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WEATHER.

Western Oregon, Western Washington—Rain or snow; easterly winds.
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MISUSE OF POWER.

There are certain people in the public eye of Astoria who need a parable read unto them, upon the wanton misuse of power. We shall attempt to furnish the parable, in the hope that the ambiguity usually attaching to such presentations, may not be so dense as to "pass ALL understanding."

In every fairly large community on earth there are, primarily, three classes of people, the decent, the indifferent, and the indecent; nature and circumstance make it essential that these classifications shall always exist, to the greater or lesser disruption of the public peace.

Nine-tenths of the railway mileage of the country is already controlled by six groups of railroads, and even these six groups are controlled for the most part by about a dozen men. Already a dozen railroad magnates possess such autocratic power that they can arbitrarily decide the success or failure of two-thirds of all the large business houses of this country.

The vastness of this railway empire may furthermore be seen from the fact that the railroads directly and indirectly employ about five times as many men as does the United States government, including the army and navy and they have an income of about three times that of the United States government.

done, and it will certainly redound to the credit and public service of the county.

This is the only county in the state without an official "home," and the fact that Clatsop is, historically, among the oldest, longest settled, and for scope of population, among the wealthiest, of Oregon's counties, lends large accent to the need and fitness of the enterprise. That it will be beautiful, imposingly so, is proven by a mere glance at the elevation and plans; that it will be carefully and conscientiously constructed, we have no reason to doubt, and if the doubt shall arise upon reason, it is well within the official province to cure the defect and avoid even threatened negligence; that it will be immensely useful in preservative, accumulative and expedient ways, one has but to compare the realized building with the old, ramshackle, damp, dangerous, ill-ventilated monstrosity that preceded it; that it will cost the taxpayers, approximately, \$25,000 more than it would, had it been carried to completion when it was inaugurated is a matter for depreciation made good only by the abundant sense of security and satisfaction its erection and use will ensure.

DON'T GO FAR ENOUGH.

Senator Hodson, of Multnomah, is very anxious, just now, to have the Associated Press declared a "common carrier," presumably, to help out the only metropolitan paper in the state that has not, and cannot get, the news service from its wires. We know of no other reason that would inspire a bill of that sort against an association of papers that has no corporate existence and pays its own tolls at the telegraph offices of the world, never accumulates, declares, nor pays dividends, and cannot, by any stretch of imagination, be included in the public service combines. The bill should be laughed out of existence and probably will be, unless there are half a hundred men at Salem as dense as the "gentleman from Multnomah."

HOOR OF ACCOUNTING.

The report of E. Hanbury on the amount and character of the work done by Johnson & Elliott, on road district No. 77 was received and examined, and it appearing that the work has been properly completed for a distance of 293 rods, the clerk was directed to issue a warrant for the sum of \$336.95, out of the special fund No. 12, forthwith, in favor of said contractor.

The court appointed C. G. Palmberg, of this city, as superintendent of construction on the part of this county in the matter of the new court house, and his compensation was fixed at the sum of \$5 per day during said engagement.

A number of minor petitions for roads were received from various sources and were duly filed for early consideration by the court; and the court adjourned until this morning at 9 o'clock.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

A good amendment to the constitution would be that no member of congress shall receive an increase of salary unless he has nerve enough to vote for it on a roll call.

Or those Filipinos who are so sure they are fit for self-government might demonstrate it by coming over and showing the Cubans.

The situation in Germany appears to be that the Kaiser always runs ahead of his ticket.

Morning Astorian, 60 cents a month, delivered by carrier.

IMPORTANT SESSION

County Court and Contractors Sign for New Court House.

NEGOTIATION NOW OF RECORD

Court Makes a Number of Orders Touching Minor Matters—Quite a Grist Still Awaiting Treatment—Full Court Present.

The County Court of Clatsop county met yesterday morning, at the court house, in regular session for the month of February, with all members of the court in attendance, to-wit: County Judge C. J. Trenchard, Commissioners William Larson and C. C. Masten, and County Clerk J. C. Clinton in charge of the records and Road Master John Frye representing his department.

The contract was carefully drawn by the proper authorities here, closely scrutinized by all interested, approved and duly and fully signed as by law required, and is now a matter of public record here. Mr. Hastie says that his people will have the proper force of skilled workmen here as early in the month of March as possible, and make the start upon the big job, and that it will be steadily prosecuted until the last day's work is done, which will be in the neighborhood of the first of December next, sooner, or a fraction later, as the exigencies of the year's weather shall ordain.

This important matter having been launched to the satisfaction of the court and contractors, the court turned its attention to the accumulations of routine affairs and dispatched the same in the following sequence:

The report of Road Supervisor William Jones, of district No. 12, was received, examined and approved by the court; as was that of A. L. Parker, of district No. 17.

The supervisor of road district No. 12 was authorized to sell the plow now in use in the district for the sum of \$10, as not being suitable for the work on hand, the court to replace the same with another, in due course.

The clerk was directed to notify Mr. Ingalls that a bridge tender had already been appointed for service upon the Lewis & Clark bridge No. 2.

In the matter of the tide box on the W. J. Ingalls place, the same is ascertained to be ineffective in the matter of draining, causing overflow, and it was ordered by the court that the clerk notify Mr. Ingalls that the county will put in a new one, without expense to him, on condition that he file an agreement as to location and that no claim shall be filed against the county.

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In the matter of the contract for the completion of the new court house, it appearing that Hastie & Dougan had been awarded the contract, and that they had deposited a certified check in the sum of \$5,000, that they would enter into same, and having this day signed and concluded said contract, it was ordered that said check be relinquished to them forthwith.

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at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, January 26, 1907.

Table with 2 columns: Resource, Amount. Includes Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Liability, Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January, 1907. C. A. COOLIDGE, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

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State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January, 1907. GEO. C. FULTON, Notary Public.

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