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## NEXT FAIR SESSION ON NEW GROUNDS

Experts Will be Called For Consultation Here Soon

## SITES ALREADY CHOSEN

Amount of Work Accomplished Will Depend on How Long Money Lasts

The fair board held a meeting last Saturday, at which time it was decided to have the landscape gardener from O. A. C. come over to Tillamook and give the board the benefit of his advice concerning the laying out of new buildings, with a view to future beautification of the grounds from a floral and other inviting angles. It is desired to make the new fairgrounds attractive in appearance, as it is expected that they will be lasting for the uses for which they were chosen.

The consensus of opinion of the board was that the next fair session should be held on the new county grounds; as to fix up the old grounds for one more session would cost at least \$1,000. The board has decided to build as many of the new buildings this year as possible, and to be governed by the amount of money available for the special tax income voted last year for that purpose. The buildings will be so constructed as to permit of other and future buildings being added to the ones constructed this year, and according to plans involving the whole scheme of building it is believed that the buildings necessary for holding the fair this fall can be built in three months, and that other improvements will keep pace, such as leveling the grounds and getting them in shape. One thing is certain, there will be ample parking space for automobiles; and in the woods to the south of the building site camping grounds will be laid out, so that people coming from a distance, will have ample space among the trees to pitch their tents and enjoy an outing, with added fair attractions.

The site of the main buildings has virtually been chosen, and will be opposite to a point where the Wilson river loop road leaves the Trask highway, thus giving more turning room for autos coming to and going from the grounds. The distance from the grounds to the city, is about one mile, and the buildings will occupy the highest ground on the county tract. A depression on the site near the Trask road has been ditched and drained, and will be leveled up to the higher ground.

A race track will be selected to the south of the grounds, between the main buildings and the timber tract, to the south. Whether that will be improved this year, depends upon what is left of the appropriation when the main buildings and other

## FORMER TILLAMOOKER IS REPORTED INJURED

Ralph C. Bacon, formerly a resident of this city where he was in the grocery business, but for some years past a traveling salesman, was probably fatally injured last Tuesday when his car was struck by an Oregon Electric train near Talbot, in Linn county. When picked up a physician pronounced him dead, but at the time the wire was sent the papers, he was still alive in an Albany hospital. It is believed that he received a broken neck, in which case he probably will not recover.

Ralph C. Bacon has frequently made this city in his travels for some time past, and his parents were old time residents of the Tillamook section. His father was Geo. Bacon, who at one time was in the livery business here. The injured man was a grandson of Bill Tompkins, and old time horse man of the Willamette valley, who at one time handled the mule stock of the late Congressman Thomas E. Tongue, at Hillsboro.

## PAMONA MEETING IS HELD THURSDAY

Membership of County Granges Shown to Have Increased in Past Year

The county Pamona grange met with the Pleasant valley grange last Thursday. Representatives of White Clover, Nehalem, Fairview, Nestucca, Cloverdale and Oretown grange were present. R. O. Richards, master, was in the chair. The meeting was largely attended, and as usual, there was a big community style dinner that needs little description to one who has ever sat in on such an occasion. They are always good, and the man who goes away hungry doesn't exist.

The grange contest which ended recently was a matter of considerable interest. Prizes were offered to the grange in the county which should at the close of the year show the best record for Pamona grange attendance. The prizes were as follows: Best attendance, \$15; 2nd best, \$10; 3rd best, \$5; The awards came in the following order: Pleasant valley, \$15; Fairview, \$10; Upper Uestucca, \$5. The same prizes will be given this year for the best percentage of attendance on Pamona grange during the year, and will give the small granges a better chance to win some of the cash prizes.

During the lecture hour, Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill county spoke on the political condition in the state and nation, and upon production, and the money question. His remarks were well received, and showed a practical grasp of things as they now exist. He was followed by Mr. Stockton, master of the Sheridan grange, who talked concerning grange activities in Yamhill county county with reference to county problems. Reports showed that the membership of the county granges had greatly increased during the year just past. The next meeting of Pamona grange will be held at Fairview on the first Thursday in May next.

Dolph Tinnerstett gave a good talk on the oleo question; and he and county agent Pine were given the thanks of Pamona grange for their interest in securing pledges from business men in the county not to sell oleo products.

## TOLL ROAD FRANCHISE IS ASKED FOR TRASK

Fred Skomp, who was in the city last Saturday, was up to see the county court about a franchise, in case he should be able to enlist associates in the matter of building a toll road up the north fork of the Trask to a connection with the Portland-McMinnville road near Gaston. This is the same route that Portland and three other counties are interested in, but Mr. Skomp has been figuring on a macadam toll road, properly graded and bridged, and can see where at a nominal toll charged by the builders of the road, a company could get rich in from ten to twenty years of road operation. The court would not commit itself on the matter.

Mr. Skomp states that he has advocated this route for years, and is satisfied that he could build a road that would not be over seventy miles from Tillamook to Portland. He is busy getting figures to show the probable reasonable expectation in the matter of auto patronage during the period of a year, and is also figuring on the income. So far as he has gone, it looks good; and if he can enlist the requisite amount of capital and the right kind of associates, he is willing to take a hand in the building of a toll road.

He states that it would be one of the best scenic routes in Oregon, and would open up a lot of territory which is now practically undiscovered, in the heart of this county.

## VERDICT REVERSED IN AUTOMOBILE CASE

The supreme court reversed the verdict of the circuit court in the case of A. L. Jeffries vs. Charles F. Pankow, in which Jeffries was awarded a verdict growing out of the sale of an automobile by the lower court.

## CRUISING CONTRACT IS MADE BY COUNTY

100,000 Acres in Program Now Considered by Authorities

## ASSESSMENT IMPROPER

Work Will be Done by Former Cruiser for County Within the Year

The county court of this county signed a contract on March 7th, this year, with M. G. Nease of Portland for the cruising of timbered lands in Tillamook county to be later designated, at the same rate formerly paid the cruiser for previous work done in this county under contract, to terminate on the 31st day of December next. The lands to be cruised for the county will comprise about 100,000 acres, and probably will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000, which was the sum appropriated for that purpose in the last county budget.

The court order contains the following statements: "This matter coming on for hearing in Tillamook county, Oregon, by the court, and after a full discussion thereof, it was determined that the only way of learning and determining the true cash values of the timbered lands is to have the same cruised and estimated, and reported upon."

The order further recites: "That the timbered lands of this county are not being assessed and taxed at their true cash values as required by law, and that the assessor has insufficient data or records whereby he can assess these timbered lands at their true cash values; and that said timbered lands are not bearing their

## ACCIDENTAL ALARM TURNED IN TUESDAY

The big fire siren at the Coast Power company's plant began to wail last Tuesday at about 11 a. m. There was the usual bustle on the streets, which subsided as quickly as it began when it became known that the alarm was caused by a loose wire falling upon the light lead from the plant. The wire was being transferred from one pole to another. The end of the line in some way became unwound, and fell, coming in contact with the light lead which had the effect to switch on the fire siren.

L. H. Tester of Cloverdale was up from the dairy city last Sunday.

## NEW ROAD MAP OUT FOR TRASK ROUTE

Gives Detail of Trask and Wilson River Proposed Routes from Valley

The Portland-Forest Grove-Tillamook cut off is the title of the new short route chosen to connect up Portland with Tillamook. A large road map showing the different routes above mentioned, is just out. The distances by the several routes are given as follows: Portland to Tillamook via Newberg, 110 miles; via Forest Grove and McMinnville 120 miles; via Wilson river 82.5 miles; via Sheridan 97 miles; via the Portland-Forest Grove-Tillamook route the distance is but 77 miles. Leaving the Portland-McMinnville highway at a point near Gaston, the new route starts nearly due west, crosses the divide between Cherry Grove and the Trask watershed, and follows the north fork of the Trask to its junction with the old Trask toll road, thence on in to Tillamook. The route is westerly all the way from Portland except a distance of 5.7 miles from Forest Grove to a mile and a half beyond Gaston, which is southerly in direction. A number of maps have been purchased in this city by short-cut road enthusiasts.

## WANDERING PRISONER BROUGHT BACK HOME

Sheriff Aschim went to Portland the fore part of the week and brought back O. L. Keeler who escaped some weeks ago, while working on the county road with a batch of other prisoners. Keeler got back to Portland, and when accosted by Portland police, started to run, when one of the policeman shot him in the right leg, just above the knee. Keeler was taken to a hospital, and had recovered sufficiently to be removed over here. He was fined \$300 and given 90 days in jail on a charge of having liquor in his possession at the last term of circuit court. He had served but a few days of his sentence, when he "jumped the gang, and beat it to the tall uncut."

## TILLAMOOK PEOPLE HURT AT ROSEBURG

A Roseburg special to a Portland paper dated March 8th, states that Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cummings of Tillamook were injured last Friday evening when the auto driven by Mrs. Cummings left the highway at a point near Wilbur, and upset, breaking Cummings' collar-bone, and painfully injuring Mrs. Cummings.

## AVIATION RESERVE ASKED FOR COUNTY

Possibilities Thought Good For Assignment of Plane Here

## FAMOUS PILOT COMING

Several Ex-Airmen Now in County Anxious to Have Reserve Established

Prospects are said to be very good to have a unit of the U. S. reserve aviation service established in Tillamook before long.

A week or so ago several interested ones in this county began considering the project of getting an army airplane sent to Tillamook for the instruction and practice of the several ex-service men who have formerly been in aviation outfits.

It is said that there are at least two former pilots in the county and two former aviation mechanics have been located, with the probabilities of many more being located. One ex-soldier in this city has also had considerable experience as an aerial photographer. Every one of these men are anxious to see the reserve unit started.

Some months ago government aviators were in Tillamook, with the object, it is said, of establishing a flying field for aviators attached to the forest rangers. Nothing more has been heard from this, but it is presumed that such a plan will be taken into consideration when arguments are presented for the permanent flying unit.

It is expected that Oakley G. Kelly, famous pilot of the army, who recent-

## SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BEING ORGANIZED

The preliminary work of organizing a sportsmen's club in this city was accomplished Monday night, when a few of the sportsmen of the city got together. The object of the organization is to promote clean sportsmanship, and to aid the state game commission in the protection of wild life, including wild fowls and game fish. Eugene Crosby was president pro tem and W. C. Foster secretary. A committee was appointed to draft by-laws, and a name for the club will be selected later. Another meeting will be held in the near future to perfect the organization.

## WHEELER TAXPAYERS ASK ABOUT CROSSING

Bridges Across Trask and Miami Rivers Will be Ordered by Court

A number of the members of the Wheeler board of trade were in the city last Friday, and called on the county court to ascertain when the overhead crossing would be put in, which will connect up the road from Wheeler to Nehalem, via the dyke road and over the new \$90,000 bridge that spans the river of that name.

The committee was made happy by the announcement that bids for the construction of the overhead crossing would be advertised for the following week, and would be opened about April 2d. Th Wheeler and Nehalem people are much interested in the completion of the overhead crossing near that city. This crossing, we are informed by Surveyor Coates, will be about 600 feet long, including the fills at each end. Construction will be of steel I-beams, with concrete piers and pile trestle approaches, and roughly estimated, will cost anywhere from \$15,000 to \$16,000. It is figured that the work of completing the crossing will take about ninety days.

Bids will also be opened on April 2d for the construction of a 120 foot trestle to take the place of the old structure on the Miami river road, which has been condemned as unsafe to travel.

A new summer bridge will be placed across the north fork of the Trask river near the Trask house to replace the one washed out during the high water the past winter. Supervisor Ed Schelling has a crew working on this bridge at the present time.

## HOLSTEIN MEETING HELD AT FAIRVIEW

A meeting of the Holstein-Friesian association was held at the Fairview grange hall last Saturday, which was largely attended by members of the club. F. R. Beals acted as chairman of the meeting. About seventy-five persons were present. W. E. Meyers, president of the National Holstein-Friesian association was present, and spoke at length along the lines of the development of the breed. L. J. Allen, state club leader talked interestingly on calf club work in the state. George N. Angell of the Pacific Farmer, gave a talk on oleo products. Frank Durbin of Salem, who by the way is president of the State Holstein-Friesian association, handled the question of state organization in a manner that pleased. D. H. Kennedy, local club leader, told of work in this county concerning calf club work. O. M. Plummer, manager of the Pacific International Live Stock association, talked on the subject of the improvement of the county fair grounds and said that there was a splendid opportunity for the fair board to make of it the leading county fair in the state, with modern buildings, and unique surroundings.

W. D. Pine talked on the work of the cow testing association which was opposing the sale of oleo products in the county. The club went on record as endorsing the recent action of the cow testing association in getting the grocery men of the county to ban oleo products. The club also agreed to be represented in a body at the Scollard lecture next Tuesday night in the city hall.

## ANTI-OLEO MEETING SCHEDULED SOON

J. A. Scollard, chairman of the Pure Dairy Products committee of Seattle, Wash., will address a meeting to be held at the city hall Tuesday night, March 18th. Mr. Scollard is a nationally known lecturer, and has delivered the same address before the National Dairymen's Council at Chicago, and other cities of the United States. J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food inspector, will also talk on the same subject. Mr. Mickle is well known to Tillamook dairymen. The public is cordially invited.

## BRIGHTON-JETTY BID BEING ADVERTISED

Differences Concerning the Right-of-Way Have Been Settled

## COUNTY PAYS \$25,000

Road Destined to be One of Most Popular in Northwest When Completed

The state highway commission has already advertised for bids for the construction of the Brighton-Jetty Creek gap in the Roosevelt highway, a distance of about one mile. Bids for the above construction will be opened by the commission on March 27th, and when the contract is accepted, and all is ready, the actual work of construction will begin, states R. O. Richards, county commissioner.

The matter of the curvature in the road survey between Brighton and Jetty Creek, which threw the survey too close to the Brighton mill's log boom, was settled by the mill company withdrawing its objections, so that all differences concerning right of way have been removed, and the highway commission has already advertised for bids as above stated.

The matter of construction of the road is entirely in the hands of the state highway commission; and it is said that the estimated cost of the fills, grading and graveling of the road will be about \$114,000, of which amount the county will have to pay \$25,000.

Commissioner Richards is of the opinion that the road will be finished and open to auto and other travel by the first day of August, of the present year.

This is good news for the beach towns which have been bottled up so long. The completion of the Brighton gap will divert a tremendous travel from the old Miami route to the new beach route to Seaside and Astoria, and will complete what is destined to be one of the most popular loop routes in Oregon. The value of the completed loop will be noticeable in the near future, and will divert much travel through the towns of this county, with corresponding gain to beach resorts and business men of this county.

## TILLAMOOK CALVES ARE IN BIG DEMAND

W. D. Pine, county agent, is kept busy shipping calves of late to Southern Oregon points and to Washington state. The Southern Oregon demand is growing to large proportions. Since January first of the present year 213 calves have been shipped from this county. Thus far the shipment of calves by the Tillamook cow testing association has been 30 per cent greater for the same period than last year, and orders are coming by almost every mail, states Mr. Pine. Checks for \$700 came in one mail, and the business is a growing one, in fact the largest of the kind in the northwest.

## TRUNK WAS RIFLED WHEN LEFT OUTSIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Branson are stopping at apartments in this city, and among other things which they were moving to their rooms last Friday, left a trunk and a photograph out on the porch over night. Some time during the night, the trunk was taken to an alley north of the apartments and broken open. A new suit of clothes belonging to Mr. Branson was stolen, also part of a bolt of cloth. The photograph was not removed. Chief of Police White was called Saturday morning when the trunk was found, and is working on the case. The Bransons recently bought a house in this city, but as the lease of the tenant had not expired they are stopping in apartments.

