. The money is to go into the general highway fund and be expended under direction of the State Highway Commission.

The present law requires the money to be sent back to the respective counties in the ratio in which it was paid. The Multnomah delegations in the House and Senate have consented to an amendment that will permit all the money to be used outside Multnomah county. They believe that this will aid most substantially in developing the general road improvement throughout the state.

Representatives Crandall, Small and other members from Eastern Oregon objected to the provision giving the commission discretion in distributing the money. They declare that their counties seldom if ever get any money from the state highway fund except in that accruing for the automobile taxes and that with that money taken away they will stand little chance of getting anything.

Representative Schimpff, chairman of the roads committee, handled the bill on the floor and assured the members that it offers the best provisions possible for adequate road development.

The new game code also went through the House. It had only a handful of negative votes. The bill was introduced by the same committee and handled on the floor by Representative Corbett, the chairman. It makes some important changes in the present game laws. It cuts two weeks off the deer season all over the state, making the season west of the Cascades August 15 to October 15, and east of the Cascades September 1 to October 31. It prohibits the shooting of Chinese pheasant hens and cuts the bag limit on trout from 75 to 50 and from 50 pounds to 35 pounds. It re-enacts the 1915 deer-dogging law, which prohibits the trailing of deer with dogs. This is a much more stringent measure than the one passed in 1915.

There are too many lobbyists around the Capitol to suit Representative Roy Ritner. He introduced a resolution in the House to restrict their "pernicious activities." The resolution calls attention to the fact that the lobbyists have gone inside the railing and interfered with members at their desks. He wants the floor kept clear of all who are not entitled to admission.

### Pilot Rock Road.

Good Roads enthusiasts of Pilot Rock and vicinity have "been on the job" in lively fashion during the past week, says the Record, and already have raised the sum of \$600 to be used in keeping in condition the Pilot Rock-Pendleton road during the coming year. More than \$200 was raised in Pilot Rock in a short time and when it became evident that the good roads spirit was at a high tide it was decided to meet with the County Court and secure a promise of aid for the Pendleton road. A large number of prominent citizens met with the Court Wednesday morning and agreed to keep the road in repair for one year provided the county would have the road graded immediately. The Court accepted the proposition and will have the grading started at once. The delegation was then divided into committees and solicited aid from Pendleton business firms who are interested in having a good road leading from Pilot Rock to the county seat.

### Baby Dies of Meningitis.

Marguerite Fay, the little five-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burke, succumbed to the dread disease, spinal meningitis, brought on by erysipelas, after several weeks of sickness. The little one passed away last Friday afternoon, and was buried from the Methodist church Saturday at 2 p. m., Rev. Gleiser conducting the services. The young parents have the sympathy of their many friends.

### Raises Salary.

The House is not going to be penurious when it comes to paying salaries to state officials and employees, as is shown when it passed the bill to increase the State printer's salary from \$1800 a year to \$2400 and refused to pass the one decreasing the salary of the president of the Oregon Agricultural College from \$7000 to \$5000.

### Card of Thanks.

We take this means to thank our many friends and kind neighbors for their help and kindness during the sickness and death of our little daughter. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Burke, and relatives.

### School Notes.

[Contributed.]

What was considered by many to be the most interesting and enjoyable of the High School literary society since its organization, was held last Friday afternoon in the school auditorium. Owing to the resignation of Miss Frances Fehr as editor-in-chief, an election was held to choose her successor. Ballots were cast five times before Annabell McLeod was elected to the position. During the program, High school yells were given and the meeting adjourned. The number of visitors present greatly exceeded that of any other meeting. The next meeting will be held February 28 at 2:30 p. m. in the auditorium. The program will be as follows:

Song, "Soldiers' Chorus," - Society Reading, Claude Baker  
Piano solo, - Zola Keen  
Speech, - W. D. Allingham  
Dialogue, - Rex Payne and S. Crabbill  
Song, "Weaving of the Green," - Freshman quartet: Areta Littlejohn, Enid Cartano, Ellis Hopper and Harry Martin.  
Lloyd McPherrin  
Piano duet,

Annabell McLeod and Evelyn Hurd  
Reading, - Marguerite McLennan  
Report of Critic, - Lola Key

The second class party of the year was held last Friday evening when the Juniors entertained the other classes, faculty and alumni in the Domestic Science room. The room was tastefully decorated in orange and green, the class colors. In the beginning of the evening the guests were divided into two sides to represent the "wets" and "drys" and "track meet" was held which consisted of several amusing contests. The "drys" won the largest number of points and were fittingly awarded an empty can. A dainty lunch was served consisting of ice cream, cake and coffee. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing and giving yells. It was one of the best parties of the year.

The Athena basket ball teams left this afternoon for Hermiston, where they will meet the teams of that city in a double-header game. The games are the return for those played in Athena several weeks ago. Hermiston will have the advantage of the home floor, which has out bounds. Next Friday night the Touchet High teams will meet the Athena teams in a double header. These will be the last games on the local floor this year.

That the prospects for a larger enrollment in the grammar grades are good, is shown by the steadily increased registration in the primary department. Lohman Maestretti entered the second grade this week, making a total enrollment of 44 in Miss Sherman's room. Miss Barnes' room is also reported to be full.

Mrs. W. O. Read was a visitor in Miss Barnes' room, and Mrs. J. T. Read in Miss Fortna's and Miss Wagner's rooms.

Mildred Winship, of Miss Fortna's room, has entered the declamatory contest.

Last Tuesday afternoon the Senior class held a meeting in order to choose the class motto and flower. The class colors are black and gold, and the flower chosen was the Marechal Neil rose. The class motto is: "Impossible" is un-American.

### BENNETT D. CLEMONS PASSES AWAY SUNDAY

After an illness extending over three years, B. D. Clemmons, pioneer resident of this city, passed away Sunday morning at 10:10 o'clock, surrounded by his family.

Mr. Clemmons was born in Springfield, Mass., February 29, 1842, and died February 11th, 1917, being 74 years, 11 months and 13 days old. He crossed the plains by team in 1876, coming to Walla Walla, and two years later, Dec. 5, 1878, came to Athena, then Centerville, where he has since resided, being the first man to move into the town after it had been surveyed, so it is said.

He was united in marriage August 10th, 1870, with Miss Emma Middleton, and two children were born to them, both of whom are dead, and his wife died in Walla Walla in 1876.

He was married on Dec. 5, 1888 to Mrs. Clara E. White, and five children were born, one of whom passed away in infancy. The children are: Kezia Fay Kidder of Kamela; Joseph A. D. Clemmons of Athena; Eva Ruth Kidder of Pendleton, and Howard O. Clemmons of Athena. Besides the children, his wife survives him.

Mr. Clemmons was a member of the Masonic order, and also of the A. O. U. W. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Baptist church, with Rev. Milo G. Bentley officiating. The services at the grave were conducted by Dolph Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

### Peculiar Horse Disease.

A disease that has been puzzling horse raisers has shown up on a number of horses taken from Ukiah to Grant county to winter. Several of the animals have died and some attribute it to their being kept on dry feed so long while others think it is some disease. One peculiarity is that the horses that have died were all fat and seemed to break down in the back and when once down, they cannot get up again.

### Card of Thanks.

For the help and sympathy extended us in our recent bereavement, and for the beautiful floral offerings, we wish to express our deepest gratitude.  
Mrs. B. D. Clemmons and family.

## FILING WILL GO ON UMATILLA PROJECT

OPEN TO ENTRY ON MARCH 6TH

Approximately 1,300 Acres In  
Second Unit of West Umatilla Extension Open.

The Secretary of the Interior announces the opening to entry on March 6, at 9 o'clock a. m., of approximately 1,300 acres in the second unit of the West Extension of the Umatilla, Oregon, reclamation project.

Persons desiring to acquire any of this public land must execute a homestead application subject to the provisions of the reclamation law which, with the required fees and commissions accompanied by a certificate of the Project Manager at Hermiston as to the filing of water right applications and payment of water right charges, may be presented to the proper local land office, either La Grande or The Dalles, Oregon, in person, by mail, or otherwise, within the period of five days prior to the opening, on and from March 1, to and including 9 o'clock a. m., March 6.

Where there is more than one application for the same land a drawing will be held to determine the successful applicant. Unsuccessful entriesmen will be permitted to amend their filings and apply same to other farm units which have not been entered.

The building charge is \$92 per acre, 5 per cent of which must be deposited with the Project Manager at Hermiston before application for entry will be received. The balance is payable in fifteen additional annual installments, the first of which will be payable December 1 of the fifth calendar year after the entry. The first five per cent of such installments will each be five per cent of the construction charge, and the last ten installments each seven per cent.

The Umatilla Project includes approximately 55,000 acres in Umatilla and Morrow counties, and is traversed by the O. W. R. & N. and N. P. r. r. A portion of the project lies on the south bank of the Columbia River, which affords water transportation.

The lands of the project are rolling in character and the soils are sandy loams. Climatically the region is adapted to the growing of alfalfa, fruits, berries and vegetables. The average value of all irrigated crops on the project in 1915 was \$39 per acre. Farm units average about 40 acres each, the irrigation of which is provided for by the irrigation system reported completed.

### \$500 Fox at Liberty.

Baker county ranchers and miners are on the lookout for a black fox worth \$500 that has escaped from the A. P. Snyder fox farm on Dixie Mountain. Mr. Snyder brought eight of the animals from Canada last year and put them in a pen, but one escaped through an opening in the fence.

### 23 Years Ago.

[From the Press of Feb. 16, 1894]

Born—To the wife of R. E. Stewart Feb. 14, a girl, weight 8 pounds. Mr. Stewart is proud of this valentine.

Born—In Athena Feb. 14, 1894 to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sharp, a boy.

There is likely to be some fun yet over our city election. Since the convention, A. L. Jones, Lee Mitchell, Wm. Gholson and F. J. Beale have been nominated by petition for councilmen and D. A. Hendricks for Recorder. C. W. Hollis will have no opposition for mayor.

Henry Koepke and family of Helix returned last Saturday night from a four months visit in Iowa and Illinois. Miss Essie Foss of Athena, who was in attendance at the teachers' examination, passed Sunday with her friend, Miss Loula Gates in Adams.

Miss Mabel Walter began a term of school last Monday in the district west of town.

Dr. Sharp informs us that the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Titton who has been suffering with an abscess on the knee caused by a fall is getting along nicely.

Mr. Sweet, the drug clerk at the Pioneer Drug store left Wednesday evening for a weeks visit with friends and relatives in Portland. Geo. Hewitt is compounding in his place.

A. D. Leedy, of Helix was in town Monday. When asked by a reporter about his political aspiration he said he was not now, had not been, would not be a candidate for congress or state senator. But we were given to understand that he would not refuse the nomination for sheriff if it were offered him.

Three masked men held up five Indians near Pendleton and at the point of murderous pistols searched them, but owing to the present "financial stringency" found the redskins busted.

Manager Gorman this week moved the Knapp-Burrell stock of farm implements from the old stand to the building formerly occupied by C. H. Dodd and Co., on upper Main street. The reason for moving is that they will have more room to display the goods handled extensively by the firm.

### "Miss Molly," on March 3.

"Miss Molly," the play to be given at the High school auditorium on March 3, by Mignonette Rebekah Lodge, is being rehearsed under the direction of Mrs. J. O. Russell. Following is the cast of characters in the play: "Reginald Peters," a crabbed old misogynist, L. L. Michener; "Julian Hewitt," his ward, Eugene Schimpff; "Joe Johnson," his colored servant, stout, but timid, Arthur Chapman; "Annie Peters," his twin sister, Mrs. Bessie Schimpff; "Molly Peters," his niece, Laura McIntyre; "Cissie Saunders," a girl from "Noo York," Belle McIntyre; "Pearl White," a colored girl, Areta Rothrock; "Lady Elouisa Minton," Miss Annie's invited guest, Mrs. Ethel Cannon.

The proceeds derived from the sale of admission tickets will be used for the purchase of a new carpet for the I. O. O. F.-K. of P. lodge hall.

## IN LODGE CIRCLES DURING THE WEEK

CAMP ENJOYS STEAMED CLAMS

Woodmen Initiate at "Feed" and Knights of Pythias Junket To Weston Town.

The week's lodge activities started off Monday evening at a rousing meeting of Lilley Encampment, I. O. O. F. when members of the local Camp and visitors from surrounding towns to the number of nearly 100, enjoyed a clam feed at which over 300 pounds of clams were consumed, deducting of course, gross weight of shells and boxes.

The clams were steamed in a wash boiler served to the ravenous bunch piping hot, and one of the boys informs the Press man that Sim Barnes of Weston, eats clams for all the world like a Chinaman eating noodles.

The next meeting was a success socially and the visiting members enjoyed the evening. Aside from the social features of the evening, a class of six were initiated, the Golden Rule and Royal Purple degrees being conferred.

The local camp, Woodmen of the World, had initiatory work at Wednesday night's meeting. Pendleton visitors were also entertained and the usual lunch was served. The matter of organizing a W. O. W. baseball team to enter a league of Woodman teams in Pendleton and other towns, was discussed at some length. The Camp has some good material for a team.

Wednesday evening Stevens Lodge, Knights of Pythias kept open house to visiting members, and ten members of Pythian lodge of this city went over to Wood's town in autos. Second and third ranks were conferred, the meeting closing with a sumptuous Weston feed.

### \$80,000 Land Deal Made.

One of the largest land deals for some time was consummated Tuesday when Henry W. Collins, prominent Pendleton grain dealer, purchased from the J. E. Smith Livestock company 4000 acres of wheat land 18 miles west of Pendleton, south of Yoakum. The price was not made public but it is believed to have been around \$20 an acre. The deal was made for cash. Smythe Bros, recently purchased the range and alfalfa land and sheep plant of the Smith company at Yoakum.

### Pasco Gets Water.

A body of water users under the Pasco reclamation project, known as the Pasco Water Users' Corporation, was organized Saturday to supply water to the lands both in the city and in the country, for irrigation purposes. This organization is backed by local capital and is distinctly a municipal undertaking. The stock of the company has all been subscribed and paid for.

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