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ROAD BONDS MADE LEGAL BY COURT

Two Million Dollars Voted By Lane County for Roads Now Available

Salem, Ore., Dec. 14.—In an opinion written by Justice Bona, the supreme court this morning rendered a decision in the mandamus proceedings brought by Ladd and Tilton against Union county, which validates the road bonds voted in seven Oregon counties.

The opinion is a complete reversal of the opinion recently rendered by the supreme court in the test case brought by W. P. Hawley against Clackamas county, testing the validity of the Clackamas county issue.

The constitutionality of the amendment of 1919, authorizing county indebtedness for road purposes up to six per cent of the assessed valuation of the county, is held operative without any additional legislation.

Lane county voted a \$2,000,000 bond issue at the May primaries. Other counties which voted bonds were Crook, Curry, Clackamas, Coos, Jackson, Union and Yamhill.

HIGH SCHOOL ADOPTS ARMENIAN CHILDREN

Two and one-half Armenian children have been adopted by the different classes of the high school. It costs \$60 per year to provide for their care and the classes will raise the necessary amount.

The seniors and juniors will provide for one and a half and the freshmen for one.

Springfield's allotment of funds for Armenian children is \$300, or enough to provide for five children.

WILL MOVE TO CITY HALL ABOUT FIRST OF NEW YEAR

At the regular meeting of the council Monday night the routine business was transacted, and bills allowed.

The progress of the city hall was noted and it is expected by the building committee that it will be ready for occupancy by the first of the year.

Jim Fox Buys Home in Portland

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fox have purchased a home in Portland and this week moved their furniture there. Mr. and Mrs. Fox formerly made their home in Springfield. Mr. Fox has been employed in several of the saw-mills of the northwest since leaving Springfield.

HARDING WRITES HAMLIN'S SON

Expresses Appreciation of Aid; Best Service to All People His Desire

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hamlin recently received a copy of the Harvard Crimson, the college paper, which published a letter to J. N. Hamlin, their son, from Senator Warren G. Harding.

Mr. Hamlin is a student of Harvard, taking the course fitting himself for the consular service. He was chairman of the executive committee of the Harding and Coolidge club at the college. A few days before election a monster parade was staged in Boston and Mr. Hamlin was marshal of the Harvard division.

Following in part is the letter from Senator Harding:

"Dear Mr. Hamlin: Through the kindness of the Division of Clubs of the Republican National Committee, I have been informed of the organization of the Harding-Coolidge Club among the students of Harvard, and I would like to express my gratification and my thanks to you and to your associates who were active in the matter of organization.

"I think I may say to you in all modesty that the candidates of the Republican party, with which you are affiliated, are sincerely actuated by a desire to render the best service of which they are capable to all of the people of this land of ours and that they are honestly committed to the principles and program of the party as enunciated in convention and established in the most successful years of the Republic.

"I trust that you and my other fellow Republicans associated with you may bring to the consideration of all the questions involved in this campaign in the most successful years practical, as academic and theoretical. Great reforms, if they are to be a sign a spirit as much patriotic and persistence and evolution, and I trust that the men enlisted in your club will carry their work and their pledges on beyond their undergraduate days and into the years which take them into the active and constructive upbuilding of American nationality.

"Very sincerely,
(Signed) "Warren G. Harding."

POTATO QUARANTINE MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN OREGON

According to information brought by C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector, who attended a meeting of the state board of horticulture in Salem, it was shown that potatoes coming to Oregon from California are infested with the tuber moth. The proposed quarantine provides for the admission of California potatoes only after they have passed through a process of fumigation. The matter is to be taken up at an interstate conference.



SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF SPRINGFIELD A DISTRICT

Representatives from the three churches met Sunday and formed a district for Springfield Sunday schools. The meeting was called by N. M. Shrod, president of the Lane County Sunday school association.

Problems of the schools were discussed and the following officers elected: President, Roland E. Mosher; Fred Barnard, vice president; Sam Y. Bartholomew, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. L. K. Page, superintendent of children's division; Mrs. Ruby Anderson, superintendent of young people's division; Arthur Pengra, superintendent of administrative division.

TYSON FETED ON BIRTHDAY

G. H. Tyson and A. H. Tyson and family, all of Eugene, spent Sunday, Dec. 12th, with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tyson in Springfield, the occasion being the celebration of W. P. Tyson's birthday anniversary. "Perk" Tyson says he was 24 years old, and feels like he was only 23.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET LAST DAY OF OLD YEAR

On account of the next regular meeting date of the American Legion falling on Christmas eve, the meeting has been postponed to Friday night, Dec. 31. Something extra is being planned for that time.

Jackson Barn at Waltherville Destroyed by Fire; Rebuilt

A large barn on the H. C. Jackson farm near Waltherville was destroyed by fire on Nov. 30th. The barn was full of hay and feed and nine pigs were also burned. The origin of the blaze is not known.

Insurance which Mr. Jackson carried on the building was received within three days and work was immediately commenced on another barn. The new building was completed within a week from the fire.

BROWNSVILLE CANNERY BURNS

The Brownsville cannery was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. It was owned by the Graves company of Sheridan. Loss is estimated at \$40,000, and is believed to be covered by insurance.

RECEPTION GIVEN MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A reception was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Earl Childers, at the Christian church Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance and the gathering took the nature of a get-acquainted meeting.

A. F. and A. M. ELECTS OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

Liberty lodge No. 171, A. F. and A. M., held their annual meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing Masonic year: W. M., Wm. Rouse; S. W., H. M. Stewart; J. W., J. F. Ketels; secretary, H. J. Cox; treasurer, B. A. Washburne; trustee, C. E. Swartz.

Mrs. John Tomseth was taken to the Mercy hospital in Eugene Thursday morning to receive medical care.

Lyon Makes Change At Warehouse

C. E. Lyon has placed D. D. Tussing in charge of his grain and feed warehouse on Second street. W. M. Hunter, who has had charge of this work, will now have charge of the office work of Mr. Lyon's store on Main street.

SPLIT PRUNES MARKETED

Salem, Ore., Dec. 15.—Split prunes which heretofore have been almost valueless except for local consumption are being shipped from Marion county to eastern states, where they are commanding 8 cents a pound. States bidding for this variety are Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, North and South Dakota. Arrangements are also in progress whereby large shipments of prunes may be sent to Hamburg, Germany, the cost of transportation being 56 cents for each 25 pounds.

Eugene freight depot to have 75 foot addition.

COMMUNITY XMAS TREE IS ASSURED

Saturday Night, Dec. 25, Set for Time of Program; All Children Are Invited

The project of a community Christmas tree, to which every person in Springfield and surrounding territory is invited, has become an assured fact.

The tree and program will be held in the Methodist church auditorium Christmas night, Saturday, at 7:30 o'clock. Arrangements are being made to give the children a suitable Christmas treat. A splendid tree will be secured and decorated and lighted for the occasion.

The committee in charge of the matter met last week and made all necessary plans for the tree and program. The program will be announced later.

The various committees in charge of the affair wish to make it known that although the tree is being given in the church it is for the community as a whole, regardless of church affiliations. They invite every person in town to attend and ask that every adult in town assist them in making it known to every child and do all possible to see that all children attend. Ample provision is being made to care for every child that comes. Everything is being planned to give the youth a good time.

The organizations promoting the community tree desire to give all the boys and girls a Christmas treat and good time and at the same time inculcate a happy community spirit. No gifts other than the treat were planned for.

LABOR PROBLEMS TOPIC FOR BROTHERHOOD MONDAY NIGHT

The regular monthly meeting and supper of the Brotherhood will meet at the Methodist church Monday night, Dec. 20. Supper will be served at 7 o'clock.

The address of the evening will be given by D. W. Morton, dean of the School of Commerce of the University of Oregon, his topic being "Present Day Labor Problems".

ASHLAND MERCHANTS AND FARMERS HAVE WINTER FAIR

Ashland, Ore., Dec. 15.—Merchants and farmers participated in the Ashland Winter Fair and Southern Oregon Poultry show, which opened Dec. 2nd under the auspices of the chamber of commerce. Every kind of vegetable grown in the Rogue river valley was entered in the lists and many products manufactured locally were on display.

RATE REDUCTION MOVES FLOUR

Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—Flour is now moving to the Orient in larger quantities than in many years. The steamer Abercos, now loading several thousand tons for Yokohama, Kobe, the Philippines and other points, is the first vessel to take out a cargo under the new rate reduction, which will permit Oregon to compete with Canadian shippers. The drop is from \$10 to \$7 a ton.

HOP CROP GOES TO ENGLAND

Independence, Ore., Dec. 15.—The huge hop crop from the Wigrich yard here has been sold in England and the last of it is now being sent out. The crop showed considerable increase over that of last year.

TILLAMOOK CHEESE SELLS FAST

Tillamook, Ore., Dec. 15.—According to a report issued by the secretary of the Tillamook Creamery association, the cheese situation in this county is better than any other agricultural line in the nation. More than 90 per cent of the season's cheeses have already been sold. It is estimated that the price will run 17.8 per cent higher this year than that of the New York cheese.

State treasury receipts for 24 months, totals \$41,000,000.

"Doings" of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen

By the 4L Publicity Committee, H. J. Cox, Chairman

As an employee member of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, I want to call to the attention of every member the necessity of keeping themselves familiar with the principles of our Organization and authentically informed on all matters pertaining to the lumber industry in order that they may be able to take intelligent action on all matters pertaining to our Organization.

We all realize that we are entering a readjustment period in all business. For the past few years we have been flying along at excess speed, fully aware that it was coming and endeavoring to console ourselves by "passing the buck".

It is now here and will be satisfactorily overcome by co-operation. Every man, no matter who or what he is, will have to, and should, bear his part of the burden and loss.

Both employers and employees, throughout the United States, are now realizing the necessity, cooperation, as evident by statements from both employers and employees; now being featured in Collier's magazine and I would suggest that every member secure a copy, beginning with their issue of Dec. 4th in order to see how greatly they realize this fact and suggest solutions which are in line with the principles under which the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen have been operating since its organization.

As every Loyal Legion member knows, this is "an association between employer and employee, working on a 50-50 basis, to provide methods for the maintenance of harmonious relations and the promotion of each others welfare".

We have attained our success through mutual understanding and cooperation, and, at this period, it is gratifying to realize that by having confidence in each other, we will go through the readjustment period on a 50-50 basis, without any fear of that great economic loss caused by strikes walk-outs and lock-outs.

We represent more than 50 per cent of the entire business in this territory and it is necessary, right now, that every business man, and citizen realize his duty to his country and community by extending his co-operation, in placing business on a firmly established basis, which is essential and more satisfying than the uncertain period we have just gone through.

We have no doubt but that we will have prosperity within a short time as is evident by the following state-

ment, taken from Dun's Review, Oct. 30, 1920, covering conditions in this territory:

Portland. "The lumber industry here has been very hard hit in the past two months. The foreign demand has been affected by the unsettled financial conditions and the general decline in commodity prices, and these factors, together with the recent advance in railroad freight rates have cut off domestic orders to a great extent, except in purely local territory."

"Manufacturers are not discouraged, however, and they expect a decided change for the better after the turn of the year. The after war building era, which has been anticipated since the ending of hostilities has not yet actually begun, but cannot be much longer delayed. Statistics show that to carry out the housing program of the United States alone will draw from the manufacturers of the country the equivalent of the entire production of the mills of Oregon and Washington for a four year period. Added to the above will be the requirements for factory construction and the rehabilitation of the railroads."

"In the meantime, lumber prices have had a severe drop, producers pricing the average loss at over 40 per cent. It is believed that the bottom has been reached, as prices in many cases are far below the cost of production. A number of the mills have only been saved from closing down by the acceptance of railroad orders at low figures."

Declines, though not so great, have occurred in some of the building material lines, including paints, but building hardware prices have shown an upward trend. Wages have not yet come down."

Chicago. "Building operations in the Chicago district are at an even lower ebb than in 1917. Costs of materials have not declined except in the case of lumber, which is off 40 to 50 per cent. Bricks are selling at \$16.00 against \$21.00 at the first of the year, and some other materials have advanced. Wages show no reduction. A little money for building can be obtained at 6 1/2 per cent, but the going rate is 7 per cent, and some financial houses are selling on a 7 per cent basis real estate bonds which formerly were sold at 8 per cent. Bankers expect easier money, but opinions vary as to when the change is to come, some predicting improved conditions after election.

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