

DEMAND STATE MAKE GOOD ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY

(From the Salem Capital Journal.)

Alleging gross inefficiency and extravagance in the manner of expending the Pacific highway fund in Jackson county the past year, which is laid at the door of Highway Engineer Howly, County Commissioner W. C. Leever and Frank H. Madden, of Jackson county, appeared before the highway commission this morning and aired their complaint in detail and asked, in substance, that the highway commission make good, in a measure, a portion of the funds which they claim was wasted in their county in the expenditure of money for the completion of the road to the summit of the Siskiyou this summer.

In substance the complaint of the Jackson county commissioners is to the effect that the county appropriated \$500,000 in road bonds last year and that, when the bonds were voted it was expected that the state would expend at least \$200,000 to assist in the building of the highway across the county, a distance of 52 miles. After the expenditure of \$418,000 upon the highway, however, the result is but 14 1/2 miles of hard surface road and 14 miles of graded road in the Siskiyou.

It is claimed by the commissioners that Engineer Howly's estimate of the cost of constructing a road over the Siskiyou would be \$135,000. The contract price was \$145,000, then an addition of \$25,000 was made for 1 1/2 miles of rock work which was not included in original contract; allowances have already been made for extras bring the total to \$195,000 and that recently Contractor Swenney, who was building the road over the Siskiyou, through his attorney ex-Governor West formerly chairman of the state highway commission, had presented the Jackson county court with an additional claim of \$35,000 with the assurance that, if a settlement was not made for \$10,000 less than the amount of the claim action would be begun in the courts for recovery of the full amount.

It is further charged by the Jackson county commissioners that the \$500,000 bond issue was placed in Jackson county banks to the credit of the state highway commission and that allowances of claims against this fund were allowed by Highway Engineer Howly without consultation with or the consent of the county court, which the commissioners declared was an outrage and Governor Withycombe, as chairman of the commission, agreed with them.

"I think before Howly made these allowances for extras that he should have consulted with the county court," said the governor.

"That is the way we felt about it," replied Madden. Governor Withycombe also expressed surprise that former Governor West, after having served as chairman of the state highway commission and passed upon all of the work outlined and authorized by the engineer, should accept a commission as counsel for the contractor to collect extra charges for the construction of the road.

Under the provisions of the Vawter bill Jackson county is to receive the benefit of the expenditure of 20 per cent of the quarter-mill state road levy, which will amount to about \$48,000 for Jackson county, upon the roads of that county, and, the county commissioners claim, if the state would guarantee the expenditure of not less than \$150,000 toward the completion of the Jackson county roads this year, it would not more than compensate the county for the money that has been wasted through extravagance upon improvements up to the present.

"Am I to understand from what you say, gentlemen, that the roads in Jackson county are extravagantly constructed?" asked the governor.

"Yes," replied Commissioner Madden, "fully 99 per cent of the people of Jackson county will tell you that they are. If I couldn't have taken the amount of money available for road construction in Jackson county and saved at least \$100,000 in the expenditures, I would jump in the river."

At the last meeting of the highway commission it was agreed that Engineer Howly would be allowed to remain in office indefinitely in order to complete the road work already undertaken under his administration but not to begin any new work until a successor had been chosen. In the light of recent events, however, it is possible that the commission may decide to relieve him of his authority as soon as possible and this may be

PLEADS HIGHER LIVESTOCK RATES FOR RAILROADS

CHICAGO, March 18.—Reasons why the western railroads wish to increase freight rates on livestock were given by Conrad Spens, assistant freight traffic manager of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, today at the Interstate commerce commission's hearing of the western railroads' petition for higher rates. The increases asked are from a fraction of a cent to 2 1/2 cents a hundred pounds.

After testifying that livestock did not contribute a proper proportion to railroad revenue, based on the high cost of transportation Mr. Spens summed up the following reasons that the livestock industry in the United States was practically as all standstill and therefore the railroad could not expect increased revenue through increased business. That the railroads are compelled to carry caretakers for livestock free.

That damages paid on livestock is out of proportion to the earnings on that commodity.

That the sale of service to shippers has increased as shown in the advanced price of livestock.

KILLS NEIGHBOR WIFE AND CHILD

BILLINGS, Mont., March 18.—Leon Willman, a rancher living near Forsyth, killed his wife, his mother-in-law, and another neighbor, John Carney. Willman escaped to the hills pursued by a sheriff's posse. It is reported that Willman also killed his young child.

ARREST BLETHEN FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

SEATTLE, Wash., March 18.—Judge James T. Ronald of the superior court today caused issuance of a warrant against Alden J. Bethen, editor of the Seattle Daily Times, charging him with contempt of court in commenting on libel suits pending against him and the newspapers. Mr. Bethen is in California recuperating from severe illness.

decided upon at today's meeting. Secretary of State Olcott was not present at this morning's hearing.

TRADE BUILDERS MAKE PLANS TO HELP COMMERCE

WASHINGTON, March 18.—With constructive helpfulness as its announced policy toward business, the new federal trade commission set to work today to carry out its program as agreed upon at a conference last night at the white house between President Wilson and the commissioners.

The commissioners let it be known today, in outlining their policy, that there was no intention of beginning a campaign of annoying or harassing business, but on the contrary that it was gradually to map out ways wherein corporations doing an interstate trade may conduct their business conformable to the anti-trust laws. Cooperation will mark the commission's relations with the department of justice and the courts in carrying on its work.

Inquiry will be started at once, it is announced into common selling agencies abroad maintained by numerous foreign corporations to determine whether similar agencies should be organized by American business. This investigation was authorized by the law creating the commission.

VOTING MACHINE MADE TO CHEAT MEN OF VOTES

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 18.—Mayor Donn M. Roberts demonstrated in a voting machine a plan to cheat a man out of his vote, if it were not "right"; saloon and gambling house keepers not only contributed to the campaign funds, but were ordered to contribute to a fund raised for the defense in the present trial; and there were more repeaters than legal voters in one precinct. This was testimony adduced today in the trial in the federal court of the Terre Haute election case. Two women, Mrs. S. C. Stimson, a suffrage leader in the state, and Mrs. Mary Rose, were among the witnesses.

WIFE OF EX-GOVERNOR OF OREGON DEAD

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 18.—Stricken suddenly with a congestive chill Mary Stephenson Moody, wife of Zenas F. Moody, ex-governor of Oregon died at her home here Tuesday. Mrs. Moody was born in Lebanon, Indiana, in 1826. She crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852. In 1853 she was married to Mr. Moody. She lived at The Dalles until 1882 when Mr. Moody was elected governor. They then moved to Salem. Her husband and four sons, Malcolm, Cenas, William and Ralph survive.

AMERICAN REPLY TO JAP DEMANDS ARE INDEPENDENT

WASHINGTON, March 18.—It was stated officially at the white house today that representations by the United States to Japan concerning the latter's demands on China had been entirely independent of any action by Great Britain and Russia or other powers.

Further than this statement, officials in all quarters preserved the strictest silence regarding the situation as one of delicacy. State department officials, however, have admitted that since the beginning of the negotiations between Japan and China over the former's demands for commercial and other concessions, the United States has been endeavoring to influence Japan to ameliorate her demands and to prevent any infringement of the rights of the United States. None of the steps in the representations which have been made to the Japanese ambassador, as well as to Tokio and Peking have been made public.

BOMB WRECKS HOME OF GUTTENBURG MAYOR

NEW YORK, March 18.—The home of Mayor Daniel Herrmann of Guttenburg N. J., a suburb, was wrecked early today by the explosion of a bomb. A hole was torn in the wall of the house. No one was injured.

Mayor Herrmann discharged the Guttenburg police force, of eight men, 16 months ago, on the ground that the town was so orderly no police were needed. The police, although officially discharged are investigating the throwing of the bomb.

USE TRANSPORTS TO CARRY GOODS TO PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Because of the lack of shipping facilities between the Philippine Islands and the United States, army transports will be utilized for carrying goods from the islands which could not be transported any other way.

Secretary Garrison today called President Wilson's attention to reports from Governor-General Harrison on the "unfortunate condition" in the Philippines because of the lack of ships for exports to the United States. Secretary Garrison said there would be no objection to using returning army transports provided their freight is first made over to the island government.

The quarter-master general of the army has found that about 3000 tons space will be available on each ship. Secretary Garrison will instruct Governor-General Harrison to invite proposals from shipping companies and to arrange that nothing be carried by the government which could be handled by private shipping.

President Wilson has approved Secretary Garrison's plan and it shortly will be put into effect.

INTERNED WOMEN TO BE EXCHANGED

NISH, Serbia, via London, March 18.—After prolonged negotiations through the medium of the Spanish legation at Bucharest, the governments of Serbia and Austria have agreed to exchange interned women irrespective of their age, and men under 18 years and over 50.

Tea Garden Syrup advertisement with image of a syrup can and text describing its uses and availability.

The Jackson County Bank advertisement highlighting its 27 years of progress and services.

Ford advertisement featuring the Ford logo and text describing the car's features and availability.

Two World Expositions advertisement for the Scenic Shasta Route, including train schedules and ticket information.

Large advertisement for Golden Rule Friday and Saturday Specials, listing various goods and prices.

Zerolene advertisement featuring an image of a polar bear and text describing the oil for motor cars.

C. W. Whillock & Son advertisement listing various goods and services available in Medford, Oregon.