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## CONCRETE WORK ON VIADUCT DONE

### Overhead Bridge Finished—Ready to Begin Filling—Details of Work

The first and most important unit of the great viaduct over the Southern Pacific main line at McVey's point is finished. The concrete structure of the overhead bridge, the key to the whole work, was completed in all its attendant details, last Friday. C. J. Strand, of Portland, the foreman on that part of the work, went to Portland Saturday, in response to a call from his employers, ready to take up his next work.

There are three parties to the work: the railroad company, the state and the county. The expense of the whole undertaking is now estimated by the county commissioners at from \$70,000 to \$75,000, divided as follows: the county \$12,990, besides the right of way, \$1450, making a total of \$13,440; the railroad company some \$23,000 or more; the state bears the balance, whatever it may be, probably more than half the total, somewhere between \$25,000 and \$40,000.

The ground needed for the work was obtained by purchasing a wide strip south of the railroad track from Wm. Denny. Beyond what was needed for a right of way, the tract purchased extended west and up the slope of the hill, and will furnish the dirt needed for the fill.

The state's interests are under the direction of the state highway commission. They have been represented on the ground by E. J. Rickett, civil engineer for the commission. The contractors on the concrete work were Lindstrom and Ferguson, of Portland. Mr. Strand came on the ground April 11, so that the time he was on the job was about five and one half months. The opening of the work was hindered by some hitches in the negotiations. Some time was consumed in getting equipment and material ready. The work was fairly started about April 25. The force of men employed on this work averaged about 25. They were all home men but about six.

The bridge is supported by concrete pillars anchored to the bedrock, and sunk to a depth varying from 16 to 23 feet. The lateral spans are formed by connecting the pillars with wings of concrete. The superstructure of the bridge and its supports, as finally completed, make one solid mass of concrete. It is 327 feet long. The width of the superstructure of the bridge is 22 feet, 8 inches. The roadway is 19 feet, 6 inches wide. It crosses the track at an angle of 33.45 degrees. The total height above the railroad is 26 feet. It has a clearance of 22 feet from the rails to the under side of the floor of the bridge—enough, as Mr. Strand put it, to allow a tall brakeman to stand erect on the top of the tallest automobile car, and have a foot to spare.

The highest part of the fill, at the north end of the bridge, is 32 feet. The fill at this point will be 105 feet wide at the bottom. It will narrow from that point to the lowest point. Looking at that end of the bridge, from the low level of the pavement to the north, as it rears its brow so boldly towards the sky, some persons have imagined that the incline would be steep enough to be difficult climbing. The grade will be actually 5 per cent. From the point where ground is broken at the northern end of the fill to the point where the new work ends to the south is a total length of about 2000 feet.

Trestle work has been built from the north end of the bridge to the foot of the fill to the north. It follows the line of the completed highway, but runs to the east of the center. Trains of dirt cars will be run over this trestle, and it will be completely covered by the dump on both sides; but the heartiest of the dumping will be on the west side. The lowest reach of the trestle swerves a little towards the river, to avoid obstructing the travel. A plank roadway swerves to the west from the end of the pavement, and passes under the bridge. The travel will probably not be interrupted by the work.

The trestle will be much lower on the south side. The filling on that side will be done first, so that the dirt cars can be run over the bridge to the north side. A car of steel and a car of coal were brought in the latter part of last week. Two dinky engines, to run the trains of dirt cars, and a steam shovel were to come soon. The filling work was expected to com-

## FOR BOOTLEGGING AND DISTURBING THE PEACE

Zach Parsons, who has occupied a house on the corner of Mill and A streets for a year or more, which has been the scene of a good many disturbances of various kinds, engaged in a riot all by himself on Wednesday evening of last week, between 8 and 9 o'clock. He fired eight shots, all of which passed through the front door, the front or north walls or one of the north windows. All of these shots seemed to cross the walk. A man passed by on that walk between the seventh and eighth shots. There were intervals of from one to five minutes between the shots. One of the shots, about the sixth or seventh, struck the Penra house, across Mill street, and fell on the porch floor, its force being spent in passing through the wall of his own house. He is supposed to have been drunk on stock laid in for customers, and to have imagined he was defending himself against an intruder.

He was arrested about 3 o'clock Friday morning and taken to Eugene. The sheriff and two deputies and the two Springfield policemen constituted the force that made the capture. Liquor was found in the house. He was charged with having liquor in his possession. He pleaded not guilty on his first appearance; but on his formal trial, before Justice Jesse G. Wells, of Eugene, on Monday, he pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to 60 days in jail, with a fine of \$300. Parsons had a companion in his house for several days about that time; but he did not appear to have been present at the time of the shooting, and was not arrested.

## IMPROVEMENTS IN THE JASPER MILL

The Jasper flour and feed mill, now owned and operated by E. E. Kepner, has not been running through the past summer. A breach had been made in the old dam by high water, and Mr. Kepner has been rebuilding it on a more secure plan. The new dam is of solid concrete, channeled into the bedrock and into the rock at either end, and Mr. Kepner is confident no volume of water will budge it. Mr. Kepner is now ready for operation. He says he has no fears of a scarcity of grain, and he is now loaded up with orders which he has not been able to fill before. Besides flour, he will make specialties of breakfast graham, a finer grade of graham, and of feed, besides straight graham and other mill stuffs.

## GRAND JURY REPORT ON DEAD BEDBUGS

The extracts we have seen from the grand jury's report on the poor farm have been somewhat jumbled, and we are left in some confusion as to some of its findings. In one part of the report it is stated that the members examined some of the men's beds, and found a great many bed bugs. In another place they speak of the use of what they call a "disinfectant," which seems to be what we have usually heard spoken of as "bed bug poison." The evidence of its use was that most of the bed bugs they found were dead. If we understand the honorable gentlemen rightly, what they were really complaining of was that the dead bodies had not been removed to the cemetery, or at least to the morgue. We think the grand jury was in error in not calling in the coroner before it made up its report.

## REV. F. M. WITHAM GOING TO CALIFORNIA

Rev. F. M. Witham, who came here from one of the Kansas conferences, and has had charge, during the past year, of the Marcola (Methodist) circuit, reorganized during the year out of a large number of scattered appointments, closed his work on the charge last Sunday.

He does not expect to take work in the Oregon Conference the coming year, and will not attend the conference session. He expected to leave about this time for some point in California not yet determined. He may settle there, and he may return to Kansas.

The ladies of the G. A. R. will hold a meeting at the W. O. W. Hall Friday afternoon.

ment about the best of this week. The contractors on this work are A. G. G. and Co., whose headquarters are at St. Paul, but who are operating on this job from a branch office in Portland. Their equipment and material is shipped from their supply yard in Vancouver, Washington. Their foreman on this work is James Secord.

## DOCK PILING RENEWED

### Decayed Piles Under Mill Docks Being Replaced

The piles supporting the docks that were built over the southwestern part of the pond, several years ago, have become considerably decayed at the water level, which varies from time to time. The company is taking advantage of the conditions, while the lumber piles are so greatly reduced on that part of the docks, to replace these piles. About three feet is sawed off the top of the pile to bring it below any normal water level, and a block about ten inches square is set on the pile and fitted under the stringer. The blocks are spiked into the piles below and the stringers above. The top of the pile and both ends of the block are treated with creosote. The water in the pond is lowered, to facilitate this operation. Not many of the logs in the pond are floating now.

## INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Marshfield.—Two new shingle mills nearing completion.

Bend gets new \$60,000 business building.

Albany.—Work starts on new \$20,000 apartment house.

Springfield.—Changes in the street car line under way.

Alesea.—\$5,000 worth of backberries sent to Corvallis cannery.

Another \$100,000 private hospital started at Portland.

Newberg.—300 persons employed at canning pears.

Pavement to be laid between Marshfield and North Bend.

The Dalles.—Wasco county apple crop estimated at 275,000 boxes.

Medford.—Carload of ore from the Bull Moose mine brought \$1200 at smelter.

Vernonia.—500 men working on grade and laying rails on Eccles railroad.

City of Portland joins Col. E. Hofer in suit before supreme court testing the constitutionality of the state dog law that requires all dogs to pay a tax of one or two dollars and wear a muzzle when off the owners premises or be shot at sight by officers or anyone on the ground of double taxation and annulling police jurisdiction of cities over dogs.

Seaside votes October 15th on erecting \$70,000 school building.

Independence.—9 acre hop yard produced 17,249 pounds of Fuggles, on the second year crop.

Harrisburg hop crop this year is worth \$130,000.

Portland laying off fifteen city inspectors for lack of funds.

Medford.—War Eagle mine to spend \$15,000 on improvements.

Gold Hill cement plant spends \$40,000 on its plant.

Multnomah county bills for the past month were \$43,358 higher than for the same month in 1920.

Portland.—27 moderate priced houses going up in Dixon addition.

Bend logging camps and sawmills to operate all winter.

S. P. Co. pays this year \$16,700,000 for taxes, wages and supplies.

Coal found in Jordan valley, in eastern Malheur county.

St. Helens.—Pittsburg market road to be completed by October 15th.

Brownsville.—American Legion to build gymnasium and club room.

La Pine reported to be the smallest town in the United States in which a newspaper is published, population is 40 and newspaper circulation 627.

La Grande.—Yellow Metal Mining company buys Valentine claims on Pine Creek between Hereford and Bridgport.

Bend.—Work on St. Charles hospital half completed.

Riddle.—New Days Creek school house to be built to open October 2d.

Klamath Falls.—\$75,000 theatre to be built on Seventh and Main streets.

Albany.—Grading on the Pacific highway resumed. North Calapoga river road may be completed.

Eugene.—2 miles of Siuslaw road east from Maple on is gravel surfaced.

Marshfield.—MacLay cannery has finished the seasons pack of 21,900 cases.

Nyssa to get broom factory in the near future.

St. Helens to improve Pine and Church street at cost of \$2800. Lumber shipments from here amount to several million feet in a week.

Hood River.—6 miles of grading on Loop Highway at the edge of Oregon National forest to be completed this fall. Permanent fish hatchery to be constructed on Dead Point creek site donated by the Oregon Lumber Co.

Riddle.—District clerk planned

## SCHOOL TOTAL LARGER

### Enrollment This Year, 489—For Last Year, 312

The enrollment in the schools up to Tuesday, by grades, is as follows:

1st grade	55
2nd grade	38
3rd grade	60
4th grade	49
5th grade	29
6th grade	53
Junior high	74
Total in grades	329
Senior high	130
Total enrollment	489

The enrollment at this time in 1920 was:

Lincoln school	312
High school	87
Total	299

The increase in enrollment in the grades over last year is 47; in the high school, 43. Total increase, 90.

## THE DORRIS RANCH AND FILBERT CULTURE

The following note from a hotel reporter's notebook appeared in Monday's Oregonian:

"If there is one subject Ben Dorris of Eugene would rather discuss than the war it is filberts. 'I'm a nut expert,' he declared at the Multnomah hotel yesterday, 'and am making good at it.' Dorris has the reputation of being the only disabled soldier in the United States who is taking a vocational training course in filbert culture. He was wounded very severely when fighting with the 91st division in Flanders and spent more than a year in various hospitals of the country. When he was finally discharged he found that it was impossible for him to engage in his old work as a railroad office man. His uncle, George A. Dorris, had for many years been experimenting with filberts. Ben went in with him and made a study of the business of raising filberts for commercial purposes. He has made a decided success in the short time that he has been in the business and is now regarded as one of the best authorities in the state on filbert raising. Dorris also experimented with asparagus raising last season and made considerable money at that. He is prominent in American Legion affairs of the state and is commander of the Eugene post.

The Dorris ranch is just over the shoulder of the butte south of Springfield. This region is in a way to become famous for the culture of filberts. Wm. Clark, whose new ranch on the McKenzie, northeast of Springfield, is going into it quite extensively. Others are doing something in that line.

## AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

A delicate little white envelope, postmarked Portland, and addressed to Rev. Henry C. Ethell, was received here last Thursday, September 29. It enclosed a tiny bit of a card, reposing upon a larger one, to which it was bound by a dainty bit of white satin ribbon. The little card bore the legend, in small type, "David Wesley Erskine, September 12th, 1921." Below, on the larger card, was the line, "Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Erskine." The people of Springfield who knew the family when Rev. Wesley M. Erskine was the Methodist pastor here, will be pleased to learn that another Erskine, the grandson and namesake of the former pastor, has come to the country. May he be as good a man, a man as faithful in his calling, whatever it may be, as his grandfather was.

This little token meant much to the recipient. He and the former Wesley by ranchers of the vicinity, Azalea road being graveled.

Albany cannery running at full capacity with 150 people employed.

Estacada.—State trout fish hatchery to be built on Delph creek.

Riddle.—Oregon Grower's local plant is open.

Salem reported only city on the Pacific coast without unemployment.

Columbia college at Milton to get \$125,000 improvements.

Hood River.—Lost Lake road nears completion.

Figures show 100 new buildings in Corvallis since the first of the year.

Albany.—Southern Pacific railroad buys Linn county \$40,747.32 for last half of year's taxes on property.

Astoria.—Pr. 11th avenue to get \$30,275 improvements. City wood contract let.

Union wool growers sell 60,000 pounds of wool at 13 1/2 cents for coarse and 14 1/2 cents for the fine.

Lumber prices have dropped from 25 to 24 percent since February, 1921.

## NOTES FROM THE AUTO CAMP GROUND

Two men came down Main street Saturday, on foot, each leading a burro. They camped over night on the auto camp ground, and moved on Sunday afternoon.

A middle aged couple, whose home is in Bendon, camped on the ground one night in the middle of last week. They had skirted along the coast as far south as Salinas, California. They had ranged about in that region to see various sights; then swung east into the Pacific highway. On the second stage of their journey, they had gone by way of Portland; then up the Columbia on the Washington side to certain springs, where they spent several weeks. They came back by way of Portland, and were going to start on the home run the next morning. The man said they had traveled about 3000 miles and visited 47 auto camps, and this was the best he had seen. He liked the appearance of this region, and made many inquiries about the features of the country, with a view to a possible location here a little later.

A family named Rollins came on the ground Tuesday evening. Mr. Rollins was brought up in this region, and had lived in Springfield, in Coburg, up the McKenzie and in a number of places in this region. They had come this season from Long Valley, Idaho, in the upper Payette river country. They are looking for work and for a settlement. They had been further south, and had turned in here in the hope of finding something here.

Another family came in Tuesday evening, from Corning, California. They were on their way to visit relatives at Salem and Dallas. They said the temperature was up to 102 at Corning as lately as last week and had reached 114 there during the summer.

During the conversations on the ground Tuesday evening, two or three cars, separately, drove into the north side; and, it being rather dark, they apparently thought the ground was crowded, and, one after another drove out, and went away. Later, since night falls so early, and there is very little twilight, the lack of lights on the ground is a much greater hindrance than it was earlier in the season. We have learned a great deal by the experiences of this season and by the testimony of travelers, about the outfitting of an auto camp; but this is the greatest lack of our camp.

Erskine joined the Iowa conference together. They were much together afterwards.

## DEATH OF ALVAN F. FAY

### A FORMER RESIDENT

A copy of the Rapid City Journal, South Dakota, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Page, conveys the news of the death of Alvan F. Fay, in that city, September 13. He was born in Durham, Canada, June 8, 1843. His wife, three children and three grandchildren survive him.

Mr. Fay had lived in the United States since he was ten years old. He was married to Miss Lucy Arabella Carr, at Wells, Minnesota, March 28, 1874. He and Mrs. Fay and a daughter lived in and near Springfield for a considerable time several years ago.

## METHODIST ANNUAL CONFERENCE MATTERS

The Oregon Annual Conference of the M. E. church is now in session at Forest Grove. Those in attendance from here are Rev. T. D. Varnes, pastor, Dr. W. H. Pollard and family, and Mrs. U. G. McElhany. Dr. Pollard represents the local church in the lay electoral conference and in the camp ground matter. He goes prepared to guarantee to the conference, on behalf of the church and town of Springfield the payment of one thousand dollars of the purchase price and the fitting up of the grounds. The committee in charge of the local work tender their hearty thanks to the business men of Springfield for their encouragement and cooperation and for their generous response to the solicitation for subscriptions to the camp ground fund.

The last quarterly conference of the local church voted a unanimous request for the return of the pastor and there is no doubt that he will be returned.

The hors that are to be stored in the old ice plant are nearly all in. Two box cars were run up alongside the warehouse and filled, because there was no room in the warehouse for them until all the hops in the warehouse have been inspected and received. Then those in the cars can be stacked on top of the others already in the house.

## HIGH SCHOOL WILL HAVE GYMNASIUM

### Ground Has Been Purchased—The Foundation is Laid—Work Being Pushed

The school board has been negotiating for several months for the purchase of additional ground that might be used for the building of a gymnasium in connection with the high school. They have not been able to complete the deals until lately. Some of the property they desired was held too high; but they have secured lots sufficient for the present purpose, in block 5, Kelly's addition as follows: from Mrs. A. B. Van Valtz, lot 2; and from Cecil Wilmont, lots 3 and 4; all these fronting on E street; and from Mrs. Wilfred Jordan lot 5, fronting on D street. The east 25 feet of lot 4 has been conveyed to Mrs. Wilson, who owns the property on the corner of E and 2nd streets, and desired a kind of buffer between her premises and the gymnasium grounds. In addition to these lots, the city has virtually vacated 1st street between D and E streets, and conveyed it to the school district, though the legal procedure has not been completed. This street, which has never been used for travel, occupies the ground between the newly purchased lots and the old school house grounds.

The board has made a contract with Lepley Bros. for the erection of a gymnasium on the E street side of these new grounds. It stands back a little from E street, and extends to the alley. The dimensions of the foundation is 100 feet north and south by 62 feet east and west. The building will be frame, with truss roof, no interior posts. The height will be 18 feet to the square. The forms for the concrete foundation have already been filled, a force of men is engaged in the work, and it will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Springfield has a high school and it will soon have a gymnasium.

Mrs. Vima McLean, the city recorder, was missing from her place at the city hall for a week or more. When she appeared at her desk again last Friday, looking rather peaked, it transpired that she had had quite a serious sick "brush." When the doctors questioned her as to what she had been eating, she could think of nothing that might be suspicious but some sauer kraut the doctor unfeelingly remarked that anybody that would eat sauer kraut ought to suffer. Mrs. McLean is at her work, and is beginning to look somewhat like herself again.

The school board recognized the fact that to attempt to crowd the high school work into the finished part of the new building while the last of the work on the building was still going on would cripple the school work, interfere with the workmen and complicate the adjustment between the board and the contractor. They secured the basement of the Methodist church, and the high school work is being carried on there this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Winzenried had as guests at 5 o'clock dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Peery, of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Lemons, of Portland. Mrs. Winzenried accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lemons on their return to Portland Tuesday.

From the Oregonian of Monday morning:

"Prospects for the greater development of lumber industries of the state are apparent, according to A. B. Kelsey of Salem, who is at the Imperial. He states that the small mill owners of the Willamette valley are preparing for a big lumber business in the spring, and have hopes that the business this fall will exceed that of the same period last season.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. S. E. Childers, pastor

Sunday school begins promptly at 9:45 a. m. Next Sunday we observe Rally Day which is one of the biggest days of the year in the Bible school. The children give a program at the regular Sunday school hour which should interest everyone. Our aim is 200. Come and be one of us.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Regular preaching services at 11:05 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Special music at the morning service and inspiring messages by the pastor which you should not miss. We are having splendid services and invite everyone to join with us.