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COUNTY COURT DECIDES TO TRY ROAD BOSS

Commissioner Sharp Is Outvoted in His Effort to Change System of Road Building.

J. R. McKy has been retained as county roadmaster by the county court until July 1, thus disposing of that bone of contention in county affairs for a few months. His salary was fixed at \$250 the month.

When the question came up at the regular session of the court, Emmett Sharp, the new commissioner, voiced his objections and voted against it, but Judge C. P. Barnard and Commissioner M. H. Harlow voted in favor of retaining Mr. McKy. Mr. Barnard stating that he thought it unwise to make a radical change in the efficient road building organization. It was at his suggestion that the order to employ the roadmaster only until July 1 was made, the idea being to give the present system a thorough trial during the period between now and that date and if it is not satisfactory to the members of the court a change can be made.

The court also made an order that the road districts be divided as in the past. Commissioner Harlow keeping the districts which he already has, including No. 71, which has recently been organized, and Mr. Sharp taking supervision of the districts formerly handled by Commissioner Spencer, each commissioner to have control of his district, select his own supervisors, taking complete control of all county jobs to be done under the county roadmaster. To this order Mr. Sharp also objected and voted no.

Commissioner Sharp caused to be inserted into the records his objections to the appointment of a roadmaster, in substance as follows:

"Because the general principle of separate supervision over road, rock crushers and bridges is a waste of public funds, fosters inefficiency and gross extravagance in construction and maintenance of our roads.

"Because safe and sane and common sense administration in building and maintenance of roads and bridge supervision by members of the county court themselves would not only save to the taxpayers many thousands of dollars annually in reduced overhead expenses but would give more and better roads for the money expended."

"Because the old organization that is to be perpetuated by the election of a general road supervisor is in the main an organization built up for political influence rather than for efficient and economical administration of road funds.

"Because the people at the recent election by an overwhelming vote instructed the new members of the court to eliminate these supervisors and take direct control of future construction and maintenance of roads and bridges and to put into effect a practical, businesslike system of road construction and maintenance free from political influence, giving a full dollar in return for every dollar expended."

\$5,000 for Red Cross.
According to a report made by Judge G. F. Skipworth, chairman of the Red Cross roll call in Lane county, \$4933.97 has been collected to date with some of the country districts not yet reported.

Of the sum collected one half is to be sent to the national office and the other half used for the needs of the local chapter. According to the secretary, Miss Axie Howard, the money is to be used to continue the chapter's obligation to disabled ex-service men and to carry on the public health work.

American Legion Holds Smoker.

The American Legion held a smoker last night in their hall, to which citizens generally were invited and which was attended by many who are not eligible to membership. A patriotic address was made by E. W. Miller and brief talks were made by other citizens. The local post has been having quite a struggle to maintain its existence and members who realize the importance to the country of holding the ex-service men together are hopeful of having outside moral support which will greatly aid in this effort.

E. R. Spencer Enters Realty Firm.

E. R. Spencer, who has just retired as county commissioner, will enter the firm of Peterson & McCully, of Eugene, and will have charge of the farm land department.

Mr. Spencer had considerable experience in this business while a resident of Cottage Grove, and P. A. Peterson, head of the firm, says that Mr. Spencer, with his experience in the business and with his knowledge of lands in the county, obtained largely while in public office, will be a valuable acquisition to the firm.

Christian Endeavor Elects.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church held a watch party and basket social in the church Friday night. A program was given and the evening was filled in with games. A neat sum was realized from the sale of baskets. A business meeting was held at which the following officers were elected: President, Clifford Taylor; vice president, Elsie Chestnut; secretary, Waldo Hull; treasurer and pianist, Veta Plaster; chorister, Leslie Hull; chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sarff.

Several Snow Flakes Fall.

Residents here thought they were going to be treated to a snow storm Wednesday. After a fitful effort to cover the ground with a carpet of the beautiful, the attempt was given up. The high hills and mountains are snow-capped, however.

INTENDED TO AVE, DID NOT FINL TER PLACE, L YS

Not only is it getting to be quite a habit on the part of those leaving Cottage Grove to return to the city to make their homes, but it is getting harder for those who once become residents to leave at all. This is illustrated by the fact that Roy E. Short, who sold his grocery last year with the idea of seeking a new location, has bought back a half interest in the business which he sold to J. T. Smith and the new firm is now the Smith-Short grocery. Mr. Short sold with the condition that he could purchase a half interest on January 1, provided he found nothing which suited him better, and he took advantage of that condition of the sale.

PIONEERS CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hardy Crow celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on New Year's day, only members of the family being present. Mr. Crow was born in Iowa and crossed the plains in 1852. Mrs. Crow was born in Missouri and crossed the plains in 1853, both settling with their parents in Lane county in 1855, where they were married in 1871 and where they lived until moving to this city a few months ago. They are among the best known of the earliest settlers of this section and have taken a prominent part in the affairs of the Lane County Pioneers' association.

The living children are J. Warren Crow, of this city; Garfield G. Crow, of Wisconsin, who was not present at the anniversary; Perce Crow, who was a sergeant and served in France, and who lives on the old home place at Lorne, and Mrs. Ed. McKibbin, of Springfield. Riley T. Crow, a son, died during the recent war while serving in the United States navy and is buried at Rio de Janeiro.

Seed Clover in February.

Clover in western Oregon is best seeded in late February on land that was seeded to fall grain or on some cases fall vetch. Seed is broadcasted and if the ground is dry enough harrowed in. Frequent, thawing and rains will usually cover it deep enough. The clover should be planted when prospects for early germination and good growth are favorable, that the nurse crop may not get too much the start of it. A light application of land plaster is often helpful in getting a better stand. O. A. C. bulletin of soil crops for western Oregon gives information on the best soil crops.

NEW CITY OFFICERS NOW ON THE JOB

The city government is now in the hands of the newly-elected officials, who took the oath of office at the meeting of the council Monday night. The new faces are George O. Knowles as mayor, H. A. Galloway as recorder, R. E. Short as alderman from the second ward, Dr. A. W. Kime, retiring mayor, is now councilman from the third ward, Nelson Durham was re-elected from the same ward and S. V. Allison was re-elected from the first ward. Herbert Eakin took the oath of office as treasurer for the seventh time. The new council re-elected G. B. Pitcher as marshal and J. E. Young as city attorney, and elected Dr. B. R. Job to the position of health officer. Dr. W. W. Oglesby, former health officer, having died a few days before the expiration of his term of office. The mayor has appointed N. H. Matheney to continue as deputy marshal.

CHICKEN KILLING CAR DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Homer A. Galloway received word a few days ago from Emory Goodridge, now located at Astoria, that a Chevrolet car owned by Mr. Goodridge and insured by Mr. Galloway had been destroyed by fire.

The same car was once owned by Fingal Hinds, of this city, during which time Mr. Galloway was called upon to settle for chickens killed by the car, damage to property by the car also being covered in the policy. As the car was practically destroyed by the fire it is probable that no more payments on its account will be required.

LAW BREAKERS DONATE CITY \$103.50 DURING 1920

The annual report of Marshal G. B. Pitcher, submitted to the council Monday night, shows that \$103.50 was collected in fines during the year. Four were fined for drunkenness, one being fined \$25 and the others \$10 each. Six arrests for disorderly conduct netted the city \$37.50. Three caught speeding their cars contributed \$15, and other traffic violations netted \$30. Pound fees collected were \$13.35.

HUNTER SAVES DEER ATTACKED BY COUGAR

Harry G. Hayes, a trapper on the McKenzie, reports the experience of driving a cougar off a deer, his dog treecing the big cat and the hunter shooting it out of the tree. Evidently the animal had attacked two or more deer and at least one of these had been saved by the work of Mr. Hayes' dog, which had without doubt driven the cat from the back of a deer upon which it had planned to make a feast.

Back Taxes Collected.

Feed G. Stickels, sheriff, turned over to Miss Edna Ward, county treasurer, Friday, over \$17,000 in back taxes collected for the years 1913 to 1919, inclusive.

DECEMBER WETTEST MONTH OF RECORD HERE

Precipitation of 12.19 Inches Is More Than Double That for Same Month Last Year.

That December was the wettest month within the memory of even the oldest inhabitants and that the weather of the closing months of the year was really unusual for this section is indicated by the report of C. E. Stewart, local cooperative weather observer. The precipitation for December was slightly in excess of double that of the year before, that of this December being 12.19 inches and that of the same month in 1919 being 6.03 inches. The precipitation for the months of September, October, November and December was 39.91 inches, as compared with 19.47 inches during the same period in 1919. Temperatures for December were as follows: Maximum, 60; minimum, 27; mean maximum, 47.2; mean minimum, 36.4; mean 41.8.

Christian Church Elects.

The annual home coming meeting of the Christian church was held in the church parlors on New Year's day, at which time the following officers were elected: Elders, C. E. Sarff, George Carille, Roy Hands and N. W. White; advisory elders, V. O. Huff and A. J. Stevens; deacons, G. H. Young, A. J. Burrows, Almond Hemenway, Claud Sherman, Leslie Hull and Clifford Taylor; deaconesses, Mrs. G. H. Young, Mrs. Lora Finerty, Mrs. C. E. Sarff and Mrs. N. H. Matheney; trustees, A. J. Stevens, G. H. Young and A. E. Burrows; secretary, Roy Hands; treasurer, A. J. Stevens; reporter, Miss Hazel Loucks. Sunday school officers were elected as follows: Superintendent, C. E. Sarff; secretary and treasurer, Leslie Hull; pianist, Miss Veta Plaster.

BEAN, BLACKBERRY AND PEAR POOLS CLOSED BY CANNERY

The Cottage Grove cannery has closed a number of its pools at prices which are thought to be good ones considering market conditions. Burpee beans brought 5 cents; Kentucky Wonder beans, 4 cents; blackberries, 8 1/2 cents; pears, 7 1/2, 8 1/2 and 9 1/2. Final payments have been made the growers. The apple and prune pools have not been closed.

City Council

Council met in regular session January 3, with all members present except Councilman Wright. The minutes were read and approved.

The following took the oath of office and assumed their positions: G. O. Knowles as mayor; Herbert Eakin as treasurer, H. A. Galloway as recorder, S. V. Allison as alderman from the first ward, R. E. Short as alderman from the second ward, Nelson Durham and Dr. A. W. Kime as aldermen from the third ward.

The resignation of Mayor Knowles as a member of the library board was accepted.

G. B. Pitcher was re-elected city marshal.

Dr. B. R. Job was elected city health officer.

J. E. Young was re-elected city attorney.

The city treasurer's semi-annual report was received and ordered printed in The Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Authority was given the city treasurer to cease holding money to take up a supposed outstanding bond of issue D, which may never have been issued, and to apply the money on other bonds.

The mayor announced his committee appointments.

Mayor Knowles made a brief talk outlining some of his policies for the conduct of the city's business.

Reports were received from the city marshal, city recorder and city health officer and ordered filed.

The city attorney reported on his attendance at the hearing before the public service commission on the petition for a rise in rates by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. He reported that the hearing had been postponed in order that further evidence might be submitted and that he had been appointed, with the city attorneys from Eugene, Springfield and Corvallis, to go into a certain portion of the evidence.

M. H. Anderson, as a delegate from the commercial club, urged the city to take such action as would result in the securing of the right of way through the city for Pacific highway and the facilitating of the early completion of the route through the city. Upon motion the recorder was instructed to communicate with the public service commission relative to what the commission expected the city to do in putting the highway through the city.

H. B. Yancey reported to the council that in cutting wood on land he thought belonged to W. B. Cooper he had encroached upon the city's rock crusher property and asked permission to cut this wood on shares. The street committee was instructed to make such arrangements.

C. W. Burge asked to have grade stakes set for a large amount of city cement sidewalks to be laid in the spring. The street committee was instructed to see that the stakes were set.

Councilman Kime reported that O. L. Nichols was ready to act at any time for the city in a survey of the city's watersheds.

Councilman Durham reported with suggestions as to substitution of small

MILLAGE IN COTTAGE GROVE REACHES TOTAL OF 74.8

County Tax Is 24.2 Mills; City Tax Is 26.3 Mills, and School Tax Is 24.3 Mills.

Lane county's tax levy for 1921 is 24.2 mills, according to announcement by Herbert E. Walker, county assessor. Last year's total levy for the county was 18.675 mills. The greater part of the increase is due to the higher levy for state taxes.

The levy, as segregated by the assessor, will be as follows. For state purposes, 10.743 mills; for county purposes, 3.142 mills; for county school library purposes, .693 of a mill; for school district maintenance purposes, .139 of a mill; for market purposes, 1.61 mills.

Municipal tax levies in the county as reported by the assessor are as follows: Cottage Grove, 26.3 mills; Creswell, 5.4 mills; Coburg, 22.5 mills; Florence, 18.9 mills; Eugene, 15 mills; Junction City, 21.4 mills; Springfield, 16.6 mills; Port of Sunlaw, 5.8 mills.

Cottage Grove's school tax is 24.3 mills, making a total tax for Cottage Grove property of 74.8 mills or \$74.80 on each \$1000 of assessed valuation, the highest the city has ever had.

The county court has signed the levy order and placed it on file in the office of County Clerk Bryson. It shows a total assessed valuation in the county of \$34,874,976. The total amount of tax to be collected is \$843,974.41, and the amounts for the several purposes follow:

County apportionment of state tax, \$374,961.87; general fund for county purposes, \$283,952.08; county school purposes, \$123,213.29; county school library purposes, \$1159.87; school district maintenance purposes, \$484.62; market road purposes, \$56,148.71.

FOURTH HIGH WATER IN A MONTH CARRIES TIES ON TO PORTLAND

The Walter Woodard mill at London lost from 2000 to 3000 ties in the last high water. The timbers, which are dumped into the Coast fork to be floated to this city for loading, got out of the booms and attempts to catch them here were unsuccessful. A large part of the ties probably have reached Portland by this time.

Mr. Woodard was a victim of the unusual weather conditions this year. He thought that three high water within a period of 30 days, something that had never happened before so far as old timers can remember, was a record which would not be broken right away and got caught by the fourth rise, which came a few days after sawing operations had been resumed.

Gun Club in Action.

The recently organized gun club is holding some enthusiastic meets despite the disagreeable weather. On New Year's day the following scores were made out of a possible 25: Enderly 21, Veatch 20, Moore 20, Bartlett 21, Hollis 22, Dickinson 18, W. F. Johnson 14, N. J. Nelson 24, P. E. Nelson 21, Ward 25, Lasswell 19, Heinrich 24.

Councilman Committees.

At the first meeting of the new council, held Monday night, Mayor Knowles announced the following committee appointments:

Streets—Sterling, Allison, Short, Finance—Short, Veatch, Durham, Light—Durham, Allison, Veatch, Water—Kime, Veatch, Short, Sewer—Allison, Kime, Durham.

Many Cement Walks to Be Built.

The progressiveness of the citizens of Cottage Grove is indicated by the fact that a number have asked the city to have grade stakes set so they may lay cement walks in the spring. A number of these walks are outside the cement sidewalk zone recently established.

Earl Neal Injured.

Star, Ore., Jan. 5.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—Earl Neal sustained serious injuries, a few days ago while employed on the docks of the Bohemia Lumber company. He was struck by a timber and thrown to the ground about 18 feet below. He is much better now.

Only One Traffic Violator.

Only one traffic violator contributed to the city treasury during the past week, John Doe, a farmer, being assessed \$1 for over-parking. Several others were warned by Marshal Pitcher against violations of other portions of the traffic regulations.

Lights for are lights but action was postponed until a contract is made with the lighting company.

The city attorney was instructed to notify the public service commission that it is in error in believing that the city is receiving its lights under a new contract with the lighting company, but on the contrary is getting such lights under its expired contract. The following bills were audited and ordered paid:

Fire department	\$10.00
J. E. Young, salary recorder, attorney and expenses	57.00
W. W. Oglesby, health officer	10.00
G. F. Garoutte, nightwatch	67.00
G. B. Pitcher, marshal and exp.	126.45
N. H. Matheney, nightwatch	36.66
H. M. Wilkie, labor	29.70
Sentinel, pub. proceedings	2.00
C. G. Electric Co.	233.83
City Transfer, street work	31.00
Phil Jones, labor	15.40
Geo. H. Dahl, labor	5.00
J. B. Rouse, trip to Rajada	12.00
Ben Pitcher, right of way	10.00
H. Eakin, com. on coll.	146.24

MINOR CITIES OF THE STATE FOLLOW IN ENFORCING TRAFFIC LAWS

Less important cities of the state have fallen into line with Cottage Grove in the enforcement of traffic regulations. Soon after Cottage Grove began enforcing parking regulations, Eugene began doing the same thing, and now Portland falls into line and goes even further than Cottage Grove has gone. Cars there are required to display front and rear lights after sundown, which is also the case in Eugene. Motor operators in those cities are making many complaints but the police departments are enforcing the law as it stands on the books, saying that such action is the only way to test the wisdom of having such laws.

BIG PLANS TO CARE FOR TOURIST TRAFFIC

New hotel buildings are being planned, automobile camping sites improved and more camping sites are being provided by cities and towns in the Pacific northwest to take care of the increase of tourist traffic strongly felt during 1920 and which is expected to be even greater in 1921.

Herbert Cuthbert, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Tourist association, when he returned from an extensive trip through the east, where he arranged with tourist agencies and railway traffic officials for the routing of a greater number of tourists to this section, found that new hotel projects are being planned and financed in Walla Walla, Everett and Grays Harbor, Wash., and Corvallis, Ore., and other Pacific northwest points where hotel accommodations are not considered sufficient to take care of the increased travel. Rainier national park accommodations are to be increased by 200 rooms.

The 1920 tourist season showed the heaviest travel ever enjoyed by this section, the money expended by tourists being placed by the Pacific Northwest Tourist association at approximately \$45,000,000. A check of automobile traffic in Portland showed that five times as many automobiles from outside the state passed through in 1920 as in 1919.

Vulcanizing Works Change Hands.

The vulcanizing works have again changed hands, P. E. Nelson having bought the business from M. Wilkins. The men are brothers-in-law and Mr. Nelson is a brother of N. J. Nelson, Jr., of Nelson's Auto Sales and the West Side Garage. Mr. Wilkins anticipates returning to county agent work.

GEORGE ROUSE, FORMER RESIDENT, BURIED HERE

The funeral of George Rouse, former resident of this city, was held here Tuesday, interment being made beside the body of his daughter Maud, who died here a number of years ago. He died in the Southern Pacific hospital in San Francisco on December 30. Rev. J. S. Penix, of the Presbyterian church, officiated and the Elks lodge had charge of the services.

Mr. Rouse was a freight conductor for the Southern Pacific, having a run out of Portland. He was a native of Cottage Grove and about 40 years of age. The only relative known here is a cousin, Joshua Rouse, one of the first white children born in this section.

PALLET LUMBER CO. IS SUED BY ITS EMPLOYEES

The Pallet Lumber company at Divide, which closed down at Christmas time, is the defendant in a suit filed by a large number of former employees for wages alleged to be due. This company is one of the large operators in this section and is owned by C. W. Pallett, of Portland, who has had personal charge of the business for a number of months. Just what the financial condition of the company may be is not known here. It is understood that a number of business men in the city also have claims against the company.

102 BIRTHS AND 62 DEATHS DURING 1920

There were 102 births and 62 deaths in Cottage Grove during the year 1920, according to the record kept in the office of Health Officer Oglesby, as shown by the report made to the city council by Mrs. Anna O. Graham, daughter of the late health officer. The report states that the annual clean up day was held, contagious diseases were quarantined and the usual functions of the office performed. The city council is thanked, in the report, for their kindness to Dr. Oglesby.

To Whom It May Concern:

Anyone interested in having the state traffic laws changed so that those under 16 years of age who are competent to drive may do so when a competent driver or one of their parents is in the seat with them, is requested to communicate with the members of the legislature from this county urging them to do all in their power to bring about the suggested change. J7c

Gets Unexpected Christmas Present.

Grant Fields, tidy man for the Southern Pacific plant at Latham, received an unexpected Christmas present in the form of \$50, sent him by a brother-in-law, A. J. Mahaney, of Illinois, from whom Mr. Fields had not heard for 25 years. Mr. Fields left Saturday for the Southern Pacific hospital at San Francisco to undergo another operation, this being the fourth in the past few years.

Merchants, practice what you preach. Order your salesbooks through The Sentinel, a live wire home newspaper.

LUMBERMEN OPTIMISTIC IN FACE OF ADVERSITY

Combination of Circumstances Forces Prices Below Cost; Other Circumstances May Swing Them Back.

The Pacific northwest lumber industry enters the new year with the lightest order files in its history; and the heaviest inventories of the past decade, according to a bulletin of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

With financial conditions temporarily retarding new construction, adverse exchange operating against export, and advanced freight rates restricting the use of west coast lumber in markets east of the Mississippi river, the outlook for the first quarter of 1921 is not encouraging.

However, there is a well defined streak of optimism throughout the lumber industry, based on the belief that financial credit will ease; that the unsatisfied demand for housing and other construction will assert itself; that the intolerable strain of present taxes will be relieved; and that lower water rates, taken in connection with the establishing of lumber-handling facilities at Atlantic ports, will enable the west coast lumber to be sold freely in east coast markets.

In 1920 the territory east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio river projected construction, on which plans and specifications were actually drawn, amounting to \$4,527,245,933, and of such projected construction \$2,961,083,717 remained uncontracted at the expiration of the year, forming a nucleus for 1921 operations.

Official housing reports indicate that 3,400,000 new dwellings will be required in the next five years. That would necessitate an average of 680,000 new dwellings the year 1921 against the previous high record of 597,534 dwellings, and an average since 1890 of 334,808 dwellings the year.

The new year finds lumber prices generally below cost of production. This is partially due to restricted demand and partially to recent efforts at stock liquidation for the purpose of avoiding the payment of paper excess profit taxes on actual inventory losses. The stamped to get rid of stocks during the past sixty days has been a considerable factor in establishing the present low market.

During the latter part of October the United States treasury department notified the West Coast Lumbermen's association that, while for inventory purposes the manufacturer could take cost or market, whichever was lower, the government's definition of "market" was the cost of raw material plus manufacture.

This left the industry without option as between cost and market for inventory tax purposes. It meant that lumber at the mills unsold on December 31, averaging in cost from \$10 to \$15 the thousand more than it could be sold for, would be called upon to pay taxes on a paper profit which in reality was an actual and heavy loss.

Many mills took advantage of free car supply to liquidate their inventories as far as possible, and this forced selling on a weak market and created an extremely low level of values.

TIME FOR 1920 ASSESSMENT WORK EXTENDED 6 MONTHS

Washington, Jan. 1.—President Wilson yesterday signed the Ashurst mining bill, granting an extension of six months on the time in which the 1920 assessment work on mining claims can be done.

Under the old law the holders of mining claims would have had to complete \$100 worth of assessment work by midnight last night. Although the time is now extended, holders of mining claims must file notices with county recorders showing that they claim exemption under the bill which became operative at once.

Hundreds of mining claims in the west are affected by the measure and senators and representatives from that section have been overwhelmed of late with telegrams asking as to what action was to be taken in the matter.

Mrs. Jennie Powers Dies.

Mrs. Jennie Powers, for many years a resident of Lane county, died at her home in Eugene Saturday at the age of 67 years. She leaves a son, Lester S. Powers, of Cottage Grove; a sister, Mrs. Ollie Nevens, of Pendleton, and a brother, Moore Gregory, of Liberal, Ore. The funeral was held Sunday at Eugene.

Road Help Will Be Given.

After a conference with forest officials Friday, M. H. Harlow, county commissioner, announced that the federal government, through the forest service, will probably extend more aid for the construction of roads in the western part of Lane county during the year 1921 than ever before.

Eight Births; Five Deaths.

Mrs. J. P. Graham, local registrar, reports that eight births and five deaths were recorded for the month ending December 31.

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—are always the liveliest merchants

—and therefore, the ones who pick up bargains when any are to be had.

—you are always assured of the best of service when dealing with those who are regular and persistent advertisers.