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JETTY CREEK ROAD IS AGAIN HELD UP

Railroad Company Charged With Holding Up of Contract

PLANS ARE CHANGED

Expected to be Months Before Any Further Action Can be Completed

From all appearances the Jetty Creek-Brighton section of the Roosevelt highway will not be built for some time to come, the exact period to be determined by the willingness of the Southern Pacific company to meet the highway commission halfway in a construction project.

A few days ago considerable publicity was given to an announcement that the railroad company had approved a plan for the enlarged right-of-way and it was hinted that the construction could begin at any time the road builders saw fit. People living in the Brighton-Wheeler section of the county were greatly enthused by this bit of news.

Now it appears that would-be users of this road are due for another disappointment, for what actually happened was this:

Many months ago the county had started tentative proposals to the railroad to give them room for a highway beside the railroad tracks, and when the state highway commission took over the highway as a state project the highway commission started actively to negotiate with the railroad people on a proposition that the railroad was to give the state a right-of-way on the inside of the railroad track, the distance to be twenty-five feet from the center of the railroad to the center of the highway. The estimated cost of this project was about \$80,000, which was to have been paid by the state, with county cooperation.

It is understood that the plan as outlined by the highway commission was approved by the railroad engineers in Portland and sent to San Francisco for final sanction. Then, after a period of about four months, word was received from the head office of the railroad company at San Francisco that the plan for the encroachment on the right-of-way had been approved.

Further investigation showed, however, that the plan actually approved by the railroad company was not the one proposed by the highway commission at all, but one calling for an expenditure of about \$140,000, according to the railroad company's figures. The plan as approved called for a grade with forty-five feet from center to center. The railroad company explained that it might want to put in a double track system some time and that the wide grade would then be necessary. It is thought by many, however, that there is very little possibility of there ever being a double track system at that particular place and that, in case there ever is, there is plenty of room on the outside of the present track for the extra line.

Besides the difference already outlined there were many other variations in the two plans, some of them adversely affecting the industries already established at Brighton, and

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SCHOOL BOUNDRIES MAY BE CHANGED

A meeting of the county school boundary board will be held Saturday afternoon to consider the application of Union high school No. 1 being in district 5 for high school purposes only. Union high school is at Nehalem.

The January 25 a hearing will be given to consider changes in the boundaries of districts 24 and 28, with district 48.

The boundary board is composed of the county court and the county superintendent.

CHEESE, SINCE DROP, IS SELLING FASTER

Checks for November Cheese Held Up Until More Returns Are Had From Sales

Since the recent reduction in the price of cheese, sales have been much more frequent and a considerable volume of the local product has been moved. The decline in price had been anticipated by wholesalers and retailers alike and during the last month of last year purchases were being made only to meet actual needs. Since the new price was announced, merchants have been buying ahead and the market has been much stimulated thereby. Storage stocks have been reduced considerably and the outlook is much brighter. Checks in payment of the recent sales are beginning to come in and it is expected that the financial stringency of the factories will be greatly relieved by February 1. Checks for patrons will not be issued until additional money has been received for cheese sold.

Stockholders' meetings will be the order of the day for the next month. The first factory meetings will be held Tuesday of next week and from that time on additional meetings will occur quite frequently until February 20 when the annual meeting of the creamery association will be held.

AUDIT COMMITTEE HAD CONSULTATION

A meeting between twenty-five to thirty dairymen, business men and timber men met in the offices of the creamery association yesterday and formed themselves into a committee to supervise the coming audit of the county's finances. Carl Haberlach was elected president and F. A. Beltz secretary.

A special committee of fifteen was appointed to have general supervision of the investigation, and out of this last committee another committee of five, composed of William Maxwell, F. A. Beltz, H. T. Botts, James Williams and H. E. Morgan, was named as an operative organization.

There was a well represented crowd from the various interests in the county at the Thursday meeting.

CHEESE COMPETITION HARD ON WISCONSIN

Just to show that everything is not going to pieces in the cheese market and that Tillamook cheese moves off well when the prices are competitive based on costs from other sections, the following letter received by the association from its Los Angeles brokers is quoted. In order to make the matter clearer, it should be said that Martin's broker represents New York cheese, and that H. G. Chaffee company operates 69 large stores in Los Angeles and vicinity: "Mr. Carl Haberlach, Secty., Tillamook, Oregon. Just a little gossip. Martin's broker tells us that he considers himself licked when it comes to selling Martin's Cheese; that this year he only sold one-third of what he sold last year, and there were no shortage of offerings, but he was simply unable to sell it.

"In talking with the Wisconsin broker today he said that where formerly he sold a car a week, he had not been selling any for months and that that Idaho was getting all the business.

"H. G. Chaffee complained about the price they were forced to pay for Tillamook cheese as compared with other varieties, and sent out the usual questionnaire to all their stores, asking the opinion of the manager as to whether or not he could sell other brands just as well as less money, and he showed us the result of the canvass and it was 100 per cent for Tillamook, so he said he might as well bow to the inevitable.

"This is just a line in passing on the points that we thought might interest you."

Beatrice Mills, daughter of R. W. Mills, underwent an operation last Friday for appendicitis. She is reported as doing nicely.

DAY OF MARKET ROAD REPORTED AT HAND

Big Road Programs of This County Are Nearly at End

WILL ADHERE TO BUDGET

Estimates Will be Scrimped, Says County Court, in Effort to Insure Safety

According to statements by members of the county court this week, the expenditures of money allotted to road purposes will closely follow the county budget which has been published.

That the budgets passed heretofore what not been adhered to was caused by the taking advantage of state highway money available, which could not have been obtained unless it had been matched on a 50-50 basis by the county. Taxpayers indicate that they consider this good business, for nearly three million dollars worth of state highway has been laid in the county by this procedure, for which the state must now furnish the upkeep funds. An asset of \$3,000,000 against a liability of \$400,000 would not indicate any bad business policy on the part of the county court, according to local business men who have been approached on the subject.

Now that the state money for road building purposes from which this

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GOOD BOXING CARD IS PROMISED SOON

The Tillamook boxing commission will again present a fine card to boxing fans January 26, after a lull due to the repair work found necessary on the city hall auditorium.

The card so far as is now known follows: Clark Johnson versus Lone Wolf, six rounds; Benny Dotson versus Dale Freeman, six rounds; Lewis Johnson versus Steve Haggerty, six rounds; a four-round feature will be presented also but the participants are not known at present. The Halliwell "kids" will put on a curtain raiser stunt. It is reported that there is bad blood between Dotson and Freeman, and fans expect a stiff go when this pair gets into the ring.

The boxing commission has assured the public that the city hall auditorium is in safe shape now and that there is no danger to a crowd gathering there.

LOCAL BANKING HOUSES ARE IN FINE CONDITION

Two Local Banking Institutions Hold Over All Officers and Directors

Statements from all four banks in Tillamook county as of December 29 show that there was a total of \$1,834,318.87 on deposit at that time, proving a healthy condition of the county's financial concerns beyond a doubt.

The new Wheeler bank showed deposits of \$166,548.58. The First National bank of this city had deposits of \$1,248,168.09, and the Tillamook County bank \$532,809.03.

Election of officers and directors was held by the Tillamook County bank January 10, and of the First National bank this week. In both cases all the former officers were retained for another year.

DOLLAR ON EACH TON REDUCED ON FEED

Carl Haberlach was one of the most pleased men in Tillamook last week when he received the following letter from the Southern Pacific company at Portland. This letter gives the results of two year's work trying to get lower freight rates on corn, oats, and barley, and other merchandise from the east. It will be seen that the rates on oats, corn, and barley, and other grains originating in the trans-Mississippi territory will be \$1.00 a ton from Portland to Tillamook. The letter follows: "Mr. Carl Haberlach, Secty., Tillamook, Oregon. With reference to your letters of December 26th and 31st regarding status of proposed arbitraries on oats, corn, barley, etc., to Tillamook on shipments originating in Trans-Mississippi territory:

"Mr. Countess has been given instructions to make the rates on grain and grain products, as described in Items 670, 685, 690, 695, 701, and 710, Transcontinental Westbound Tariff 4-S, to Tillamook 5 cents per 100 lbs. higher than the rates applying to Portland. At the same time we furnished him instructions which will greatly reduce the class arbitraries carried in Note 162 of the tariff to all branch line stations, and will further have the effect of making Rate Basis 1 rates applicable to Tillamook and other branch line points on about 210 commodity items."

Mrs. Eacie Mullen, who has clerked for several years in the Grand Leader, has resigned her position at that store and will move to Bay City where she will be employed at Nelson's store.

MUCH TIMBER SOLD ABOUT THE COUNTY

Three Thousand Acres in North End of County Transferred

CRUISERS ON WILSON

Paper Mills Company is Buying Tracts of Timber Near Cape Lookout

Timber deals of an unusual nature have been quietly taking place within the last few days in which many acres of Tillamook county timber lands have been changing hands.

The largest of these is probably that of the Yerrek Logging company of the state of Washington, which bought 10,578 acres of land from the Lumbermen's Timber company of Portland December 31. This tract is situated in Tillamook and Clatsop counties, with about one-third of the acreage in this county, north of the Salmonberry river. The consideration is said to have been close to \$2,000,000.

One interesting feature of the Yerrek buy was that \$1,755 in revenue stamps was required to file the deed. The Eagle Lumber company has had transferred to its name a considerable portion of timber land from five different owners, Mary C. Overton, Joseph E. Cochran, Eleanor M. Crocker, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings bank, and Mary T. Cochran.

The Crown Willamette paper company has purchased some tracts near Cape Lookout belonging to Ernest House and G. P. Eisman. It is said

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TUBERCULOSIS WORK IS NEARLY FINISHED

J. N. Shaw county veterinarian, has about completed the years work in testing for tuberculosis among the dairy herds of the county, and reports a very decided improvement in the number of reactors found in Tillamook.

The Beaver factory has just been finished and next week Dr. Shaw will work at Mohler. He says that he is finding much better cooperation and more appreciation among the dairymen of the county than formerly. At Beaver he found that all the dairymen had put their cows up for him to test in the middle of the day and that he was not held up in any of his work.

LOCAL LEGION POST WILL HAVE BIG YEAR

Looking Forward to the Time When New Club Rooms in Armory Are Ready

The new officers of Tillamook post No. 47 of the American Legion of this city have promised a very interesting year ahead for the ex-service men of this county, after a period of inactivity.

The first meeting of the post will be held some time in February, the exact date to be determined when the time is known for the completion of the armory, for the Legion wants to start the year out in its new home.

Speaking on the problems of the local post as well as of the state organization Tuesday, Commander Shearer of Tillamook post said: "It is our duty as American citizens and as ex-service men to hang together. The Legion had the strongest organization in this county in past years and there is no reason why we can't be strong now, when we have more at stake and more to gain."

"There are many problems confronting us at the present time," continued the Legion commander, "for instance, the adjusted compensation. If we ever hope to get a compensation bill through we will only do it by organization and energetic work. To get these last two things we must have harmony within our local post and within the state and national organizations."

Tillamook post is expecting to visit Lake Lytle post for an evening in the near future.

SPELLING CONTESTS TAKE PLACE TODAY

The first spelling contest of the year for the entire county will be held at the various schools this afternoon, with the third to eighth grades, inclusive, participating. Certificates will be awarded for two divisions, those getting from 95 to 99 per cent, and those getting 100 per cent.

A statement issued from the office of the county school superintendent says, "It is expected that every school will be in the contest. As soon as the papers are received in this office the certificates for each school will be signed in blank and mailed to each teacher, who will fill them out and deliver direct to the pupil. Town schools promoting pupils at mid-year should permit pupils so promoted to take the contest of the preceding grade. That is, pupils promoted to the fifth grade in January should take the fourth grade contest. Otherwise they will be spelling words they have never studied."

SPEEDER ON STREETS DOCKED \$15 MONDAY

Carl Becker was arrested and brought before the city police judge last Monday, charged with speeding. He was fined \$15 but said that he didn't have more than ten, and that he couldn't raise more than that. When he was given the option of producing the balance of the fine or going to jail to lay it out he dug down in his pocket and handed out a five-dollar bill.

NEW RECTOR SCHOOL HAS NOW STARTED

A new school has been established at Rector, on the S. P. railroad, for the use of the children at the new Brighton Mills camp. Mrs. Lynette Ross, who formerly taught at Nehalem high school, has been secured as teacher. Everett Vanderpool, formerly of Olympia, Washington, succeeds Mrs. Ross at the Nehalem school.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR WILL BE HERE SOON

A deputy from the office of the internal revenue collector at Portland will be in Tillamook January 29 to 31 for the purpose of helping taxpayers in preparing their income tax returns. The deputy will be at Wheeler February 1 and 2.

LOCAL COMMITTEE CALLS ON GOVERNOR

State Executive is Assured That This County Can Handle Own Job

ACCOUNTANT TO COME

Money Was Found Sent to State Authorities by Parties Antagonistic

A number of representative citizens met in the creamery association offices last Saturday to talk over the publicity being given Tillamook county on account of alleged discrepancies in the county's financial affairs. A committee composed of H. T. Botts, C. J. Edwards, F. A. Beltz, David Kuratli and Carl Haberlach was appointed to go to Salem last Monday and interview Governor Pierce.

It was learned at Salem by this committee that \$500 had been sent to the attorney general to pay the expenses of a special prosecutor and that \$1200 more had been offered for the same use. Investigation disclosed that this money apparently had not been raised in Tillamook, but probably had been put up by some kind of an organization outside of the county which is antagonistic to the county court.

The local committee frankly told the governor that conditions had been grossly misrepresented to him and to the attorney general, and stated that if there was any house cleaning to do in this county that Tillamook people wanted to do it themselves. The governor was told that the people of Tillamook county wanted a thorough investigation of the county finances. They said that it was felt that before anything was done regarding a special prosecutor that the citizens of Tillamook should know the exact condition of the finances, and wished the governor to appoint a capable and trustworthy accountant, one who would not be connected in any way with Tillamook county, and one who could be depended upon to give an unbiased and true report of the county's financial status.

The governor appointed G. E. Ross, public accountant of Salem, who experts the state books, and he will come to Tillamook in about ten days to make an investigation.

It is felt by many that before giving so much publicity to the alleged condition of the county court's finances it would be well to find out just where matters stand. It was thought possible that the county court, in its eagerness to finish the Roosevelt Highway through Tillamook county, may have spent more money than was available, but it was felt that every one was entitled to an exact knowledge of just how much was spent before getting into the courts about the matter in any way. It was felt that it was better to have a business understanding of the conditions rather than have them taken up by a grand jury. It recommended that a public meeting be held, a reliable committee appointed of possibly fifteen members, this committee in turn to appoint a sub-committee of three or five members, and that within a short time a true report be had of the county's finances. It was expressed at the meeting that the committee should be fairly representative of Tillamook county and should consist of farmers, business men, and timbermen.

LOCAL GUARD UNIT LARGEST IN STATE

The local national guard organization, Company K, now has ninety-nine men, and is by far the largest infantry unit in the state. More men will be enlisted until the maximum of 102 is reached. Last Monday the division of the company into platoons to facilitate drilling and to stimulate competition was made. Sergeant Ramsey, regular army, was present Monday in his official capacity of sergeant-instructor.

Slippery Going

