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AWAIT REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COOS BAY WATERWORKS

City Officials and Councilmen Hold Conference With T. J. Nolan.

PROPOSED SALE AND ELECTION DISCUSSED

Question of Calling Special Election Before May 1 to be Decided Monday.

Various phases of the Coos Bay waterworks situation were informally discussed at a meeting of some of the members of the City Council and other city officials with T. J. Nolan and his attorney, C. R. Peck, at the council chamber last evening.

It being a legal holiday, the Council was called as a committee of the whole by Mayor Straw, Councilmen Allen and Merchant were unable to be present but the other members and other city officials were in attendance.

City Attorney Goss reported that he had been in conference with Messrs. Meehan, Perham and Gidley, the special committee appointed to appraise the value of the real estate and water rights yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Goss said that the committee had asked him concerning the validity of the water rights and the title to the real estate but as he had not been furnished with any abstract of the real estate, he could not definitely inform them about it.

As to the water rights, he said that was a big question and one that he could not give an opinion on off hand. He said that the company had not regularly filed on the water rights to Pony Inlet but he thought that possibly the rights acquired by using the water for fourteen or fifteen years gave them title to at least as much water as they were now taking from Pony Inlet and possibly as much as the present apparatus was equipped to handle.

Whether they held right to the additional water supply which it is claimed is capable of being developed at Pony Inlet, he could not say. He stated that in justice to the company he did not wish the newspapers to quote him as giving an opinion against these claims as it would require much investigation to definitely determine them and even then, owing to the various decisions of the courts, it was doubtful about being able to decide definitely about them.

However, he said, he had informed the committee that they could go ahead and estimate the value of the property and water rights subject to title and the titles could be investigated.

It was suggested that at the proposed special election merely a proposition to increase the borrowing capacity of the city to a sufficient amount to purchase its waterworks be submitted. He asked for Mr. Nolan's views on it.

Mr. Nolan spoke, Mayor Straw made a statement of what had developed in the waterworks matter so far and what the special committee was expected to do.

Mr. Nolan said that he assumed after he first came here last June to investigate the purchase of the waterworks here that there was little or no sentiment for municipal ownership. He said he had spoken to the present owners and other men here about the demand for municipal ownership as he did not want to become involved in a controversy over it. He had inferred from their replies that the people here did not want it. Later when he returned in November, he said he found a decided sentiment for municipal ownership and he had made the proposition to sell to the city. He said that he understood that both sides in the last city election were pledged to submit the matter to a vote of the people and his trip here now was to try to get the Council to sustain the submission of it. He said he would go to the verdict whatever it was as he wanted to deal on a fair basis. He said that if the people voted it down, he thought there would be no more objection to his and his associates' objecting to the sale of the waterworks and he would like to have the proposition.

Nothing being said that interested him with the necessity of the matter, he was to answer either for the city to take advantage of the summer season to make improvements in the system. He said

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PRISONER IS ON ALLIANCE

Sheriff Gage Has George Lambert Sent Here From Eureka.

Sheriff Gage is here from Coquille awaiting the arrival of the Alliance on which he expects George Lambert who is charged with a statutory offense by Dora Goodman. She resides here and took the matter up with Justice Pennoek who referred her to Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Littlejohn at Coquille. Mr. Pennoek secured the necessary depositions and understands that Mr. Littlejohn filed the charges against Lambert before Justice Holden at Coquille. Lambert is a logger. He was arrested by the sheriff at Eureka who telegraphed Sheriff Gage that he (the sheriff) would send Lambert here in custody of the captain of the Alliance.

GIVES KLAUS THE DECISION

Petroskey Loses Bout at Oakland—Attell Is Beaten at Los Angeles.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23—Klaus was awarded the decision over Petroskey at the end of a 20-round go at Oakland yesterday afternoon, having had decidedly the best of it throughout.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 23—Johnny Kilbane was given the decision over Abe Attell at the end of a 20-round bout here yesterday afternoon.

OPERA HOUSE STAGE CHANGE

New Scenery and Settings Provided by Manager Scott for Company.

Manager R. E. Scott of the Gladys Brockwell stock company which will open at the Masonic Opera House next Monday evening has a force of carpenters and decorators busy remodeling the stage and putting in new scenery at the Masonic.

Mr. Scott will have entirely new scenery and settings for the Masonic stage. He has a clever scenic artist who is preparing the new scenery. In the new arrangement, the Masonic stage will be modeled after the stage of the Alcazar at San Francisco.

Mr. Scott says that the improvement will be revelation to the people of Marshfield.

Besides these changes, he has a special orchestra practicing. The company is rehearsing daily and everything is going fine.

Special scenery has been especially prepared for "Merely Mary Ann," the opening bill.

Although some of the San Francisco theatrical booking companies tried to discourage Mr. Scott about the Coos County circuit, he says that he is confident the people here appreciate good plays and will patronize them and so he is leaving nothing undone to cater to them.

LEAVE TODAY ON REDONDO

Steamship Sails This Afternoon for San Francisco With Many Passengers.

The Redondo sailed at 1 o'clock today for San Francisco with a large list of passengers for San Francisco.

Although the weather has been quite rough off the coast, Capt. Magee expected to be able to cross out this afternoon.

The Redondo had a big cargo of lumber from the Smith mill and a large shipment of potatoes from Coos County growers besides considerable miscellaneous freight.

Among those sailing from here on the Redondo were the following: C. J. Sanford, Mrs. C. J. Sanford, Miss Grace Sanford, Emma Sanford, Mrs. Laura Hauser, Mrs. W. E. Haskell and baby, W. V. Ogren, J. M. Jacobson, Geo. Williams, A. L. Williams, Bob Jensen, E. P. De Berry, Mrs. E. P. De Berry, Effie Willard, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. R. Tibbets, Roy Lawhorn, A. J. Miller, Bluford Parrott, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. L. F. Parrott, Gertrude Parrott, Mrs. M. Sundquist, Alma Sundquist, Fred and Violet Sundquist, Pat Hulmset, C. A. Carleton, A. C. Gumond, A. T. Carlton, Wm. Krouke, Henry Gross, B. Liberaison, Aug Lennas.

POOR FELLOW IS GULLIBLE

Unsophisticated Oregon Man Says He Is Victim of Woman's Wiles.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23—Pleading himself as a man who practiced as far as the wiles and ways of designing women are concerned, and declaring that he was victimized in giving the plaintiff valuable presents of jewelry and much money, Frank L. Miller, a wealthy merchant of Aurora, filed in the circuit court an answer to the complaint of Miss Mrs. H. E. Fritz, a young woman who is suing him to recover \$50,000, alleging breach of promise to marry.

Miller is married. He admits that in May, 1908, he did consent to marry Mrs. Fritz, but declares that she more or less led to place him in a position where he might be victimized and that she had no intention of carrying out her end of the bargain.

Miller's attorney has filed a counter-claim in which he is seeking to recover \$2264, the value of the presents and money which Miller declares he gave Miss Fritz.

MEETING IS CALLED Interest in Assembly at Finnish Hall This Evening.

Just who has called the meeting that is to be held at the Finnish Hall this evening is what is puzzling a number who have received invitations to attend. The invitations are signed "The Finnish Committee" and are as follows:

"At our recent election in Marshfield, dozens of illegal votes were cast, the corrupt practices were flagrantly violated and as a result the wish of the people of Marshfield was not made known. We are going to do this thing should continue? If not meet with 100 others at the Knights of Finland Hall Friday evening, Feb. 23, at 8 o'clock, something doing. No collection will be taken."

COOS BAY ISOLATED TODAY AS RESULT OF STORM LAST NIGHT

SUMNER LINE RUMOR AFLOAT

Report That Project Is Revived Denied at North Bend—May Come Later.

That the Sumner line project to Coos Bay has been revived and that a large force of engineers and others were to soon be on the Bay for that company was the report in circulation in North Bend and Marshfield today. The report had it that a representative of the Sumner lines had arranged with Proprietor Rogstad of the Hotel Oregon at North Bend for quarters for the big force of men.

Mr. Rogstad when called up by The Times this afternoon about the matter said that the report was untrue as no arrangements had been made with him for quarters for any force of men for the Sumner line or any other project.

He said that he had indirectly heard that the Sumner people planned to send another force of men to the Bay as soon as the weather got good. However, no arrangements have been made with him for them.

Aside from this, there was no railway news afloat on the Bay today.

No Telegraph, Telephone or Mail Service From Outside Since Thursday.

LANDSLIDE NEAR LAIRD'S INTERFERES

Interrupts Mail and Telegraph—Storm Probably Worse East of Here.

Coos Bay is today without telegraph and mail service as a result of a wind, sleet and hail storm last night. The storm, judging from meager reports received here, was more severe east of here than on Coos Bay.

The Western Union line went down about 8:30 last evening. Manager Schetter was just receiving a report from Mrs. Jas. Laird at Laird's about another big landslide in the canyon east of there. She stated that the mail carriers from Roseburg had succeeded in getting over the slide with some of the letter mail only. Before she had finished the message, the wire went down and Manager Schetter had been unable to restore service up to a late hour this afternoon.

The mail did not reach here today and owing to the wires being down, Postmaster Curtis was unable to ascertain when to expect it.

The long distance telephone wire went down between Myrtle Point and Roseburg about 7:30 last evening and communication had not been restored at a late hour today.

No damage was done in this immediate vicinity by the storm, the only inconvenience being loss of means of communication with outside points.

In consequence of both the telegraph and telephone wires being down today, The Times was unable to secure its regular Associated Press report.

HAVE MEN HERE

Robert Banks Says They Are Employing Coos Bay Men.

Robert Banks of North Bend says that whoever informed the special committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce that they were about to bring sixty ship carpenters to the Bay was mistaken. He says they are employing Coos Bay labor and while the large amount of work they have on hand for the summer season will require a large amount of labor, they have no intention of immediately importing sixty men.

The matter was reported at the meeting of the special committee by one of the members who said that he was given to understand that about thirty of the new men would bring families with them and that it would be difficult for them to secure vacant houses here in which to make their home. The committee planned to try to arrange for houses for this influx of new citizens but according to Mr. Banks this will not be necessary.

DEBATE AT NORTH BEND

First of Series of Coos County High School Contests Tonight.

The North Bend Harbor says: Friday evening at the high school will occur the first of a series of county school debates, in which every school excepting Marshfield, will participate. Each school has selected two teams, one of which will go to another school on the same night. Our negative team goes to Coquille, while Bandon's negative comes here.

The topic for discussion is a most popular one and should prove especially interesting at this time. The subject which all school's will discuss is: "Resolved that life imprisonment with restricted power of pardon should be substituted for capital punishment."

The affirmative team in North Bend is Norma Chase, Frances Golden and Dorothy Ethling. The Bandon negative team is composed of Donald Charles, Margaretta Barbara and Velma Klontar.

The North Bend negative team which goes to Coquille is composed of Charles Brown, Lyle Chappel and Charles Van Zou.

DOCTOR BREAKS WRIST WHILE CRANKING AUTO FOR EMERGENCY CALL WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 23—Called from his bed at an early hour by an emergency call, Dr. E. C. Robinson a local physician, broke the bones of his right wrist while cranking his automobile.

WOMEN who care buy their FLOUR of Haines. Special Caramel Sale at Stafford's Saturday and Sunday.

COLLEGE MEN ARE CONVICTS

Warden at Walla Walla Prison to Use Them as Instructors for Others.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 23—According to Warden C. S. Reid of the Washington state penitentiary, he has 15 college and university graduates serving time in the institution, and from this number he will choose educators to take charge of the new night school, which is now under consideration by the state board of control and which is expected to be established in the near future.

According to the warden, he lacks no material to fill his corps of instructors, some of the prisoners showing great ability in certain branches, such as are necessary to the curriculum of the night school.

MANIA LEADS HIM TO CELL

Kansas Man's Love of Game of Checkers Results in Conviction.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 23—Playing checkers in hope of becoming champion instead of working and paying his wife \$3 a week to support their two children, caused Myron W. Gould a Leavenworth County, Kansas farmer to be ordered committed to the Kansas penitentiary for two years. He is the first man to be sent to the prison under the new state law making abandonment of his family a felony.

Gould, a son of a prosperous farmer, was charged with deserting his family, sentenced to two years' imprisonment by the district court of Wyandotte County, Kansas, and paroled on his promise to pay his wife \$3 a week. He failed to make the payments and the court ordered his arrest. He was found in El Dorado, Kan., contesting for the checker championship of that place. According to Gould's family, his mania for playing checkers overshadows his business. After his arrest he organized a checker tournament in the county jail.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY will hold a COOKED FOOD SALE at SWEET MAN office building 1 o'clock SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

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