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WILLAMETTE BRIDGES.

Appropos to the construction of so many bridges across the Willamette this year is the somewhat poem of the "bard" Stephen Maybell. We give it below in full. It was written about the year 1870:

Behind the pines had sunk the sun,
And darkness hung o'er Oregon,
When on the banks o' Willamette
A youth was seen to set and set,
And set and sing unto the moon,
A wild, yet sweet pathetic tune—

"They're going to build, I feel it yet,
A bridge across the Willamette."

The flat boat drifted slowly o'er
And resoled at last the other shore;
The captain, brave, courageous soul!
Fished her to land with fishing pole—
When hark! from o'er the waves a strain—
That youth, that voice, that wild refrain.

"They're going to build, I feel it yet,
A bridge across the Willamette."

Dark grew the night, the south winds blew,
Down came the Oregonian dew;
Down mountain sides the torrents pour'd,
The streamlets rose, the rivers roar'd—
Still sung that youth with webbed toes,
Neath umbrell, in rubber clothes—

"They're going to build, I feel it yet,
A bridge across the Willamette."

A Modoc chief in pure Chinook,
Cried, "Klahowish, tumtum, mamook;
Hiyu tyas yah mukamuck,
Nowitka nika tika cumtux;
All the same white man, nika klonas,
Gum stick mamook, skookum byas;"
But silent grew his savage tongue,
For high above his war whoops rung—
"They're going to build, I feel it yet,
A bridge across the Willamette."

A citizen from Yarmany
Who heard him from the brewery,
Sang out, "Young fellow atshop dot shonet!
Dot pridge, you bet, was pout blayed ouet;
Some dings I know I tole you soon,
Dem land agents was d— schmart coons;
Dot eye vas in my pridge, you bet!
Dot pridge across dot Willamette!"

So winter rains and summer flowers
Passed on with sad and pleasant hours;
Yet still sat on the river bank,
A man, bald-headed, lean and lank,
Grown old, still singing the same tune—
"Tis coming, coming, coming soon!

They're going to build, I feel it yet,
A bridge across the Willamette."

Years pass'd—there came a trav'ler roun'

To visit our East Portland town;
As on the river bank he stood,
He saw a sight that froze his blood;
Right there beneath the glowing sun
There sat a ghostly skeleton,
Which turned its hideous, fleshless head,
And grinned most horribly, and said:
"They're going to build, I feel it yet,
A bridge across the Willamette."

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Some of them growl in the city council at Portland because time is consumed in reading the minutes. Someday they may learn that it is the safest and best way to conduct city affairs and keep posted. Not to read the minutes is a great deal like Gerdes employing Sweeney because he is the cheapest man.

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By Senator Goodrich—to amend the general tax law. The resolution making A. P. Swanstrom second assistant secretary was taken from the table and approved.

Recess Until Tuesday Next,

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