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## LARGE LOSS IN STEEL BRIDGES

### State Highway Engineer Bowby Says Too Much Money is Paid For Steel

Salem, Jan. 25.—State Highway Engineer Bowby, who, at the request of Senator Sam Garland, made an investigation of Linn county bridges, in a report today says that Linn county, like various others, has sustained heavy loss in the construction of bridges as the result of not having them built under the supervision of a bridge engineer.

When informed of the findings today Senator Garland said:

"The report cannot be correct. Tom Butler, who has been supervising our bridges, building as good structures as anybody. He may not have as many Greek letters behind his name as some others, but he has many good bridges to his credit. I do not mean any disrespect to Major Bowby, but I intend to stand by my Commissioner, for I believe he knows as much about building bridges as the state highway engineer."

The state highway engineer reports that the Stayton bridge cost \$35,317, and that the total loss to Linn and Marion counties was \$6,587. He says this was an extra profit to the bridge company on steel. The report continues:

"Cost of steel for Stayton, \$23,660. Dividing the cost of steel by the number of tons in the bridge we find that the cost per ton f. o. b. Stayton was \$109.13. In April 1911 (date of construction) the average price of unfabricated steel in Pittsburg was \$28 a ton; hence at a price of \$75 per ton the Coast Bridge Co. could have delivered this steel, fabricated and ready for erection f. o. b. Stayton for \$16,260 and allowing 5 per cent for plans, a reasonable price for the bridge was \$17,073. The actual price was \$23,660. The important fact is that the counties paid more for the steel delivered at Stayton than they should have paid for the steel erected complete. They bought the steel at an excessive price and then had to go to the additional expense of erecting it."

## Lady Senator Introduces Bill

Salem, Jan. 25.—Miss Kathryn Clark, senator from Douglas county, at the afternoon session introduced her first measure. It was a resolution authorizing a constitutional amendment empowering the governor to remove district attorneys, sheriffs or constables for derelictions of duty, and to fill the vacancies by appointment.

The resolution is in line of a recommendation made by Governor Withycombe in his inaugural address. It was referred to the committee on resolutions.

## PROLIFIC POULTRY PAYS GOOD PROFIT

### Mrs. T. J. Pettit Has Very Good Success With Her White Leghorn Hens

The following report of a very successful year with white leghorn hens will be of interest to our readers. Mrs. Pettit writes:

"I am a great believer in the white leghorn as an egg producer and I wish to submit to the readers of The Tribune a statement of one year's record of sixty hens of this breed.

Total amount of money received for eggs, \$370.65.

Paid for feed and other supplies, \$125, net profit \$145.65, per hen \$2.40.

Total number of eggs laid 942 dozen.

Average per hen 186 eggs.

Highest price for eggs 40 cents per dozen.

Lowest price for eggs 17 cents per dozen.

Highest price for chickens 20 cts. per pound.

Lowest price for chickens 8 cents per pound.

During this time ten hens were loaned and were out of laying for two months."

### Appendix Removed

At the local hospital on Tuesday, Drs. Prill and Dale operated on Charles Dolezall, of near Larwood, for appendicitis. The operation was successful in every particular and, it is expected, that Mr. Dolezall will recover promptly from the operation.

### Will Dedicate Castle Hall

Leonidas Lodge No. 36, K. of P. are making arrangements to dedicate their castle hall, on the evening of February 2. Invitations to the grand officers and to neighboring lodges have been extended and a general lovefeast for the order is expected.

E. C. Peery, president of the condensery, sells a large amount of the product of the condensery in Los Angeles and vicinity. Yesterday he received back a check on a Longbeach firm, which he had received in payment for a shipment of milk, the same having been protested and the charges for the protest was \$6 which the condensery company will have to pay.

## COAST-TO-COAST TALK IS SUCCESS

### President Initiates Telephone Service From the Atrantic to the Pacific Seaboard

Washington, Jan. 25.—President Wilson today inaugurated the first transcontinental telephone system by speaking directly to President Moore, of the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. With Mr. Moore, Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and President Vail, of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., on the wire at different points, the President extended congratulations on the achievement.

"It appeals to the imagination to speak across the continent," said the President to Mr. Moore. "I congratulate you on the fine prospects for a successful exposition. I am confidently hoping to take part in it after the adjournment of congress. May I not send my greetings to the management and to all whose work has made it possible and made it the great event it promises to be and convey my personal congratulations to you?"

The president said that he could hear Mr. Moore in San Francisco very distinctly.

The transcontinental service will not be established for public use until about March 1. It will cost \$20.70 for three minutes' conversation between New York and San Francisco and \$6.75 for each additional minute.

### Misrepresentation Corrected

Scio, January 19, 1915.

To the Editor of The Tribune:

I wish to make a statement through your paper of the facts in regard to the proposed change in a section of road in District No. 15; for the reason that those who are carrying the remonstrance are misrepresenting the facts. This is our third petition. The first was lost on account of location of school house. Before posting the second petition, I went to John Shimanek, their leader, asking him what stand he would take toward the change in the road, provided that I would introduce a resolution at the meeting, authorizing the grading and graveling of the road from Kalk's to the Miller bridge and this, in his own words, was the pledge he made me: "If you do that, Mr. Pettit, I withdraw all opposition to that road. I will do more than that. I will say to the boys, gosh darn it, they are going to get their road. Let's move the school house too." I introduced the resolution. It carried and yet, in less than one week Mr. Shimanek was carrying a remonstrance against the road.

We lost the second petition on account of asking for the vacation and location of a road in the same petition.

Before starting with the third petition, we went to them and tried to get them to meet with us in a friendly spirit and see if we could not bury our differences and work

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## To Organize K. of P. Band

Quite a number of the members of the K. of P. lodge in this city, are band men and a movement is on foot to organize a brass band made up of the members of that lodge.

The boys are quite enthusiastic about the matter and, The Tribune hopes the effort to organize will be successful.

Scio needs and should have a good brass band. The material is here and, with encouragement on the part of our citizens, the band is sure to materialize. Get in boys, you will have lots of fun if no other return.

## BRITONS SINK GERMAN RAIDER

### Two Other Cruisers Were Badly Damaged in the Battle--Coast Attack Was Frustrated

London, Jan. 24.—An attempt by a German cruiser squadron to repeat the attack recently made on Scarborough, the Hartlepoons and other British coast towns was frustrated today by the British patrolling squadron.

In a running fight the German armored cruiser Blucher was sunk and two German battle cruisers were seriously damaged.

The British ships suffered only slight damage. So far as is known only 123 of the Bluecher's crew of 885 were saved.

A battle also occurred between the light cruisers and destroyers accompanying the bigger ships, but the result of this engagement has not yet reached the admiralty.

The British were superior in ships engaged, weight of armament and speed, and the flight of the German ships into the mine and submarine-infested field possibly saved them from further losses.

### Hop Growers About Organized

The field workers of the Oregon Hop Growers Association have about completed their work and a mass meeting will be held at the commercial club Salem, on Saturday, Jan. 30, at 1 p. m. to fully inform the growers of the state of the condition of affairs in Oregon. Washington and California. This meeting means much to the grower and those who have not signed up are very earnestly requested to be at this meeting to have the matter fully explained to them. The directors feel that no grower should miss this meeting as it means much to every individual grower.

Oregon Hop Growers Assn.  
Fred N. Stump, Secy.

### Germans Call Men of 50

Amsterdam, Holland, Jan. 25.—A telegram received here from Berlin sets forth that in the Province of Brandenburg, in which Berlin is located, there have been called up for medical examination the 50-year old untrained men of the land-turm.

These are men of the 1886, 1887 and 1888 classes.

## SUGAR FACTORIES FOR WESTERN ORE.

### The Rogue River Valley Will Raise the Beets--Good Rent Land is Wanted

Portland, Or. Jan. 25.—The farm land bureau of the Oregon State Immigration Commission is receiving a good many inquiries in regard to the possibility of renting good farm land, and nearly all these inquiries come from practical, experienced farmers who are not at this time financially able to purchase land. The bureau is now planning to add this rental feature to its other work and would like, as soon as possible, to make up a generous list of such offerings. No fees or commissions of any kind will be charged and in all cases the reliability and fitness of the applicant will be carefully investigated.

Farmers and landowners throughout the state who have land which they have no present use, and who would like to derive an income from such acreage, are invited to write to J. W. Brewer, manager of the farm land bureau, at Portland for blanks on which to list such holdings.

If present plans do not miscarry, Oregon will in a short time be listed among the important sugar-producing states of the Union. While Eastern Oregon has been more or less active in the raising of sugar beets for a number of years, it is only recently that the movement has extended to the Willamette valley and the counties in the south end of the state. Approximately 5,000 acres have been signed up within the past few days in the vicinity of Medford and Grants Pass. A corporation backed by Oregon, California and Utah capital has been formed to carry through the project.

### Special Telephone Meeting

A special meeting of the Scio Mutual Telephone Company was held in this city yesterday. The company voted to surrender the commercial line to Jefferson to the Northwestern people, they to keep the line in first class condition. The line is to revert to the Scio Mutual whenever the Northwestern fails to keep to the conditions of the transfer.

An auditing committee, consisting of J. B. Couey, E. C. Peery and E. D. Myers was also elected.

### Germany Seizes Wheat

Berlin, Jan. 26.—All stocks of wheat have been seized by the German government according to the official statement in order to safeguard the bread supply until the next harvest.

This measure, it is said, was made necessary by the fact that the people have failed to economize. The stocks will be distributed according to the population of the various communities.

Geo. C. Mason, brother of D. P. Mason, of Albany, has been appointed and confirmed postmaster of Jefferson.

For all kinds of

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FRANK McDONALD

SCIO, ORE.