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MAY BUILD BRIDGE ON FORCE ACCOUNT

OFFICIALS BELIEVE VIADUCT
CAN BE ERECTED FOR \$128,000
BY DAY LABOR.

If the much-talked-of Westside bridge is built this summer, it will be constructed by day labor or "force account," according to a statement of the situation made by J. C. Sams, chairman of the board of county commissioners, Thursday. Final decision will be made by the board at the regular meeting next Monday. It is expected.

Upon the board's request, Prosecuting Attorney O'Leary has given an opinion that, under the bond issue, the county may construct the bridge by day labor. In order to make sure on this point, however, before making the final decision, Attorney O'Leary and Chairman Sams are to have a conference with Attorney General Thompson.

While the commissioners have not definitely rejected the second bids offered a week ago, they plan to do so. In this they are supported by the members of the city council, who adopted a resolution at a special meeting last Monday evening, advising rejection.

The council adopted another resolution, suggesting that the commissioners construct the bridge by force account and advising them, if that course is adopted, the city will back them to the extent of \$15,000 if the \$128,000 the county has available for the job proves to be insufficient.

The commissioners, after a conference the fore part of this week with state and county engineers, are confident the bridge can be constructed for \$128,000 on "force account," and an all-concrete viaduct be built, instead of wooden approaches as were provided for in the second call for bids. This is \$12,000 less than the lowest bid submitted last week for a structure with wooden approaches and approximately \$30,000 less than the lowest bid for an all-concrete structure.

The commissioners' belief is based on an estimate made by Engineer Stratton of the state highway department, who drew the plans for the bridge. The bridge proper, that is the three arches over the waterway, can be constructed for \$105,000. Commissioner Sams says Stratton advised the board, this figure being based on current prices of labor, concrete and steel and including a so-called "contractor's profit" of 10 per cent, so that it is considered a liberal estimate.

This amount will carry the bridge from Fourth street on the east side of the waterway to the west bank. For the remaining \$23,000 it is estimated that a concrete approach can be built on the west side over the railway tracks to the fill from the hill.

LOCAL BOYS AND GIRLS ACTIVE IN CLUB WORK

City Schools Have as Large Membership as Whole County Last Year.

Almost as many boys and girls in the Olympia schools are participating in the club work this year as were in it throughout the whole county last year, E. H. Evans, special supervisor of this activity for the summer, reports. Incidentally more boys than girls are engaged in the work, there being 160 of them in the various clubs, compared to 122 girls.

The garden clubs have the largest membership of all, 162 belonging to it, and their gardens run in size from a plot 6 feet square to a half acre. Supervisor Evans says. The poultry clubs have 25 members and they now have 750 chickens; there are 17 members in the rabbit clubs, owning 146 rabbits; 10 in the pig clubs, with 21 pigs; and 68 in the canning clubs.

As he is devoting his time this year to the club members attending the city schools, Supervisor Evans is endeavoring to call on every club member and give them personal help, but has been handicapped somewhat because some of them have given incomplete or incorrect addresses, and some have moved and failed to notify him of their new home.

NIECE HURT IN AUTO WRECK.

J. M. Hitt Notified of Injuries Sustained by Mrs. Robert Schofield.

State Librarian J. M. Hitt received word Wednesday that his niece, Mrs. Robert Schofield of Day Island, formerly Miss Elsie Wood, was seriously injured that morning when an auto stage in which she was riding was struck by a Northern Pacific train at the Day Island crossing in Tacoma.

She was rushed to the Tacoma General hospital for treatment, where it was found that she was internally injured, besides being severely cut and bruised. Mrs. Schofield is well known here. Her husband is musical instructor at the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma.

SENATOR JONES IS OLYMPIA VISITOR

ADDRESSES LUNCHEON THURSDAY NOON—VISITS LOCAL SHIPYARD.

Senator Wesley L. Jones addressed a gathering in the Mitchell Hotel Thursday noon in the course of a busy visit to Olympia. Reclamation of arid lands east of the mountains is the business which brings the senator from the national capital, and he was in the city to confer with Clark V. Savidge, state land commissioner.

In the afternoon Senator Jones was taken by a Chamber of Commerce committee for a visit to the Sloan shipyards. He did not discuss the proposed canal to connect Olympia and Gray's Harbor in his speech, but informed members of the Chamber of Commerce that a survey had been ordered and will be begun soon.

Maintenance of a merchant marine under the American flag is one of the most important needs of the day, according to the views expressed by Senator Jones in his speech at the luncheon. He believes that the new fleet will prosper best under private ownership, but that the government should operate ships on routes that would not pay private owners but whose maintenance is for the best interests of the nation's business.

"The replacement of wooden ships by steel does not necessarily mean that the wooden shipyards will have to go out of business," he said, "but they can be refitted to build steel ships."

"Establishment of free ports is one of the questions now being urged. It would be a great benefit to have an area into which goods could be imported without the payment of duties until they were re-exported or shipped into the country. This is a matter of just as great interest to the smaller ports as to larger ones."

Suppression of illiteracy and a better education of the entire country in the English language are advocated by the senator. He favors prohibition of all immigration for a short time, at least. The League of Nations should not be discussed by senators before the submission of the treaty to the senate, in his opinion.

Commissioner Clark V. Savidge presided at the luncheon, which was attended by a large number of local people.

AUTO RUNS OVER CHILD.

Little Daughter of Lacey Family Fortunately Not Badly Hurt.

Somebody driving a Ford car struck and ran over the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harrison of Lacey Sunday morning, but fortunately her injuries were not serious. The driver of the car did not stop.

The accident occurred while Mrs. Harrison was alighting from a Tacoma-Olympia stage near the family home. She had a baby in her arms and did not notice the auto, which turned out to pass the stage, so was unable to warn her little daughter, who had already descended and started to cross the road. The car ran over the child's ankle, but examination by Dr. H. W. Partlow, to whom the child was brought for treatment, showed that her injuries were slight.

Three or four accidents of the kind happen every week, according to Dr. Partlow, who is the county health officer.

A motorcycle, which had been left over night in the rear of the barn on the M. A. Simmons ranch at Mud Bay, was found to belong to Floyd Smith of Aberdeen, after it had been brought to Olympia Wednesday by Sheriff Gifford. The owner was notified.

GIVES IMPETUS TO ANTI-FLY CAMPAIGN

MISS BOONE GIVES GRAPHIC LECTURE—WANTS CLEAN GROCERIES FAVORED.

Showing by enormously magnified pictures on a screen the stages of a fly's life, Miss Myrtle M. Boone, demonstration agent for Washington State College, Wednesday afternoon urged members of the Civic Improvement club to take measures to get rid of filth, both public and private.

Miss Boone's lecture, which was given in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, is part of the clean-up campaign which was started last year. She urges that there be no letup in this campaign against unsanitary conditions merely because there are now no military authorities here to insist upon cleanliness.

While the main streets of Olympia are well-paved and clean, there are many blocks of dirty streets near the center of town which are never even sprinkled, she declared in an interview. Better care of these streets is needed, she says.

Miss Boone also has a tomahawk for dirty grocery stores. The more progressive grocers, who advertise regularly and take pains to make their business houses attractive are very much to be commended, she says, adding that the slovenly store should not be patronized. This matter is largely in the hands of the buying public, according to Miss Boone, who asserts that intelligent merchants who advertise intelligently are likely to keep their stores clean and be worthy of the patronage of intelligent people.

She also urges that a better system of garbage disposal be used, instead of trying to bury or burn waste, as is now done extensively.

COUNTY GETS TWO BIG TRUCKS FOR ROAD WORK

Expects Three More of State's Allotment From the Federal Government.

The federal government has turned over 150 trucks to the state highway department and they are now being distributed through the state by the highway department. James C. Sams, chairman of the local board of county commissioners, has received two of these trucks for Thurston county.

"Following the closing of so many of the camps and the end of the war," said Commissioner Sams, "the government had a large supply of these trucks on hand. Arrangements were first made to sell the trucks and then the government decided to allot so many to each state highway department and have this department distribute them to the various counties where they are needed. The government makes a proviso that the trucks shall be used for road work only and from this provision it seems that the trucks have been given to the state to encourage the construction of more and better roads."

Although it has been reported that Thurston county was to receive five

LOCAL PIONEERS ENJOY PICNIC AT PT. DEFIANCE

Annual Reunion of Pierce and Thurston Societies Attracts Large Crowd.

More than 200 pioneers of Pierce and Thurston county associations and visiting members from Seattle and Oregon attended the basket picnic in Point Defiance park Wednesday. The picnic was an all day assembly, with a basket lunch served at noon.

In the absence of M. D. Abbott, secretary of the Thurston county society, Ivy Dodge, first vice president of the Thurston county society, gave an historical talk. Chaplain Charles H. Ross of Puyallup, chaplain of the local society, opened the program with a benediction, following which W. P. Bonney, secretary of the Washington State Historical Society, delivered an address of welcome.

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PHONE STRIKE ON IN OLYMPIA TOO

LOCAL OPERATORS JOIN IN THE COAST WALKOUT FOR HIGHER WAGES.

The telephone strike which has been current all along the coast for the past two weeks broke out in Olympia Monday evening, when a 14 of the employees of the local exchange walked out, after the local girls had had a conference with George Carlson and Edgar Clinch of the Tacoma Telephone Employees union. This is the second local strike in the past year.

Several old employees remained on the job and other workers were obtained, so that partial service has still been maintained. The striking girls have been picketing the streets, assisted by organizers from down Sound points, but there has been no excitement.

The strikers claim that a majority of the operators have left their posts and that those remaining are working extra long hours and they will not be able to continue this long. It is then that they expect the company will be forced to accede to their requests for better wages. The strike leaders state that some of the girls in the office have been getting but \$2 per day, and that they are now asking that this wage be increased to \$4, which they believe is not an unjust demand, saying that the company has had the services of the girls at a low wage for these many years and that they can afford to pay the increase now.

Robert Doragh, local manager for the company, would make no statement regarding the strike.

YACHT CLUB TO STAGE ANNUAL PICNIC SUNDAY

Members Anticipated Good Time at Regatta at Boston Harbor.

Members of the Olympia Yacht club will hold their annual picnic and regatta at Boston Harbor next Sunday, plans for which are in charge of a committee consisting of W. A. Van Epps, Carl Meyer and George La Gue. Every boat owner on the bay is expected to join in the outing, with a boat load of guests and well-filled picnic baskets.

One of the features of the outing will be a big clam bake, which the committee is arranging, and contests of all sorts are being framed up for which there will be fifty prizes. The boats are scheduled to leave the club float at 9:30 Sunday morning, under the lead of Commodore Tietz. Those who cannot go in boats are invited by the committee to make the trip by auto.

Of the trucks, it has received but two so far. The only expense that the county incurs in accepting the government's gift is paying the freight on the trucks, which amounted to \$700 or \$850 each.

RATTLESNAKE KILLED BY W. E. BRONSON WITH STONE

Serpent Tried to Escape by Going Down Hole, but Is Held Back.

A fat rattlesnake in the window of the Bronson garage on Main street attests the prowess of W. E. Bronson, who returned Thursday afternoon from a business trip to Eastern Washington. He killed the snake Wednesday on the road between Ellensburg and Yakima after a lengthy battle in which his weapons were sticks and stones.

The reptile struck at Bronson several times, moving several feet each time. After a while it decided to retreat down a gopher hole, but Bronson pinned its tail with a stick and hit it with a rock. At this the snake came out to see what was going on, and a blow on the neck finished its career. Bronson says he had a good chance to capture the serpent alive, but preferred to have it dead. When

ANOTHER DEMOCRAT OUT.

E. F. Blaine Resigns as Chairman of Public Service Commission.

Governor Louis A. Hart Thursday accepted the resignation of E. F. Blaine, chairman of the public service commission, to become effective August 15. It is understood that E. V. Kuykendall, state senator from Garfield, will be appointed to succeed Mr. Blaine. Senator Kuykendall was chairman of the judiciary committee of the senate last session.

Chairman Blaine made his resignation optional with the governor soon after the death of Governor Lister. He was appointed by the latter to succeed C. A. Reynolds on the public service commission nearly three years ago. His home is in Seattle.

LOCAL CHAUTAUQUA STARTS SATURDAY

OLYMPIA'S BIG WEEK OF ENTERTAINMENT AFFORDS HIGH CLASS PROGRAM.

"America's Greatest Forum," the Chautauqua, is again at hand—Olympia's week of entertainment, amusement and instruction starts Saturday evening. Last year's program was considered excellent; but all the advance reports indicate that this year's entertainment surpasses anything hitherto presented in the West.

William Jennings Bryan, the noted orator, heads a list of strong lecturers among whom are Ida M. Tarbell, Edward F. Trefz and Dr. Joseph Clare. Mr. Bryan will deliver his lecture on "Foreign and Domestic Problems" next Thursday afternoon. He is a special added attraction, having been obtained after the program was originally made up.

Other "high lights" on the week's bill include the Apollo Concert company, Private Peat and the Czechoslovak band. The children will be delighted with "Aggie" and "Sci"—the "story lady" will stay through the entire week, directing many games and the pageant that is to be presented on the afternoon of the last day.

The big week of enjoyment starts at 7:30 Saturday evening. The first number, the musical fun program offered by Messrs. Eagleston and McDonough, is reported to be a riot of fun and the advance man says that pleasant memories of this opening feature will remain long.

Following them, the same evening, Dr. Joseph Clare will tell a plain, lucid story of the Russian revolution. He gives a close-up view of Russian troubles, and his firsthand information—for he was there on the ground—and his highly developed sense of humor makes his lecture intensely interesting.

The local committee of 40 which guaranteed this year's Chautauqua has been pushing hard the sale of season tickets this week, making a special drive Thursday and Friday.

alive it had brilliant blue and green markings, and was much larger than it now appears, he avers.

In the party with Bronson were John Pierce, Chad Pierce, and John Dodge. They drove over the mountains by way of Lake Keechelus, and report excellent roads all the way, as well as beautiful scenery.

Celebrate Silver Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eickhoff entertained a number of relatives and friends at an anniversary dinner Saturday evening, in celebration of their silver wedding, and were the recipients of many beautiful gifts. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Langpap, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ostby and Miss Gertrude Eickhoff. Mr. and Mrs. Eickhoff have made their home here for the past 10 years.

Returns After Father's Death.

Horace Sommer, after being overseas since July 1, 1918, has returned to the family home in Little Rock to find that his father had died and was buried while he was in the hospital. Young Sommer was gassed in the drive on Metz and has been in hospitals in France and the United States up to the time of his discharge. His condition is said to be still serious, his lungs being badly affected.

Members of the Methodist church and Sunday school participated in their annual picnic at Priest Point park Friday. Various games and athletic sports afforded amusements for the afternoon and evening, the big picnic dinner being served at 6 o'clock.

NO CLUES AT ALL IN NEW MURDER CASE

BODY OF UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN FOUND IN GRAVE NEAR PLUMB STATION.

Thurston county has another murder mystery, more deeply shrouded than the Burnett case, which came to light Wednesday evening when T. H. Pitner discovered the body of an unidentified woman in a shallow grave less than 100 yards from the Pacific highway, on his farm opposite the old Walter White ranch, a mile and a half north of Plumb Station, and about 7 1/2 miles south of the city.

Though the county authorities spent all day Thursday inspecting the scene, they found not the slightest shred of a clue as to the identity of the unfortunate woman. All they learned was that on the forenoon of June 9 a large auto bearing an Oregon license appeared alongside the road in that vicinity that it stood there all that day and evening, and was gone the next morning, and that about 2 o'clock on the morning of the 10th the old house on the White place was burned down.

A number of passersby saw the auto standing alongside the road and a young man sitting alone in the rear seat, but none of them noticed the man particularly, or the car or its contents. Several say that he was dressed in either an army uniform or ordinary khaki. No woman was seen about the car during the day.

Examination of the body of the woman, after it had been brought to this city by Coroner Jesse T. Mills, indicated that she had been shot through the head, the bullet entering above the left eye and emerging on the right side of the head, tearing a jagged hole. The head had also been badly crushed, but there were no marks of violence on the rest of the body. She appeared to be about 30 years old.

Pitner, the rancher who discovered the grave, stumbled on to it after he had been repairing the fence along the road and was returning to his house. Ferns and sticks protruding from a mound of dirt first called his attention to it and, digging into the earth, he uncovered the woman's foot.

He searched no further, but came to Olympia immediately and notified Coroner Mills. The latter, with Deputy Sheriff Roy Hoage and Assistant Chief of Police Endicott, went immediately to the scene, uncovered the body and searched for evidence. The body was clothed only in an undergarment.

The search was continued Thursday by Coroner Mills, Prosecuting Attorney O'Leary, Sheriff Jack Gifford and Chief of Police Harry Cusack, but they found no clues.

Sheriff Gifford is inclined to the

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ELKS LAUNCH SALE OF BONDS FOR NEW TEMPLE

"Honor Week" Campaign for Voluntary Subscriptions Brings Results.

Approximately one-third of the amount needed for the new \$75,000 Elks' Temple to be erected here this summer, has been subscribed during the opening days of the "Honor Week" campaign which the local lodge launched last Tuesday and will continue until next Tuesday.

Subscriptions to the \$75,000 bond issue are being taken at both local banks and Honor Week was set aside as the time for local Elks to make their purchases voluntarily. After its close, the finance committee proposes to make an individual canvass of such members as have not subscribed.

Bids for the new building were opened Thursday by Jos. H. Wohleb, the architect, but no announcement was made regarding an award. The bond selling campaign is being conducted by a committee of which H. B. Fultz is chairman, and H. E. Van Arsdale, Martin Gottfeld, head of the local lodge, Sam Caldwell and Thos. L. O'Leary are the other members.

The lot upon which the building will be erected is 660 by 120 feet and is directly across from the Capitol park on Main street. The building will be three stories high and of brick and concrete construction. The front is to be finished in face brick and terra cotta.