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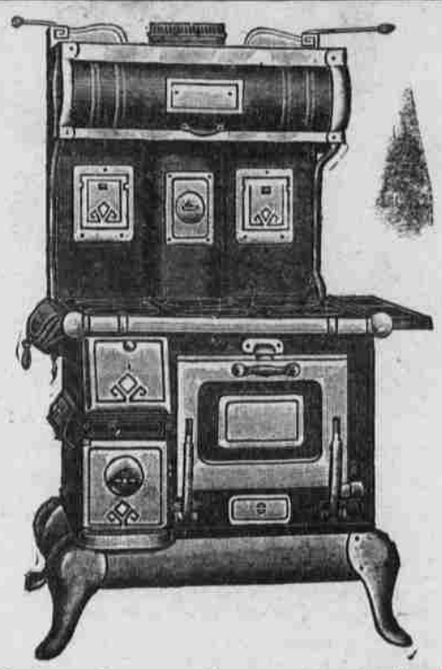

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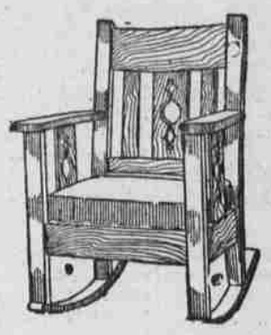

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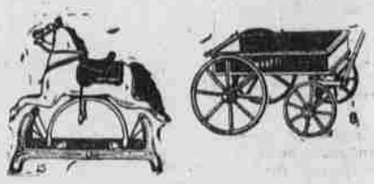

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ORIGINAL PLANS FOR ERECTION OF BRIDGE WILL BE FOLLOWED

Contractors Would Eliminate Competition For Proposed Structure

That those who are working for a bridge across the river at this city are finding a few stumbling blocks in their way is shown by the newspaper reports that an effort is being made to change the plans even at this late date. The viewers called for competative plans to fill certain specifications and the plans were to be sent in on or before December 24 and they are adhering to this plan in spite of reports to the contrary which they brand as false.

When it became settled that a new bridge was imperative the highway engineers of the state estimated that the cost of a new reinforced concrete structure would cost from $190,000 to $235,000 but that it was possible to build a bridge cheaper than this, however, it was a question of whether or not a cheaper type would be more economical in the long run.

Some of the bridge construction companies objected to the highway engineers of the state making the plans and designing the bridge as this would give the maker of the plans the supervision of the erection of the bridge. In order to placate the construction companies it was decided to call for competative plans from engineers and to pay the sum of $1,000 for the set of plans that was finally selected. This was agreeable to the bridge companies but at the recent meeting held in Polk county it was suggested by the bridge men that all competative plans be eliminated and that a certain engineer be hired to draw plans according to the specifications of the higaway engineers. It was stated that a bridge could be erected as cheaply as $160,000.

The members of the Marion county court are aware that a steel bridge with wooden approaches could be put in as cheaply as $130,000 but it would be a wobbly structure that would begin to deteriorate under the heavy traffic in a few years. The Marion county court is in favor of the cheapest bridge but also in favor of the best bridge and whether it is to be concrete or steel will be decided by the viewers after the see the plans submitted next week. It appears that some steel bridge concerns are particularly anxious that concrete bridges be eliminated from the competition as this would leave only the steel bridge men to bid for the job and steel bridge concerns on the coast are few in number who have the facilities for handling a contract as large as the proposed one.

Since advertisements were inserted in the engineering journals for competitive bids the report that these bids were not to be considered caused the following inquiry to be sent in to the county clerk and his reply which is attached:

Portland, Oregon,
Dec. 17, 1915.

Mr. Max Gehlhar,
Clerk of Marion County,
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—

We note from press dispatches that your board has decided to invite new plans and specifications for the proposed Willamette river bridge.

I assume that this will necessitate publication of another "Official Call" stating the new conditions of the competition, and therefore enclose addressed envelope in which you can forward us your new advertisement.

Thanking you for past favors we remain,

RECORD PUBLISHING CO.,
By G. S. Costello.

December 18, 1915.

Oregon Building Record,
No. 661 First Street,
Portland, Oregon.

Gentlemen:—

Answering your letter of December 17th, in which you state that you note from press dispatches that the county court has decided to call off competition for bridge designs and plans, will state that there is absolutely nothing to this.

Certain coast bridge concerns have made an effort to have this done in order to destroy all competition in designing and constructing the bridge, and to perpetuate the bridge monopoly that has existed on the coast. A proposition has been made by these concerns to eliminate the highway commission from the assisting of the county courts in an advisory capacity, and to employ a "brain trust," to draw up these plans and specifications without competition, and also to supervise the construction.

If this propistion did not come from the concerns that have had a practical bridge monopoly on the coast for a long time, and who have so insistently fought the bridge department of the highway commission, in looking after the interests of the public in bridge matters, the matter might not appear so rank. The people of Marion county insist on a good bridge and on the fullest competition, both as to design and also on the contract, and insist on having the matter supervised by disinterested engineers, who are not under the thumbs of the coast bridge trust.

I sincerely believe that the viewers appointed by the court, being responsible tax payers, are acting in absolute good faith, and will not consent to any stifling of competition, as suggested by the reports you mention. The rumors are, no doubt, circulated to discourage engineers from completing their plans, so that there would be no competition, but the county court wishes me to assure all of them that the original proposition for competitive designs is still in effect, in spite of all efforts on the part of these parties to get the matter rescinded.

Yours respectfully,
MAX GEHLHAR,
County Clerk Marion County.

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SCHMIDT AND CAPLAN ROOMED SAME HOUSE

Witness Testifies to Living In House With Them---Net Drawing Closer

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—Although David Caplan is not on trial at present charged with murder in connection with the dynamiting of the Times building, his name was again brought into M. A. Schmidt's murder trial today when William Lawson of San Francisco, who declared he knew both Caplan and his wife, and that he lived in the same house with them at 1565 Grove street, San Francisco, for the month prior to the Times disaster.

The prosecution has tried repeatedly to prove that this was where Caplan lived before the Times building was blown up, while he and Schmidt were alleged to be plotting the crime with J. B. McNamara.

Don Stanley, an Alameda boatman, testified he had seen three men in the launch "Peerless" near the Giant Powder company wharf on San Francisco bay in September, 1910, but he was unable to identify Schmidt as one of them. This caused satisfaction in the defense camp.

The web of circumstantial evidence intending to show that Schmidt was implicated in bringing the explosive from Giant to Los Angeles in the "Peerless" was added to, however, by Captain Stephen Russell, commander of a San Francisco fire boat. He declared he saw a man closely resembling Schmidt in a launch near the Giant wharf in September, 1910.

James Fay and Charles Wolganuth, of Cotre Madera, near San Francisco, asserted they frequently saw Schmidt in company with Antone Johannsen there.

Minor testimony was given by Bruce McCall of the Giant Powder company, Charles Wilson, a private detective, and Samuel L. Brown, an investigator.

Schmidt Was There.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—That M. A. Schmidt was in Los Angeles about the time the Times building was blown up by J. B. McNamara was indicated by testimony before the jury today in Schmidt's trial on a charge of murder. Mrs. Maud W. Stewart, housekeeper of the Chapman hotel on East Fifth street, swore she saw Schmidt there in company with Olaf Tveitmoe and Anton Johannsen, San Francisco labor leaders.

Bert C. Scott, of Alameda, secretary of the Scott Van Arsdale Lumber company, identified Schmidt as the man who rented the launch "Pastime." Scott said he knew Schmidt as Perry. The prosecution alleges the dynamite for the times "job" was transported from San Francisco to Los Angeles in this launch.

Other witnesses told of having seen Schmidt and Johannsen together in San Francisco before the explosion.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

At a night session of the circuit court department No. 2 last night Judge Galloway granted a divorce to the plaintiff in the suit brought by Coral R. Farr against Arthur P. Farr. The couple were married in Chicago in 1902 and the plaintiff testified that her husband deserted her in January, 1914. There were no children or property rights involved in the controversy and the plaintiff was given the right to resume her maiden name of Coral Rollo.

Judge H. H. Belt, of Polk county, yesterday handed down his decision in the case of William R. Moore and Anna A. Moore against the State Industrial Accident commission. This was an action brought by the parents of the young man who was killed in the cave-in of the sewer in West Salem last winter. The accident commission gave the parents a monthly allowance of $10 and they asked for more. The records of the case show that the young man was the sole support of his parents and that he gave them about $40 per month for the uses of the family. Judge Belt in his review of the case states that the letters in evidence show that the young man was "a most dutiful son" and that the appellants are, in his opinion, entitled to an award of $20 per month and the costs of the action.

Charging that the defendant swore to a complaint stating that the plaintiff was insane Peter Rasmussen today filed a suit in the circuit court against F. Haselbacher asking damages in the sum of $10,000. Rasmussen states in his complaint that Haselbacher had him arrested and that he was confined in the county jail for part of two days before he was examined as to his sanity. Before a competent physician and the county judge he was examined, declared to be sane and was released from custody but he declares the trouble caused him damages to his credit and person to the extent of $10,000. McNary & McNary represent the plaintiff.

The state examinations for teachers will be finished this afternoon and the returns will be in about January 20. The teachers who remained took examinations in general history, bookkeeping and meths, this afternoon.

The Donald State bank wants it understood that this institution has no connection with the Donald Commercial bank which later was an attempted organization which fell through and left a few debts which finally resulted in judgments. The Donald State bank was regularly organized some time ago and the reports of the state banking superintendent show it to be a growing bank.

An order confirming the sale of real property was issued yesterday by Judge Bushey in the estate of Peter M. Peterson. The land in question consists of acres near Silverton and the order directs that the executrix of the will give a deed to the property to Emma Eirich, the purchaser.

A suit was filed today by Carrie L. Kessler in the circuit court against Napolieon Davis to collect money alleged due on a promissory note. According to the complaint the note was given in the sum of $335 and $260 of this amount is due. In addition the plaintiff seeks to recover $50 attorney's fees.

The Northwestern National bank has brought suit against Dorothea V. Ranzau and a number of others to collect on an alleged promissory note of $8,000. The note was secured by a mortgage on 35 acres of land described as the north half of lots 1 and 2 section 36 T. 3 S. R. 3 W. M. In addition to the sum of $8,000 the plaintiff asks for $800 attorney's fees and a foreclosure of the mortgage.

A marriage license was issued today to Fred Holder, an electrician of Oakland, and Ellen C. Gurley, a traveling saleslady, of this city.

Miss Eva Smith was committed to the Oregon State Hospital for the Insane today after an examination before Judge Bushey. She is a widow residing at Butteville and has three children.

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JONES' NURSERY—Rear of armory. Dec23

WOOD FOR SALE. Phone 79F11. Dec18

AUTO FOR HIRE—Phone 144. Dec22

THREE POUNDS—Fine Christmas candy for 25c at Damons. Dec24

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Lots in Oklahoma City. Phone 1853. Dec18

SECOND GROWTH FIR WOOD—$3.50 per cord. Phone 2249. tf

FOR RENT—Two house keeping rooms at 330 North High. Phone "4." tf

FOR RENT—7 room house, Englewood. Cheap to responsible tenant. Phone 1844. Dec18

LOST—Tintype baby picture in oval paper frame. Please return to Stockton's store. Dec18

GIRL WANTS TO HELP with housework in respectable family. P. O. Box 254, Turner, Oregon. Dec21

FOR SALE—Team, harness, wagon and two fresh cows. Box 50, care of Journal. Dec21

NICELY FURNISHED apartments, Close in. See Vick Bros. or phone 1995. Dec18

ROOFS REPAIRED—And guaranteed not to leak. O. L. Donaldson, phone 644R. Dec20

TAKE your broken umbrella to 343½ N. Commercial street to be repaired, and recovered. Dec22

FOR SALE—Buff Orpington chickens and eggs for hatching purposes. Phone evenings, 69F2. Jan9

SIX ROOM COTTAGE—For rent, furnished, six blocks from State house. Phone 1021, or 2456W. tf

FOR SALE—Good Buick five passenger, $225.00 cash. Phone 31F12, R. 3, Box 149. Dec18

FOR SALE—Cheap, good family cow, fresh, rich milker, also nice heifer calf. 1467 Center street. Dec22

STOP! LOOK! Two lots on car line, $350, terms. D. C. Corey, 1363 N. 17th. Jan6

FOR SALE—Victor talking machine, with 40 records, cheap. 1156 South 13th street. tf

CLOSING OUT—Nursery stock at your own price. See M. L. Waring, first house west of Swegle school, Gardea road.

WANTED TO TRADE—A high grade Jersey bull, aged 18 months for a Shorthorn or Holstein of equal value. Phone 96F11. Dec23

FOR RENT—Suite of housekeeping rooms $5.00 month. Sleeping rooms $3.00 month and up. 254 N. Front street. Phone 1802. Dec20

ONE SET—Of encyclopedia Britannica 30 volumes and guide, not soiled, cost $60.00. Trade for cow or two yearlings. Route 3, Box 92, Salem, Oregon. Dec18

PRACTICAL NURSES—No reason for idleness! Why waste your time? For information apply Monday, 9 a. m. Ladies Outfitting Shop, 165 N. Liberty street. Dec19

FOR SALE OR TRADE—40 acres of land, located 5 miles south of Salem in the famous Liberty district. Will take small tract for difference. Q, care of Journal. Dec23

WHAT HAVE YOU TO TRADE—I have a team, work harness and wagon, fresh Jersey heifer, yearling heifer and calf. Will trade for auto or lot in Salem. Address F24, care of Journal. Dec23

WANTED—A live man with some money to handle our business in Marion county. Splendid business chance for a hustler. Begin work January first. References required. Write for personal interview. The Far West Sales Co., Albany, Oregon. Dec19

Austrian Imbroglio Does Not Affect Stock Market

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New York, Dec. 18.—The stock market closed in the condition of passive inerita which characterized the week, despite numerous professional movements. Absence of visible evidence of uneasiness over the Ancona note situation has been the feature of the week. This calmness has been variously ascribed to confidence that Vienna will yield at last; to a belief that the general situation would not be altered if Ambassador Penfield were recalled; and to a conviction that our favorable financial situation would surely counterbalance a possibly adverse influence of the Austrian imbroglio.

In the market today there were narrow fluctuations with hesitant irregularity, though the tone was generally strong.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

"What Shall I Do, How Shall I Do It and When Shall I Do It?" was the subject of a lecture delivered Friday afternoon to the students of the high school by Professor Putnam, of Monmouth college.

To carry out the basketball season, the manager was allowed $250 by the student body at a meeting Friday evening.

A letter of appreciation from the board of directors of the Salem schools was read to the student body, regarding its action in not claiming the state championship in football.

A Christmas program will be given Thursday afternoon before Christmas, as the holiday vacations begin with the closing of school that evening.

On account of the short Christmas vacation, it was decided at a meeting Friday evening to postpone the party between the junior and sophomore classes until some time in January.

After the Christmas vacation, the senior class will give a party to those who will graduate next January. The finances of the senior class is running rather low and a committee was appointed to devise ways and means whereby the financial standing of the class may be greatly improved.

The second annual mid-year graduating excises will be held January 28. The students are planning to give the graduating class a grand farewell.

COMPETITION WILL BE KEEN

San Francisco, Dec. 18—Competition, knife-edged in its keenness, will follow the European war; America will feel this chiefly.

So E. A. Filene, head of a big Boston department store told the commonwealth club here this afternoon. Moreover, he warned his listeners that Europe will reduce her scale of living, will undersell, at starvation prices, in order to get the money she will so sadly need. For this reason, he warned business ben to beware of the future.

"Every indication" he said "points to the fact that the United States will suffer more severely than any other country in the world because of the forced export of goods."

Something to spread Christmas cheer all the year—A Hoover Electric Cleaner—The Store of Housewares.

WM. GAHLSDORF
135 N. Liberty St.

Report of Accidents Same As Last Week

The report of the week's accidents compiled by the State Industrial Accident commission shows that the week ending December 16 has the same total as the previous week, 176 accidents of which two were fatal. Eight of these accidents were reported from Marion county and one of the fatalities was also from this city. Ellis Ross, of Salem, lost his life when struck by a train.

The other reports include: Ledford T. Woodward, Salem, cut lip, telephone company; C. O. Meyers, Salem, bruised finger, railroad operation; William V. Haverson, Salem, injured head, railroad operation; John L. Anderson, Silverton, injured leg, sawmill; Jerry George, Mill City, injured rib, sawmill; Herbert Gamble, Salem, injured finger, planing mill; Wilbur L. Traglio, bruised side, light and power.

DIED

HOBERG—Mrs. M. J. Hoberg, wife of the Rev. Joseph Hoberg, of McMinnville, died this morning at 9:30 o'clock at her home, at the age of 85 years and 6 months.

Funeral services will be held at McMinnville Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoberg celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last October at McMinnville and were the recipients of the best wishes of friends and relatives from all parts of the state.

Hoberg was one of the early Methodist preachers of this state, but since retiring from the ministry, has made his home at McMinnville.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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CITY NEWS

Tom Hill, an escape from the feeble minded home, was arrested in this city yesterday afternoon by the Salem police and returned to the state institution.

A fire alarm was turned in from 267 North Winter street, the residence of Mrs. George Pierce, at about 10 o'clock last night on account of a chimney fire. No damage was done.

"The Coming of the King," a cantata by Dudley Buck, will be given at the First Methodist church Sunday evening, under the direction of Dr. Frank Wilbur Chace, of Willamette university. Thomas S. Roberts will preside at the organ.

Fred Dad, who was proprietor of a lunch wagon on the McGilchrist corner for five years past, has failed to return and his wagon was sold this afternoon at public auction. It was bid in by B. W. Macy for his clients. Before coming to this state, Mr. Dad lived at Billings, Montana, and was known as Walli Dad.

D. A. Madison, who died at his home in Independence Thursday, was buried this afternoon, the funeral services being held under the auspices of the Salem lodge, No. 336. Among those who assisted from the local lodge were A. J. Anderson, W. E. Slater, H. J. Meiring and George C. L. Snyder.

Mr. Trofanenko, of Lethbridge, Alberta, whose home in his infancy was undoubtedly Japan, although he signs himself as William Henry, writes the Commercial club as follows: "To the Agricultural Department, Stated of Oregon: Dear Sir: If your kindness to send me some literature about your stated. Because I glad to bought some farming land in your stated and especial in western Oregon. But before I go on bought farming land I like to know what grow in Oregon before I go on move to your stated."

At a meeting of the desert land board yesterday it was voted to grant an extension of four months to Jason C. Moore from January 1, 1916. By May 1 Mr. Moore is required to have sold out his interests or leased to a regular corporation or he will not only forfeit the $10,000 he has posted but will also lose the additional $4,000 which is held in trust by C. A. Shepherd, of Portland. Moore has a project to develop the mineral deposits in Summer and Abert lakes in eastern Oregon.

The Cherrians have taken up the municipal Christmas tree proposition and may decide to hold special exercises and a program on New Year's day. If present plans materialize, the program and gift giving will be entirely different from last year. While the tree will be on the court house yard, and beautifully decorated, the giving of New Year's presents will take on more practical lines and those who are really in need will receive the presents. At least, there will be no indiscriminate giving, as was the case last year.

Attorney General Brown gave out an opinion yesterday afternoon in which he held that fresh beef is a manufactured article since it is necessary to the animal, dress it and cut it up before it can be used just as lumber is a manufactured product when the tree is felled, and cut up. The board of control awarded the contract for fresh beef to the Union Meat company of Portland at $9.89 per hundred pounds in preference to the Carstens Packing company of Tacoma that bid $9.75. The heads of the institutions stated that the quality of the meat sold by the Union Meat company was better and the service was also better and the difference in prices was but one-eighth of a cent per pound and would be less than $200 on the entire contract.

Shoplifters are in town and business men should be on their guard. This announcement was made late this afternoon.

PERSONALS

Attorney J. E. Keyes is in Portland.

L. A. Herrold went to Portland this morning.

T. A. Livesley went to Portland on the morning Oregon Electric.

John Gruber is in Portland today on business.

Dr. F. H. Thompson is in Portland on professional business.

L. M. Watson, of Monmouth, was in Salem yesterday.

C. H. Sawyer returned today from a two weeks' visit at Goldendale.

Asa Simmons, of Sidney, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. J. J. Burch and daughter, of Rickreall, are in the city.

Miss A. McCord, of Monmouth, is in the city.

Custer E. Ross, of Silverton, was in Salem Friday.

F. S. Gannett, principal of the Washington junior high school, is in Portland.

Bernice Nelson, of McMinnville, is spending the week-end with Harry Q. Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Driver and daughter, of Macleay, were in the city yesterday.

E. L. Buchanan and wife, living south of the city, are here on business and Christmas shopping.

THREE BANDITS KILLED.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 18.—Detective Paul Gottfried lies badly wounded in a hospital today while three bandits are stretched in death in the city morgue as the result of a saloon gun fight.

The battle followed orders to round up holdup men, who had made soloons the center of their activity for weeks. When the trio stepped into a saloon last night, Gottfried and another detective blazed at them. Two were killed at once; the third died shortly after.