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REJECT THE PETITIONS

Road Bond Election is put off indefinitely because of New Order.

The Coos County Commissioners have rejected the petitions of the Coos County Good Roads Association asking that a special election be called to pass on the \$440,000 county bond issue to build permanent highways.

The court rejected it on the ground that the petition was not signed by the requisite number of registered voters. In considering the petitions County Attorney Liljeqvist took the stand that signers who had registered under the new registration law, which was recently knocked out by the Oregon Supreme Court, were not regularly registered voters and consequently not entitled to sign the petition. This resulted in 144 names being stricken from the petitions and left only 260 bona fide signers instead of the 304 required by law to compel the county commissioners to call the election.

The Association filed for petitions, one from Coquille, one from Bandon, one from Myrtle Point and one from North Bend, but somehow the petition from Marshfield failed to show up. The idea was to have 100 signers from each town but the Marshfield petition got lost. However, they had 404 on the petitions or 100 more than enough, and supposed they were all right until the question about the new registration law was raised and this knocked them out.

The petitions were presented to the court Wednesday morning, L. J. Simpson making a speech of presentation, and the court referred it to County Attorney Liljeqvist to pass on the legality of the petitions.

President Morrison of the Coos County Good Roads Association was not aware until this morning that the commissioners had rejected the petitions and he was quite peeved. He said that while there were not sufficient signers left to compel the court to call the election, there were enough to enable them to call the election, if they wished, as the state law provided that the court might act on the petition of one-twentieth of the vote cast for supreme court justice, which would be only 240, whereas they had 260 good signers.

Mr. Morrison said that he understood that the commissioners were opposed to the apportionment of the bond issue as agreed upon by the Good Roads meeting in Coquille Tuesday night when \$70,000 was set aside for Ten Mile, \$240,000 for road from Coos Bay to Bridge and \$100,000 for the road from Bandon to Curry county.

The first petition for a special election which the commissioners rejected on account of the petitions asking for more than the county could bond itself for, was signed by over 900.

President Morrison stated today that he was not going to try to do anything more about the election until another meeting of the Association is held to determine what shall be done. He may call a meeting soon.

It is possible that steps may be taken next time to have the petitioners sign the petitions and also indicate which of the three projects they

favor. Or it may be arranged to have an advisory vote taken at the election when held to let the people express a preference on the apportionment of the bond money to the different projects.—Coos Bay Times.

Agate is Sold.

J. L. Jones has sold the Agate confectionery and ice cream parlor to W. J. Hudson who will continue the business at the same stand.

Mr. Jones will go to Boise, Idaho for a time and his brother, W. K. Jones will go to Portland, but both expect to return to Bandon in about six months, having bought some land and other property here.

During their stay here the Jones boys have made many friends who will be sorry to see them leave but will be glad to learn that they expect to return again soon.

Mr. Hudson is a first class business man and will no doubt continue to receive the excellent patronage afforded Mr. Jones.

BASKET BALL FRIDAY NIGHT

Both the High School and the All Star basket ball teams are practicing hard for the game to be played at Bank Hall Friday night.

The game is for a chicken dinner, the losers to pay for the dinner for both teams.

U. S. Budget Made.

Washington, Dec. 8.—It will cost one billion, one hundred and eight millions and a few odd thousand dollars to run the United States government under the Democratic economy regime in 1915, according to departmental estimates submitted to Congress today by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. The pruning knife was thoroughly applied to the figures with the result that, though the government business will be much vaster in 1915, the estimates call for only about \$34,000,000 more than was appropriated for 1914.

For river and harbor improvements, Secretary of War Garrison asked \$41,400,000 a reduction of \$10,000,000, including the following continuing contracts:

- Tillamook Bay and Bar, Oregon, \$207,000.
- Coos Bay, Oregon, harbor, \$50,000.
- Coquille river, Oregon, \$49,000.
- Mouth of Columbia river, \$1,000,000.
- Columbia and lower Willamette river \$290,000.
- Columbia river at Three Mile Rapids, \$425,000.
- Upper Columbia and Snake rivers, \$30,000.

"A Prince of Evil."

An unusual treat will be afforded the patrons of the Grand Theatre tonight, Tuesday Dec. 9th, when a two part Vitagraph feature drama, "A Prince of Evil," will be presented. It is a beautiful produced photoplay and will commend itself to all who see it by reason of the powerful moral lesson it teaches and by its wonderful strength of character portrayal. A drama, gripping with intense heart interest that is sure to please. Grand Theatre, tonight, no advance, 10-5c.

Santa Claus will visit his old friend, Averill, next Saturday.

BIG SIGN IS WRECKED

Word has been received from Coos Bay that the big sign erected by the Commercial clubs of the Coquille Valley, was wrecked by the recent storm and that it will take about \$50.00 to repair it, and the same will no doubt be forth coming in a short time. The sign originally cost \$150.00 and was paid for by the Commercial Clubs of Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point. Each club putting up \$50.00.

Bon Ton Musical Company.

After having played in Marshfield for a week, the Bon Ton Musical Comedy Company left on the morning train for Coquille, where it opens for two nights. From there the company will go to Myrtle Point for two nights, thence to Bandon for three nights and back to North Bend for two nights before staging inland.

Although the company got off to a wrong start through a number of unexpected occurrences, those who attended the show enjoyed it and got at least their money's worth. Some members of the audiences who were accustomed to attending nothing but first-class two-dollar-and-a-half-a-seat performances told the rest the actual standing of the Bon Ton Company from their lofty viewpoint, but the consensus of opinion is that the company provided more enjoyment than any company visiting on the Bay in a long period.—Marshfield Times.

The Bon Ton Company will be at the Orpheum for three nights the opening bill will be "The Frolics of 1913." Wednesday night will be "The Merry Whirl," Thursday night "The Easy Mark."

STATE WEALTH INCREASES

The total assessed value of the taxable property in the State of Oregon which is to be levied upon for 1914 is \$954,282,374 which is about \$50,000,000 greater than last year's valuation.

The tax rate this year for the state is estimated at 5 mills which will raise a sum approximating \$4,800,000 which is about \$1,600,000 more than was ever raised before in any one year. The nearest to this amount was in 1912 when the state taxes amounted to \$3,063,815.

Grange Elects Officers.

Bandon Grange No. 308 met at their regular meeting, last Saturday with good attendance. They elected the following list of officers for 1914: For Master, T. J. Rasor. Overseer, E. M. Randleman. Lecturer, H. L. Hopkins. Treasurer, Martha J. Zeek. Secretary, C. B. Zeek. Steward, Wm. Hansen. Asst. Steward, C. D. Jarman. Chaplain, F. M. Sanderlin. Gate Keeper, Geo. McDonald. Ceres, Mabel Jarman. Pomona, Pauline Hunt. Flora, Polly Randleman. Lady Asst. Steward, Clara Canterbury.—By Secty.

There were 76 tickets sold for passage on the Speedwell the last trip, but of course some of them were refunded, as the boat was barred a few days and some of the passengers went overland. When the boat sailed Saturday she had a capacity load of 44 passengers.

Brief News of Oregon

Portland, Or., Dec. 9. (Special)—What Oregon needs in the way of advertising and how to get it, was outlined clearly by a number of prominent speakers at a monster convention held the past week at Roseburg. More than 1,000 persons representing practically every line of commercial activity in the Northwest, attended the meeting, and they pledged unanimous cooperation to support a state wide exhibit at Ashland during the period covered by the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. "Ashland is the natural gateway of the Northwest," said Tom Richardson, the originator of the movement, "and it is the first impression that counts."

An official of the Southern Pacific, who is also closely connected with the Exposition, announced that stop-over privileges would be included in all tickets over his line, that the railroad company is anxious to further any movement which will result in an increase of population in the Northwest and is willing to bear a fair share of the cost of the work.

From a financial standpoint Oregon is distinctly all right. A statement just issued by the State Superintendent of banks calls attention to the fact that the present cash reserve is 34.8 per cent, nearly 10 per cent more than required by law. Deposits in the 170 state banks and 86 national banks have increased \$7,084,558 during the past year while total resources have increased

\$3,506,538. The 256 banks in the state show total deposits of \$132,762,157, with total resources of \$169,462,838.

Statistics gathered at the poultry show held in Portland last week show that poultry and poultry products annually add more wealth to the state than does fruit, three times as much as wool, one and a half times as much as hops nearly as much as wheat and represents about 6 per cent of the total agricultural wealth of the state. It has heretofore been claimed that Oregon is not a poultry state, but with our agricultural college devoting time and money to the improvement of existing breeds, a great deal of interest in the industry is being aroused.

The first spadeful of dirt on Jackson County's new highway over the Siskiyou was turned last week by Samuel Hill, the noted good-roads expert. The work of grading the 13 1/2 miles of mountain road has been undertaken by a Tacoma firm of contractors at a contract price of \$107,000 and will, as far as possible, be completed during this winter in order to have a settled roadbed ready for surfacing early in the Spring.

For the past two months a party of deputy game wardens has been busy locating the boundaries of the new game refuge, 36 miles square lying in Lake and Crook counties is the central part of the state. The primary object in establishing this refuge is the protection of the mule

deer and antelope which are still found in considerable numbers in that vicinity. The refuge is also a sort of natural park, containing many hot springs lava beds, medicinal lakes and other objects of interest to the tourist and naturalist.

Seaside Social Club.

The Seaside Social Club was royally entertained at Grandma Gross's Friday afternoon. Nearly every one was busy with their fancy work until lunch was served, which was excellent, consisting of sandwiches, salads, pickles, cake, coffee and fruit. Mrs. Fred Gross and Miss Garoutte assisted with the serving.

Those present were Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Page, Mrs. Thom, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Wyant, Mrs. F. Gross, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Westleder, Mrs. Lea, Mrs. Nygren and Grandma Gross.

The club will meet with Mrs. Tucker next Friday afternoon.

PASSING OF J. A. COPE

Last Friday about 3:00 p. m. J. A. Cope, a well known citizen of the Twomile country was found dead along the road evidently having died suddenly of heart failure.

Mr. Cope had arisen in the morning in his usual good health and had gone to get a load of lumber which he had left by the roadside the day before as the result of an accident in which his team backed his load off the road.

In order to get his wagon out Mr. Cope was compelled to unload his lumber, this he had done and was reloading it when the end came.

Nobody was present at the time and it was not until he failed to return and a search was made that the facts were discovered.

J. A. Cope was born in Petersboro, Canada in 1857 and came to the United States when a small boy.

He came to Coos County in 1895 and had lived on the same farm ever since.

His wife died a little over a year ago, he also had four brothers and two sisters, part of whom still survive.

Mr. Cope was a good man, generous to a fault and was popular in his community. The funeral was conducted at the K. of P. cemetery Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. H. C. Hartranft.

Domestic Science Luncheon.

On Friday last the domestic science department, under the direction of Miss Helen Abbott laid plates for a number of invited guests, Mr. and Mrs. Haberly, Mr. and Mrs. Thrift, Mr. and Mrs. Kausrud, from the board of directors, and Mr. Mast the school clerk and the High School faculty.

The luncheon was well prepared and was very well received by those fortunate enough to have their names on the place cards. The work of the department seems to abundantly justify the hopes of the Board in installing it.

The public is very cordially invited to attend, next Friday at 3:30, an exhibit and candy sale which will be held in the Domestic Science room. All who are interested in the work of the school and of this department are urged to pay the department a visit at this time.

BANDON STILL IN THE LEAD

More School Pupils in District No. 54 Than Any Other in the County.

Clerk J. W. Mast has completed the school census of District 54, comprising Bandon and adjacent territory and it found that there are 925 of school age, of which there are 467 girls and 458 boys. This leaves Bandon still in the lead in school population of the districts in the county, Marshfield being second with 900.

The last census showed a school population of 922 making an increase of three, but since the last census a large chunk was taken off the Bandon district and placed in the Prosper district, including about 50 pupils, consequently the increase has been over 50 in reality, which is a very creditable showing, and with the same or a little greater increase we will have a first class district by next year, and had it not been for the division we would have been only a very few short this year, as 1000 pupils is the requirement for a first class district.

Just a little boosting for Bandon will bring us into the first class line and we will be the first in the county.

A Christmas Letter.

Christmas is coming. You are all thinking: "What shall I give him? Would she like this? What will most please them?"

With your other planning, plan for the library. If you have money send us a check, or drop some coins in our contribution box, or give us book.

We need the poems of Longfellow and of Whittier.

We need more good stories for girls, and easy books for the tiny tots who are learning to love the Library.

Perhaps you have some magazine we can use. Our needs are many.

The greatest just now is a year's subscription to the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, without it the great mass of information in The Review of Reviews, Literary Digest, Outlook, and other magazines is of little use to the students who are every day inquiring for special articles. It costs twelve dollars a year. It indexes 102 Periodicals and about 25 books each month.

We need volunteers for the opening of the Reading Room each Sunday. And, in order that the Reading Room may be always cozy and comfortable; that it may be a place people like to visit, we need gifts of wood and of coal. We need a new hod for the coal. And we need a dust-pan.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We are willing to receive that we may give more abundantly of the Library privileges to the people of Bandon, especially to the youth of Bandon.—The Bandon Public Library Association.

The copy for the night school course of the Bandon High School was handed us for publication but owing to an extra rush of work was crowded out of this issue but will appear in Friday's paper.

F. S. Perry left on the Elizabeth for a business trip to San Francisco.