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## NEIGHBOR COUNTIES CONFER ON ROUTE

### Matter of New Route Made Subject of Friday's Convention

## TRASK ROUTE SHORTER

### Commissioners of Several Counties Are Agreeable to Trask Highway

On last Friday afternoon, the Tillamook county court received county commissioners from Washington and Yamhill counties. Commissioners Wisner and Livermore of Washington, and Daniels and Zimmerman of Yamhill were the neighboring county officials who called on the Tillamook officials. With the Washington county officials was Engineer Hobbs.

The object of the visit was to confer with the Tillamook court upon the matter of a short auto road from Washington county to Tillamook, and to a conjunction with the Roosevelt highway.

Engineer Hobbs, spoke at length upon the value of the tentative route which Cherry Grove down the north fork of the Trask river to its conjunction with the main river of that name. Last summer, he, in the company of another man, who is a timber cruiser, walked from Cherry Grove over to the north fork of the Trask, thence down that stream to the point of its emergence upon the main river, a mile and a half down stream from the Trask road house.

Mr. Hobbs believes that this route can be made close to seven miles shorter than any other route at present under consideration. He gave a flowery description of the scenery along the north fork of the Trask, describing it as possessing the grandest scenic environment of any road he had seen or had knowledge of in Oregon. Owing to its engineering possibilities, he thought it would be the most practical as well as the shortest route from Portland to the sea.

In presenting his views, engineer Hobbs was warmly supported by the Washington county commissioners, who are now practically committed to that route, to the exclusion of all others thus far mentioned.

The Yamhill commissioners then stated their case. They have a marked road that runs to within a mile of Cherry Grove through which the tentative Trask route must go, and they gave out a proposition to join with the other two counties in the matter of the expense of building the new road, if agreeable to the other two counties that they should hook up the marked road with the new line near Cherry Grove. The market road extends northward from the (Continued on page 6)

## TRUSTY ESCAPES FROM ROAD GANG

Last Monday O. L. Keeler, who lately was convicted on a prohibition charge in Tillamook circuit court, and given ninety days in jail, and a fine of \$300, and who was taken out to work in the county tool shed last Monday, watched an opportunity and made his exit from the shed, and responded from sight. It is believed that he made for the brush along the Trask, and then crossed the river, got a ride from some one, and later stole an automobile at Idaville, and was seen that night. Geo. Smith and a change of the men, when the man was captured, and the escape was quickly executed. Of the numerous jail inmates who have been worked by the county during the last eight months, but two have thus far escaped, and as many as eighteen have been employed at one time. Practically all of the work done on the road in this district, states superintendent, for the past eight months has been by labor taken from the county jail.

## WHEELER TIMBER SOLD TO CROWN PAPER CO.

### Several Smaller Tracts Also Reported About to be Purchased by Same People

A big sale of timber was consummated last Wednesday when the Wheeler Brothers estate, represented by the sons of W. E. Wheeler and N. P. Wheeler, deceased, transferred their timber holdings near this city to the Crown-Willamette Paper Mills, a wealthy company of Oregon City. The tract sold by the Wheeler heirs embrace ten thousand acres of hemlock and spruce, and it lies mainly upon the east side of a big ridge about four miles west of Tillamook, the western end of the heavily timbered ridge ending at Cape Mears light house on the ocean beach. The land lies in townships one and two south, range 10 west of the Willamette meridian. It is stated that the 10,000 acres will cruise in the neighborhood of 40,000 feet stumpage to the acre. The amount of the deal will approximate \$800,000, so it is stated. The timber is largely spruce and hemlock, and the deal is one of the largest to take place in this county for some time past. Two sons of the deceased W. E. Wheeler, own the Portland Evening Telegram, and it is understood that heirs of the other deceased Wheeler also live in Portland. While information regarding the movements of the buyers is lacking, it is believed that the new owners will begin logging operations in the near future, which should give the south part of the bay some prominence in producing activity.

It is also reported that there are negotiations on foot for the purchase of smaller adjacent tracts by the Crown-Willamette people, but nothing definite has yet come to light.

## OCEANSIDE BEACH MAY HAVE PEAT BOG

Half way between Netarts and Oceanside along the beach a big deposit of bog peat was uncovered recently, and those who have seen it, are of the opinion that it extends inland for some distance under the sand that covers the beach. The stuff is black, and seems to be permeated with some sort of oil, and when dried, burns readily, and gives off much heat. Whether the oil has a petroleum base, or whether it is a vegetable oil, is a question which has not yet been solved by the discoverers. It is understood that the deposit will be further prospected to determine its extent, and that particles may be sent to a chemist for analysis.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR WILSON

C. W. Barrick delivered an address at the Christian church last Sunday night, eulogistic of the life and services of Woodrow Wilson, the war president, whose death occurred last week.

The address was well thought out, and mainly was a tribute to the man who guided the republic through a great war crisis, and to a leading American, regardless of his party affiliation.

A special choir sang the late President's favorite hymn, and rendered other music appropriate for the occasion. A well filled house greeted the speaker and the programme was appreciated throughout.

## ACTION FOR DAMAGES GIVES SHARP VERDICT

In the case of John Segessman vs. P. J. and Maud Sharp, an action for damages in the sum of \$10,000 for injuries received in falling from a haymow while working in the Sharp barn last fall, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant. Segessman is a young Swiss.

Miss Elda Archibald, a teacher in the Trask river school south of town, spent the week end in Portland.

## CREAMERY MEETING TAKES PLACE 20TH

### Nearly All of 1923 Cheese Now Sold, With Big Demand for Loaf

## DECEMBER PAY COMING

### Demand for Tillamook Product is Greater Than Production at Present Time

The annual meeting of the Tillamook County Creamery association will be held February 20, when a full attendance is expected. At that time the annual reports of the various officers will be heard.

Practically all of the 1923 cheese has now been sold. There is a small amount left in storage in Los Angeles and San Francisco, and probably one car all told in Tillamook county.

Most of the factories in the county are now making the largest part of the curd into loaf cheese, for which there seems to be an insistent demand. The demand is greater than the capacity of the factories at this time, but it is expected that as soon as more milk will be received, so (Continued on page 5)

## COW TESTING ASS'N TO MEET SATURDAY

The cow testers' association is scheduled to hold its annual meeting in this city on Saturday afternoon, February 16th, in the circuit court room of the court house at 1 p. m. It is believed that fully one hundred and fifty dairymen will be present on the coming occasion, and that there will be considerable to discuss relating to the welfare of the association.

W. C. Jamison, of the Oregon Agricultural college will be present and address the meeting. Mr. Jamison is in charge of the cow testing work in the state, and always has a message for dairymen.

Among questions that probably will be discussed is that of the propriety of selling the calves of the association; whether it is more profitable to keep the calves than to sell them. Another question that is sure to be discussed is the oleo-margarine matter. The dairymen are flat-footed against oleo, and plans will be discussed by which its consumption in this county may be rendered less, if possible. It promises to be an interesting meeting.

Mrs. Andrew Stam was a visitor in the city Sunday from Brighton.

## GOLD CREEK PLANT WILL BE ENLARGED

### Ten Million Eggs Will be Handled and Hatched from State Hatchery

T. R. Pollock, superintendent of the Gold Creek hatchery, was in town Monday, and speaking of the work of the state fish commission's department, said that the recent conference at Portland had brought out many new ideas concerning the work. All of the superintendents were present at the meeting, and considerable new work will be mapped out by the commission, for the present year. Among the plans is that of enlarging the capacity of hatcheries so that more eggs can be taken. New ponds will be constructed, and other streams having potential value for egg-taking will be looked up and reported upon by hatchery superintendents in various parts of the state. It is understood that both the Nestucca and the Wilson river will be investigated, as (Continued on page 2)

## CABLE KILLS LOGGER; NEARLY SEVERS HEAD

While engaged in the Clemmens logging camp at Enright, in this county last Tuesday, Frank Tucker, while attempting to free a wire, that had got caught was struck under the chin by the line with the result that his head was partially severed by the wire.

Death was almost instantaneous. County Coroner R. N. Henkle went up Wednesday to inquire into the cause of death. No jury was had in the case, as the manner of the unfortunate man's death was too plain. The remains were brought to the morgue here, and an uncle and relatives in New York were notified. Tucker was about 35 years of age. Not hearing from his relatives, the remains were buried in the Odd Fellow's cemetery Friday.

## GUARD RIFLE RANGE WILL SOON BE READY

The Company K rifle range, out east of town, is being put in shape for the use of the company. The range pit and the house are practically finished, and within two or three days after the weather clears up, the range will be in condition for practice. It is expected that some future champions will be developed on this range, within the year.

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## CITY IS DEFENDANT IN IMPORTANT SUIT

### City Said to Have Exceeded Legal Authority When Laying Pavement

## WITNESSES ARE MANY

### Many Thousands Dollars Involved in Action, in City Property Held by Liens

The case of A. M. Austin, plaintiff, vs. The City of Tillamook, defendant, began in circuit court last Wednesday morning, and was in full blast Thursday afternoon, with a prospect of lasting until Friday.

The suit is brought by A. M. Austin, and the complaint sets up numerous contentions, all of which are intended to prove that the city exceeded its legal authority when it made assessments on abutting property for the improvement of Third street from Stillwell avenue west to the limits of the city.

Witnesses were introduced to show that the improvements were confiscatory in their effect upon plaintiff, whose property on that street was (Continued on page 4)

## LOCAL ODDFELLOWS VISIT WITH BAY CITY

To the number of about fifty, the local Odd Fellow lodge paid a fraternal visit to the Bay City lodge last Friday night. The Tillamook linkers put on the first degree with the same team that recently functioned at McMinnville, under Captain Elton Jeffers, and won much praise for the manner in which the degree was conferred. Following the secret work, the Rebekahs served one of the finest suppers to the visitors and local lodgemen that ever fell to the lot of a crowd of hungry visitors. Crab salad and other delicacies figured, with pie and cake and fragrant coffee and the like, and the Tillamookers, who were full to the neck, are planning to go back at the first favorable opportunity. It is quietly noised around that Capt. Jeffrey and Hubert O'Dell had to be helped up from the banquet table.

Chas. Konecki, a poultryman and farmer of the Nehalem section, who lives on the Tillamook-Seaside road was in the city Wednesday, on business.

## S. P. OFFICIALS HERE TO DISCUSS HIGHWAY

### Brighton-Jetty Creek Project Tho' Probable Cause of Interest in County

A party of Southern Pacific officials arrived in this city last Monday. In the party were Mr. Kirkbright, chief engineer, Mr. Burkhalter, assistant general manager, and D. W. King, division superintendent. Inquiry as to the object of the visit, resulted in the information that they were here looking over an engineering project, the nature of which was not ascertained.

While the object of the visit is shrouded in uncommunicativeness there are well defined rumors that the visit had to do with the settlement of the matter of right away matter between the state highway commission and the Southern Pacific company respecting the uncompleted stretch of Roosevelt highway between Jetty creek and Brighton.

Persistent rumors have been in circulation for some time past that a settlement of the differences between the Southern Pacific company and the State highway commission was about to be made, and that is about the only "engineering project" in which the company would be interested on this end of the road.

It is understood that the Southern Pacific company does not like to be placed in the attitude of hindering the completion of highway work, and to feel that public opinion is in a measure holding it responsible for the non-completion of the Jetty Creek-Brighton gap by failure to agree with the State highway commission in a settlement of the necessary right away which will permit of the closing of the mile gap in the road.

## WILL OCCUPY ARMORY EARLY NEXT MONTH

The Armory is fast approaching completion. It is believed that the carpenter work will be finished this week. On March third next the armory will be formally dedicated, at which time it is expected that Adjutant General White will be present and make an address. This also will be an occasion for a joint meeting of company K and the American Legion post. Guardsmen will appear in uniform. The American Legion will hold a short session in their room, previous to the exercises on that date. The general public will be present on this occasion, and it is believed that a program of musical and other entertainment will be forthcoming.

## COURT ADJOURNED TO MEET ON 13TH

Judge Bagley adjourned court last Thursday, and returned to Hillsboro. The February session will be reopened on the 13th of the month, when other cases have been set for trial, one of which is the suit of Austin vs. Tillamook city.

Cases not completed in time for last week's issue, are as follows:

Alfreda Mudge was given a decree of divorce from B. G. W. Mudge.

Jennie H. Mackinster was given a decree of divorce from W. A. Mackinster.

Arthur S. Roberts vs. Wylma N. Roberts; decree of divorce for plaintiff.

## NEW TAX RECORDS READY FOR BUSINESS

The tax roll for 1923 was turned over to the sheriff the latter part of last week, and it is now in order for any one who feels the patriotic impulse, to walk up to the sheriff's counter and get rid of his money, and thus pay his rent for the use of his place, the highways' life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, with no one to molest or make him afraid. The total amount called for by the tax roll is \$969,500.78. The assessor is now taking off transfers for the year 1924.

## COW TUBERCULOSIS BEING STAMPED OUT

### Percentage of Reactors is Becoming Lower in Tillamook

## TESTING SAVES MONEY

### Satisfaction Expressed Throughout County at Work of T. B. Eradication

Dr. J. N. Shaw has just completed his annual report of the tubercular test of cows in Tillamook county, beginning February 1st, 1923 and ending February 1, 1924.

The totals are as follows: Whole number of cows tested in the county, 13,333; total number of reactors found, 41; per centage of reactors is slightly over three-tenths of one per cent.

Last year the total number of cows tested was 12,078; number of reactors, 137; per centage of reactors being slightly in excess of one per cent.

This shows considerable progress made in the eradication of this disease. Figuring the average value of the cow in this county at \$100, the difference in the reactors found this year, and those found last year, would be 96 times \$100, or \$9,600. This really can be counted as a saving of that much to the county, to say nothing of the situation as it would exist today if these animals had been left to spread the disease.

The cost of the test per cow, says Dr. Shaw, last year, was slightly in excess of 27 cents; the cost this year has been a little over 26 cents per cow.

The Tillamook county dairy herd law states that a fee of 15 cents per head shall be collected for every animal tested, and that the moneys thus derived, shall be turned over to the treasurer of the county for the use and benefit of the general fund. This statement is made, states Dr. Shaw, because a good many of the dairymen are under the impression that the Inspector receives this money in addition to his regular salary, which of course is erroneous.

The cost of the test in this county is somewhat less than the cost of such tests in some of the other counties, carrying on this work.

Dr. Shaw recently received word that a new change has been made in the schedule of indemnity, which became of force January 1, 1924. Under the new schedule, \$18 is the maximum for a grade animal, and \$35 for a registered animal.

Recent investigations have disclosed the fact that Avian, or fowl tuberculosis can be transmitted to the bovine or cow. This possibly accounts for the great number of cases of skin tuberculosis found in reactors among the Willamette valley cows, where chickens are housed in the same building with the cows. Dairymen buying cows from the Willamette valley should carefully inquire (Continued on page 4)

## SLIDE NEAR BLAINE SHUTS OFF TRAFFIC

Another big slide occurred last week on the Blaine road, well up on the Big Nestucca. The slide broke away from a bluff on the road close to the river, and is several rods in length, and has blocked up the road so that travel to and from the upper Nestucca is completely shut off, except for persons on horseback, who have thus far managed to pass the obstructions. Wm. Powell, road supervisor set a number of men to work last Monday clearing out the fallen rocks and stumps and earth. The ground is well soaked with water, and the county will be lucky if other big slides do not happen before spring. The danger of extremely high water, however, seems past for this winter, unless unusual and unforeseen weather conditions should happen in the meantime.

