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**BRIDGE WORK IS MOVING VERY FAST**

Unless prevailing snow renders the work of steel crews slow and hazardous, the Washington bridge will be ready for traffic by December 15, and Hood River friends will be able to motor over the structure to the homes of White Salmon friends for Christmas dinner.

Crews of the Gilpin Construction Co. the past week have been engaged in placing the steel of the channel span, which will be 252 feet long and rise over 90 feet above the low water mark. The entire bridge is complete from the Oregon shore to the channel span. An 800-foot wooden trestle stretches from the land across the shallow bar to deep water. Thence the traffic will be borne on seven steel spans, each 208 feet long. From the Washington shore the bridge approaches over a long trestle work to a Howe-truss wooden span of 112 feet. This has already been placed, and one of the two 208-foot steel spans has already been placed. The crews finished the channel span Tuesday, and the next day they started immediately to place the last 208-foot steel span near the Washington shore.

Except for the channel span, the roadway of the bridge will be of top deck construction.

E. O. Blanchard, C. Dethman, A. D. Moe and Leroy Childs walked from the Oregon shore to the channel span last Thursday morning. The men declared that the trip across the bridge, high over the Columbia's waters, with the impressive scenery of the Columbia gorge viewed from both the east and the west, will be nothing less than sensational. The view from the middle of the bridge will give one an excellent sight of Hood River and the mountain wood on clear days will loom majestically in the background to the south.

**Yakima Road May Be Shortened**

Material shortening of the Mount Adams road and a reduction of the highway to a five per cent grade as the steepest incline are indicated as a possibility by L. F. Fairbrook, of the Yakima county engineer's office, who so informed Goldendale parties last week, reports the Goldendale Agriculturist. Mr. Fairbrook is in charge of a county road crew locating the new route.

Goldendale parties were informed that they began this work in mid-summer and would have reached the peak in a few more days if snow and bad weather had not forced them to return to the city.

Elevation at Signal peak will be 4,030 feet, which is 2,000 feet higher than the Snoqualmie pass on the Sunset Highway.

Two proposed routes are suggested. One of these runs south from White Swan across the Toppish creek to Mill creek, and follows the creek until the divide is reached, and then will follow the ridge to Signal peak.

The second proposed route leaves the present road at the north fork of Toppish creek, and follows that to top of the divide, thereby eliminating the rocky climb up the other fork. Engineers believe either route will cut down the distance. One of the obstacles to be avoided is the rocky grade up Toppish creek, which will be eliminated by these routes.

Goldendale roads will connect with this highway by way of Cedar Valley or at Glenwood, where the Mount Adams road terminates.

**Apples Moving Fast**

The Oregon apple crop has been moving out well, particularly from the Hood River district, though shipments have slowed down somewhat in the past few days. Total shipments from the state up to the first of this month were 2,809 cars, or only 177 cars less than in the same period last year.

The Hood River district has the distinction of being the only one in the Northwest with a normal crop this year. Indications were that the crop, especially of later varieties, would exceed early estimates by 10 per cent, which means that total car lot movement may reach 3,300 to 3,500 cars. Because of the heavier shipments of off-grade stock, the percentage of the crop moved in car lots will, no doubt, be heavier than last season. Estimates for the White Salmon district remain about the same—750 to 800 cars.

Picking was practically finished by the third week of October. Size of the apples left on the trees until that month gained considerably. However, the fruit as a rule will average two or three sizes smaller than last season, but that will be about normal for the district. Stock grown on unirrigated land is running small to medium. Warm damage will be heavier than last year, especially in fruit grown at lower elevations. Color of most varieties is very good this season and the red kinds generally show a high color. This is particularly true of apples grown at higher altitudes.

Commercial apple prospects in Oregon changed little last month. The official estimate for November was 4,077,000 boxes against 4,263,000 a month before. The crop last year was 5,250,000 boxes. The decrease from a year ago has been largely in the Milton-Freewater section and in the Rogue River valley.

**Fourth Grade Dumping Hurts**

Local shippers last week expressed worry over the dumping of fourth grade apples on eastern markets. The fear was expressed that heavy shipments of the low class of fruit, which will hardly bring the shipper the cost of preparing for market, might have a serious effect on the price of the standard grades. Federal auction reports listed sales of fourth grade Delicious and Newtowns at prices ranging from \$1.08 to \$1.37. The freight charge on the apples will reach 75 cents per box.

**YOUNG MEN INJURED, FALL FROM MITCHELL**

Sam Indermuehle and Gordon Cunningham, aged respectively 30 and 19, were painfully bruised and cut Sunday afternoon when they fell from the side of the cliff of the huge rock promontory of Mitchell Point above the tunnel of the highway. The young men with three companions, all members of a signal corps of the O. W. R. & N. Co., were on a climbing expedition. Indermuehle and Cunningham had advanced around the rock in front of the others. Suddenly by shale rock to which they were clinging with their hands gave way, allowing them to drop.

Both fell an estimated 80 to 40 feet. Cunningham rolled another 200 feet, and Indermuehle rolled almost an equal distance down the precipitous brush covered cliffside.

Their companions rushed to the boys' aid and summoned Sheriff Edick and Dr. V. R. Abraham. Mr. Edick secured the aid of Traffic Officers Sloat, Riley and Morrison, and the boys were carried to cars on the highway and brought to the Hood River hospital.

While the young men were severely scratched and bruised and their clothes torn almost off them, neither sustained serious injuries. Young Cunningham suffered a badly scratched and bruised back, but an examination revealed no fracture of the vertebrae.

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**1925 CITY TAX BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the City Tax Budget Committee of the City of Hood River, on November 10, 1924, there was proposed and adopted an estimate of the money to be expended by the City during the year 1925, which estimate, together with the report of the present condition of department funds, is as follows:

**Statement General Fund, November 1, 1924.**

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Taxes received	\$29776.97	Police Department	\$4727.98
Rents, Sales, etc.	592.83	Fire Department	5987.43
Licenses	793.00	Salaries	5319.37
Fines	1035.00	Miscellaneous	7468.33
Auto Park	2512.00	Lights	3288.43
		Parks	3288.54
		Paving	1849.84
		Transfer to Road Fund	4000.00
		Overdraft, Nov. 1, 1924	46067.02
<b>Total collections</b>	<b>\$34709.80</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$40776.82 \$40776.82</b>

**General Fund, 1925 Budget.**

Items	Expense 1921	Expense 1922	Expense 1923	Expense to Nov. 1, 1924	Expense Allowed 1924	Balance Nov. 1, 1924	Estimated Expense & Dec. 1925	Estimated Expense 1925
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>								
City Marshal	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$1250.00	\$1500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1500.00
Night Marshal	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	1000.00	1200.00	200.00	200.00	1200.00
Traffic Officer	850.00	1200.00	1750.00	1675.00	1000.00	675.00	325.00	1750.00
Extra Police	501.40	500.00	735.00	757.35	1000.00	242.65	50.00	600.00
Incidentals		123.87	45.37	45.63	100.00	54.37	15.00	100.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>								
Fire Engineer	1750.00	1920.00	1922.50	1662.50	1920.00	257.50	320.00	1960.00
Assistant Engineer	658.00	1143.00	1562.50	1250.00	1500.00	250.00	200.00	1500.00
Fire Fighting	542.19	534.98	735.45	955.40	700.00	255.40	150.00	750.00
Equipment	396.51	717.98	781.68	382.80	100.00	282.80	100.00	500.00
Fire Hose	160.00	718.15	360.00	357.60	350.00	7.60	2.40	1000.00
Fire Chief	300.00	300.00	300.00	250.00	300.00	50.00	50.00	300.00
Fire Marshal	300.00	300.00	300.00	250.00	300.00	50.00	50.00	300.00
Auxiliary Fire Truck					1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	
Incidentals				879.13	250.00	629.13	250.00	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE</b>								
City Recorder	900.00	900.00	900.00	750.00	900.00	150.00	150.00	1000.00
City Treasurer	350.00	350.00	350.00	300.00	350.00	50.00	50.00	350.00
City Attorney	600.00	600.00	600.00	625.00	750.00	125.00	125.00	600.00
Supplies and Audit	588.35	450.00	87.88	424.93	450.00	25.07	25.00	250.00
Engineering and Inspection	2080.00	1436.00	481.00	312.77	300.00	OD12.77	50.00	300.00
Health Officer	431.00	438.00	516.00	543.50	450.00	OD93.50	50.00	500.00
Building Supplies & Betterment	1799.45	200.00	221.57	291.37	200.00	OD91.37	200.00	200.00
Fuel	542.90	456.53	937.00	397.93	550.00	152.07	250.00	550.00
Street Lights	1928.91	2718.86	3722.81	3177.68	3500.00	622.32	636.50	3500.00
St. Lights and Signals	67.80	109.00	135.29	110.75	120.00	9.25	25.00	150.00
Parks	776.00	658.62	461.73	823.54	3500.00	OD4738.54	200.00	3790.00
Park Caretaker	180.00	500.00	733.40	657.00	800.00	143.00		400.00
Taxes	201.53	242.00	116.04	454.56	200.00	OD254.56		
Improvement Bonds & Interest	451.78	207.28	251.62	304.66	310.00	5.34	126.38	590.80
Insurance	700.00	250.00	101.57	640.15	200.00	OD440.15	22.50	250.00
Library	2700.00	3226.00	2613.25	2000.00	2500.00	500.00	500.00	2750.00
Interest on Warrants	834.74	1450.00	780.00	275.72	500.00	224.28	250.00	600.00
Care of Garbage	241.00	336.00	450.00	400.00	450.00	50.00	50.00	450.00
Paving				1849.84	3000.00	1150.16		600.00
Transfer to Road Fund				4000.00	4000.00			4000.00
Emergency Fund	9092.73	4281.90	4596.64	4277.01	4000.00	277.01		4000.00
Overdrafts 1st of Year	2616.70	2504.03	2431.19	810.76				6000.00
City Hall Bond Interest		2706.00	2700.00	2700.00	2700.00			2700.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$35374.89</b>	<b>\$34639.90</b>	<b>\$35538.36</b>	<b>\$43476.02</b>	<b>\$42500.00</b>	<b>\$5780.86</b>	<b>\$46400.80</b>	<b>\$46400.80</b>
							Estimated Receipts	\$5000.00
							To be raised by tax	\$40900.80

**Road Fund, 1925 Budget.**

Items	Expense 1921	Expense 1922	Expense 1923	Expense to Nov. 1, 1924	Expense Allowed 1924	Balance Nov. 1, 1924	Estimated Expense & Dec. 1925	Estimated Expense 1925
Street Commissioner	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$725.00	500.00	600.00	100.00	\$100.00	\$800.00
Street Foreman				1250.00	1500.00	250.00	250.00	1500.00
Truckman				1250.00	1500.00	250.00	250.00	1500.00
Street Laborer	2457.69	2672.19	4189.76	1221.30	2500.00	28.70	350.00	1260.00
Street Cleaning and Repairs	840.00	870.00	1045.83	413.00	850.00	437.00	100.00	1000.00
Equipment and Tools	902.00	572.49	754.26	308.56	500.00	OD806.56	50.00	500.00
Road Trucks		1348.48	737.19	878.28	450.00	OD428.28	350.00	1700.00
Material	210.90	505.70	77.82	474.79	500.00	25.21	25.00	
Road Oil	217.51	149.60	156.05	44.55	600.00	455.45		1500.00
Oak St. Drain Front to 1st St.								855.00
Round Corner 12th and May								440.00
Street Castings								500.00
Lumber and Tiling								1000.00
Emergency	450.00		600.00		500.00	500.00		
Overdraft	2402.96	5621.79	3630.37	4555.19	4000.00			2800.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$8981.88</b>	<b>\$13240.23</b>	<b>\$81976.25</b>	<b>\$11393.97</b>	<b>\$11900.00</b>	<b>\$1475.00</b>	<b>\$14455.00</b>	<b>\$6000.00</b>
							Estimated Receipts	\$6000.00
							To be raised by Tax	\$8455.00

**Water Department, 1925 Budget.**

Items	Expense 1921	Expense 1922	Expense 1923	Expense to Nov. 1, 1924	Expense Allowed 1924	Balance Nov. 1, 1924	Estimated Expense & Dec. 1925	Estimated Expense 1925
Water Superintendent	\$1200.00	\$1200.00	\$1200.00	\$1000.00	\$1200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$1300.00
City Recorder	900.00	900.00	900.00	750.00	900.00	150.00	150.00	1000.00
Janitor Service	171.50	304.00	275.55	260.50	300.00	39.50	54.00	325.00
Car Expense	419.84	240.13	465.21	1044.32	1000.00	OD44.32	25.00	350.00
Office Supplies and Audit	81.37	250.00	237.79	93.37	200.00	106.63	200.00	200.00
Office Help		120.00	180.00	150.00	180.00	30.00	30.00	240.00
Distribution (Material)	964.31	754.07	1636.86	760.62	750.00	OD10.62	200.00	300.00
Picking (Material)	1306.66	1254.00	1927.20	1928.00	1400.00	OD528.00	500.00	3020.00
Conduit (Material)		68.74	115.25	4.63	200.00	195.37		
Conduit (Labor)	376.50	482.26	449.25	426.70	600.00	173.30	1000.00	
Emergency (Operation)	823.64	417.00	115.60	319.30	300.00	OD19.30	25.00	300.00
Inspection	396.10	250.00	424.25	600.00	500.00	OD100.00	50.00	600.00
Insurance		43.37	32.50	39.98	43.27	3.29		45.00
Bond Interest	6480.00	5490.00	4500.00	4500.00	4500.00			4500.00
Chlorinator								175.00
Coe Spring Park								250.00
Extension (Material)	1360.52	7734.42	7115.94	1058.93	4190.00	3131.07		
Extension (Labor)	701.33	4310.08	3207.76	238.00	1390.00	1152.00		7720.00
Fuel	141.92	93.40						175.00
Extensions (Emergency)	1918.75	35.67			1000.00			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$17240.93</b>	<b>\$24017.14</b>	<b>\$22834.46</b>	<b>\$13175.47</b>	<b>\$17572.57</b>	<b>\$1184.00</b>	<b>\$31260.00</b>	<b>\$31260.00</b>

**Statement City Water Department, November 1, 1924**

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Water Rents	\$18266.21	Water Superintendent	\$1000.00
Taps and connections	136.86	City Recorder	750.00
Commercial Water	33.25	Janitor Service	300.00
		Car Expense	1044.32
		Office Supplies	93.37
		Office Help	150.00
		Distribution Service	3120.58
		Emergency	319.75
		Inspection	600.00
		Insurance	39.98
		Bond Interest	4500.00
		Extensions & Betterments	