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SHIPPING MACHINERY TO SIUSLAW

L. C. Reynolds is getting his machinery and equipment ready for removal to Siuslaw, where he will open up a shingle plant within the near future. The gasoline schooner Relief is expected in as soon as the bar conditions will permit to take out the balance of the material, one load having been sent out some time ago. Mr. Reynolds has been operating a mill in the South Slough district, but has considerable timber land near Florence which he expects to work.

Construction on the new plant will be commenced as soon as a location can be selected, two being under consideration at the present time, one at an old mill site within a mile of Florence and the other at Cushman on the line of the new railroad. The plant will cost approximately \$10,000.—Tide.

REGISTRATION OPENS JAN. 4

Registrations for the 1916 election will open January 4, 1916, at the office of Stacy M. Russell, county clerk.

Under the new registration law a voter is required to register but once unless he changes his precinct or fails to vote within two years after registering.

In county seats voters must register with the county clerk, while in outside precincts special

registration clerks are appointed. Under the new law the card system is used and the voter will sign his name only once instead of two or three times as under previous laws.

On one side of the card are blanks for the following: Male or female; party affiliation; surname; given name; precinct; postoffice address; residence (section, township and range if in the country, street and house number or room if in the city); parents full name (if elector is native born), elector born where. If the elector is foreign born there are blanks to show when and where he was naturalized and second and final papers must be exhibited.

On the opposite side of the card is registration blank "A" for use before election boards only in case the elector has not been registered. Registration blank "B" is also provided in case of reregistering.

PRELIMINARY WORK FOR LIFE SAVING STATION

Captain Andrew Foshay, of the Life Saving Service at San Francisco was in Florence several days last week to make final arrangements for the location of the buildings about to be constructed on the site selected for Life Saving station at the mouth of the Siuslaw river. He made soundings for the slip to be built and other preparatory work.

NEW POTATOES CHRISTMAS

It is seldom that you see new potatoes for Christmas taken out of the ground on that day. The Severy boys had some for their Christmas dinner, garnished with a beautiful bouquet of roses, all grown in their garden here in Florence.

WILL LEND MINERAL SPECIMENS

In order that high school pupils and teachers can better understand minerals and ores the extension division of the University is sending to high school geology teachers who make the request a box containing twenty-five different specimens of rock-making minerals and ores. These boxes may be borrowed for a

month, or for six weeks if not in great demand.

Each box contains twelve specimens of common rock-making minerals, three iron ore minerals, two copper ore minerals, two lead silver ore minerals, one zinc ore mineral, one aluminum ore mineral and three miscellaneous specimens.

FIRST HAIL OF THE SEASON

The first hail this season fell at this place Tuesday afternoon and covered the sidewalks so they were nearly white. It changed the atmosphere very decidedly, and on Tuesday night it frosted some.

COAST ROAD IS ALLOWED \$12,500

The meeting of taxpayers at Eugene last Thursday, to consider the annual budget was largely attended and many of the items caused heated arguments and discussions. The final result was to recommend to the county court—

That an alphabetical system of writing tax rolls be adopted by the county assessor rather than present geographical system.

That real property be assessed but once every two or four years.

That a general purchasing agent be appointed who shall purchase all county supplies.

A reduction of \$10,000 in retiring warrant fund, making an item of \$40,000 rather than \$50,000 as proposed.

That county treasurer make a pool of all county funds and that an individual bookkeeping system be inaugurated of the various budget funds as a matter of record.

That two school supervisors be employed for ten months of the year, rather than for eleven months, as is now done.

The sub-committee of the taxpayers' league that has had this phase of the budget investigation in hand were divided and a majority and minority report were brought in. The majority report signed by T. H. Garrett, E. E. Kepner and Welby Stevens and the minority report by C. R. Seitz and G. W. Griffin.

The majority report proposed a slash of about \$20,000 in the road expenditures as proposed by the budget, while the minority report favored the budget approximately as submitted. The real bone of contention, however, lay in the method of making the levy.

The majority report proposed that the cities of Eugene, Springfield and Cottage Grove, which are independent road districts, be relieved from the payment of two mills of the road levy, paying only seven-eighths of a mill for road purposes—this on the theory that since they take care of their own streets they should not be compelled to contribute as heavily as the outside territory to the general road building program. The minority report, on the contrary, endorsed the plan of levying the road tax as a part of the general fund, so that these three cities will contribute in the same proportion as the rest of the county.

With the exception of the turning down of the recommendation made by the miscellaneous committee that the fruit inspector's budget sum be reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,500, and leaving it at \$2,000, the report of the minority was accepted.

A good share of the time was used up in discussing the assessing of cities and the change of the system of writing the tax rolls.

When the subject of the levy for the Coast road was brought up E. J. Adams addressed the meeting as follows:

Mr. Adams then made the statement that since an attempt was being made to have the county court disregard the law and that the lawful course was clear, the difference between the majority report and the minority report was mythical and urged that all should get together for good roads. He said the Siuslaw people were taxing themselves heavily for good roads and that rather than hold out for the entire amount of \$17,500 for a road to the coast they had considered the request and needs of the upper Willamette road people and had consented to cutting down their own item to \$12,500, allowing \$5000 for the other. He spoke of a nine-mill levy in Florence for harbor improvements which would benefit all of Lane county and warmly defended several remarks against his interests in the meeting.

Mr. Adams then moved the amendment to the first motion be accepted in substituting the minority report for the majority.

It carried by a vote of 100 to 37. Mr. Hurd moved the adoption of the first motion which carried.

Mr. Bean had made an amendment that the coast road item be raised back to \$17,500 but withdrew it when informed of the agreement of the Siuslaw people with the Willamette people on a division.

While it was at first proposed to make a levy of one half a mill or \$17,500, after a consideration of the conditions the representatives of the grange and western Lane county agreed to 5000 of this to be used on the Willamette road over the Cascade mountains.

Those present at the meeting to represent the western part of the county were: Wm. Kyle, Wm. Brynd, W. H. O'Kelly, J. W. Bergman, W. J. Kyle, and W. H. Weatherston of Florence; Walter Blatchley, of Blatchley, and Hans Peterson, of Minerva.

The movement to have the county court make a levy of one-half mill for a coast road was first proposed by the North Fork Grange, and they urged every grange in the county to give support to it. The success of securing an appropriation for this purpose is largely due to the support and efforts of the grange representatives who remained loyal to the proposition.

CHRISTMAS IN FLORENCE

Christmas Eve, the Evangelical Sunday school held a Christmas tree and program at the church. Young and old thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

At the Princess Theater the Sunday school of the Presbyterian church gave a cantata, "The Capture of Santa Clause" and the evening proved to be a real treat to all present.

Sunday morning Rev. T. J. Hedges delivered a Christmas sermon, giving a message of inspiration and strength to his audience.

Sunday evening the choir took charge of the service at the Presbyterian church under the direction of Mrs. Martha Goodwin, presented a cantata, "The Herald of Peace." The church was crowded to its limit by an appreciative audience who were greatly pleased with the presentation of this appropriate cantata.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Revival services will begin at the Evangelical church next Sunday evening and continue through the week, except Saturday night. Rev. Neff will conduct the service. There will be special music prepared for the service. All are welcome and especially invited to come.

RACKLEFF'S GROCERY RENTS WAREHOUSE

Last week Ed Rackleff made arrangements to take the Nadeau warehouse for his store room for surplus stock of groceries and feed. It is located on the water front and will be handy and convenient for the unloading of freight from the schooners.

11,888 PUPILS IN LANE CO.

According to figures compiled by County School Superintendent E. J. Moore the total 1915 school census for Lane county shows a decrease from the 1914 enrollment. Last year's census totaled 12,044 school children in the county. This year's census shows there are 11,888, or a decrease of 156 pupils.

Eugene leads the entire county with an enrollment of 3051 children, who are of the school age. Cottage Grove is second with 720 pupils, and Springfield third with 649 pupils.

The number of children enrolled in some of the other school districts in the county, as shown by the 1915 school census, follows: Junction City, 353; Marcola 252; Creswell, 202; Coburg, 160; Wendling, 152; Florence, 142; Elmira, 117; West Springfield, 104; Trent, 102; Goshen, 89; Mapleton, 88; Waltherville, 84; Vida, 82; Dorena, 77; Harrisburg, 74; Irving, 71; and Dexter, 60.—Guard.

RALPH POTTERF TAKEN TO EUGENE

Ralph Potterf, young son of Frank Potterf, of Mapleton, who was injured in the head some few weeks ago, and who has been in Florence for treatment, was taken to Eugene Tuesday for treatment.

WATCH MEETING AT EVANGELICAL CHURCH

There will be a watch meeting at the Evangelical church Friday night, December 31. A suitable program has been arranged for entertainment until midnight, when those present will ring out the old year and ring in the new.

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