

COOSBAY TIMES

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IF YOU WANT TO SEE THIS TOWN GROW.

IF YOU want to see this town grow, remember that you are a part of it and that its growth depends as much on you as on your neighbors. Don't get the idea that the future prosperity of this town rests with a few, for it is the business of the many. Above all, don't criticize those who are trying to upbuild the community and do nothing yourself. They at least have the proper spirit and, just as long as you deny them your support, just that much harder their work will be. Be a booster for the town and lend your cooperation to those who have the nerve to start first. It is never too early to start and it is never too late to begin.

WHY THE SECRECY.

A COMMITTEE is engaged in the investigation of the prisons of California. It has carefully undertaken to put itself under suspicion by holding secret sessions, at least temporarily. This remarkable procedure has brought upon it the criticism of the whole state and the storm is likely to force the committee to reconsider. Star chamber sessions of public servants hired by the people and paid out of the public treasury are indefensible. The people of California are right when they protest. They have a right to inspect the transaction of their business by the hired men.

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Character is higher than intellect.—Emerson.

THE PERSONAL VIEWPOINT.

I've heard a lot of babies squall, I've heard 'em East and West, But, after hearing 'em all, I like my kid's yell best.

It doesn't worry me a bit, For every time I hear Him tune up to his heart's content, It's music to my ear.

I've heard a lot of canines bark, I've heard 'em East and West, But after hearin' 'em all, I like my dog's bark best.

It never flusters me a bit, Nor worries me—no, sir; But darned if I can stand the yap Of my near neighbor's cur.

I've heard a lot of people talk, I've heard 'em East and West, But, after hearin' 'em all, I like my talk the best.

It never pesters me a bit, Nor hores me—no, sir; But, Lord, how other people's talk Does bore and weary me!

I love to hear it swell and soar, Caruso and the rest, I've heard them sing most everything, And I like my voice the best.

I love to hear it swell and soar, It soothes my tired ears; But, say, the man who sings next door Should get at least ten years.

Some Coos Bay men get aboard the water wagon, then begin to look around for a good excuse to fall off.

A short answer is often followed by a long silence.

Frens can moult, but fat people have no such sinure.

No, Alonzo, a girl isn't necessarily a bird because she is pigeon-toed.

More than one Coos Bay man has found that too many eye-openers will also put a man to sleep.

FRANCHISE IS SOUGHT HERE

J. Albert Matson Presents Application for Water, Steam, Gas and Electric.

J. Albert Matson last evening presented to the Marshfield city council an application for a fifty-year franchise for water, steam, gas and electricity in the city of Marshfield.

The franchise is very general in its terms and specifies that Mr. Matson, his heirs and assigns shall have the right and privilege to use any and all streets and thoroughfares of the city of Marshfield for their conduits.

The petition was presented by C. F. McKnight, who asked the council to consider it.

City Attorney Goss said that the application was principally for a water franchise and that many changes would have to be made in it before it could be granted by the council.

Mr. J. Albert Matson stated today that the franchise spoke for itself. He did not care at this time to announce who his associates were. He said that the franchise was not to be principally a water franchise but that all of the utilities specified in it were to be furnished. He said that if it was granted now, he hoped to get the project under way this summer.

He stated that it was purely a business proposition and that he did not care to inject his personality in it.

He stated that he had the franchisees drafted the first of the year but had deferred presenting them to the council lest it might interfere with Mr. Chandler's franchise. However, he had spoken to Mr. Chandler and the latter told him to go ahead with it.

COST OF CRUISING.

Clatsop County Pays More Than Double What Coos Pays.

A Portland paper says: "Incensed at the action of the Clatsop county court in awarding a cruising contract to M. G. Nease, 25 timbermen, representing a majority of timber owners of the county, met Monday to co-operate in an effort to prevent the carrying out of this contract."

"The contention is that the county court had no moral or legal right to enter into any such contract, inasmuch as the county is already in possession of estimates of all its timber lands within the county as is contracted as the small area cut over since would not warrant a re-estimate of all the timber lands within the county as is contemplated in the contract with Nease."

"It is charged that the price of 12 1/2 cents per acre is excessive as compared to prices paid by other counties for this class of work. The work now being done in Coos county by Dennis McCarthy is cited as an instance of this. McCarthy himself being a well known and reputable cruiser, is personally in charge of the work and hires none but cruisers whose work is entirely above criticism."

"His contract with the county calls for the payment of but five cents per acre, and the work has progressed for two years. It is said, without complaint from either the contractor or taxpayers."

"The carrying out of this contract would mean the outlay of about \$75,000—about 60 per cent of which would have to be paid by the timber interests, and at Monday's meeting it was decided to take summary action to prevent the expense."

TO CUT APPROPRIATIONS

President Wilson and Chateaux Fitzgerald in Conference.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—President Wilson conferred today with Chairman Fitzgerald, of the House appropriation committee, about cutting down appropriations.

FRESH TAPPY, 15 CTS LB. tomorrow at LEWIS' mid-week sale.

WHAT WAS DONE AT THE CITY COUNCIL PLAN TO ACT ON FRANCHISE PLAN TO STOP AUTO SPEEDING STREET WORK IS ARRANGED

City Council Decides to Hire "Sleuths" if Necessary—Children's Playground.

ED SMITH FINED.

City Recorder Butler today fined Ed Smith \$15 for violating the speed ordinance yesterday.

Steps to stop auto speeding in Marshfield were taken by the Marshfield City Council last evening.

The matter was brought up by Councilman Winkler. He said that the officers seemed to be unable to stop it and he thought it was time for the Council to take a hand in it.

Councilman Allen followed him by calling an illustration of speeding. He said that last evening when he started home for supper, Ed Smith, driving a laundry delivery auto, passed him going at a terrific speed.

City Attorney Goss announced that information had just been filed for the arrest of Smith for speeding.

Councilman Albrecht said that it was more of a private nature than the regular utility or franchise. He said that the insertion of a provision that the mains must be laid in the street, guarding the possible use of the section underneath the sidewalks, made it satisfactory to him.

Councilman Copple said that he thought it would be a good thing because it might secure competition in public service and thereby better service or lower rates on some of them.

He said that the granting of the franchise did not injure the city or impede anything because it was not exclusive, that the people did not have to use the service that the mains for it would be underground and occupy only a small space so that they would not impede anything.

He said that he thought that it would certainly be a good thing for Marshfield to grant the franchise because it would secure competition. He said that recently while in San Francisco he noticed a sign on the Call building that they were furnishing electricity for two and one-half cents per kilowatt hour.

Hugh McLain said that while he was selling coal, it might hurt his business but that he thought it would be a mighty good thing for the city to get Mr. Chandler's plant.

Mr. Albrecht said that if it would mean the reduction of the electricity rate here to seven and one-half cents per kilowatt hour, it would be especially good. He said that it would not interfere with anyone or anything and only those who wanted it need to use it.

Finally it was agreed to make the matter a special order of business and meanwhile City Attorney Goss, who drafted the ordinance, would incorporate some of the suggestions of Mr. Winkler and Allen.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Alliance will arrive tomorrow morning from Portland.

The Adeline Smith, which arrived last night, will go down the Bay tonight and probably cross out tomorrow morning early.

The Nann Smith was delayed at Bay Point and will not reach here until about 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

TWO DIVORCE SUITS.

Bandon Couples Agree to Disagree And Appeal to Courts.

COQUILLE, April 8.—The following suits for divorce have been filed at the office of the county clerk: Lillian McCue vs. D. W. McCue, both of Bandon.

Ellen Hempel vs. R. P. Hempel, both of Bandon.

EUGENE.—The damage suit brought by Marcellus M. Thomas against the City of Eugene was decided in favor of the defendant.

NORTH HEAD.—In the last two or three days the wind has attained a velocity of 60 miles an hour. At Tatoosh Island it has reached 52 miles per hour.

Worthy of note—the CHEAPEST place in TOWN FOR flour and FEED is RAINES.

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CURRY COUNTY NEWS.

Events in and Around Gold Beach as Told by The Globe.

H. S. Wooley, the promoter of Woolport, near Crescent City, is now trying to develop the copper deposits at Agnes. He and an engineer are in the field and it was stated that they would have thirty men at work soon. He claims to have a vein twenty feet wide that will run better than ten per cent.

Forest Supervisor Nelson Macduff has been in town for several days this week and has taken up with Ranger Helm the proposition of constructing a cable bridge across the Rogue River. He is also bringing the telephone line down the river from Leland, where he hopes to connect with the Southern Curry line, which will be a great convenience to the patrons of the lower line.

Our friend and neighbor C. D. Cunningham of Cherry Flat has put one over on Luther Burbank, the plant Wizard, by successfully grafting a cherry into an elder-berry stock. But "Oh, what will the harvest be?"

CURRY HAS OLD PIONEER.

A Coos Bay paper of recent date contained an account of the birthday anniversary of Captain Holland, whom it was claimed is the oldest living white child born in Coos county, having been born near Myrtle Point fifty-three years ago.

Mrs. F. A. Stewart was born at Port Orford, where she now resides, July 3, 1857. Thus she is a native of Curry county nearly three years longer than Captain Holland is of Coos.—Port Orford Tribune.

Council Takes Steps for South Tenth and Johnson Avenue Work.

The Marshfield City Council last evening adopted plans and specifications for about \$27,000 worth of street improvements to be done in South Marshfield.

The first one was of South Tenth street, which C. I. Regard urged the hastening of. This calls for grading from Ingersoll to 87 feet south of Johnson, then 340 feet of elevated roadway and then grading from there to the south line of the city limits. The street is to be planked and sidewalks and curb put in. The total estimated cost is \$10,920.84.

The Reynolds Development Company will continue the improvement for a considerable distance through First Addition from the termination of the street.

The next street on which plans and specifications were adopted was Johnson avenue from Second to Tenth streets. Some of it is to be hard paving. In his estimate, City Engineer Gidley divided the project, the section from Second to Seventh costing \$11,633.95, and the section from Seventh to Tenth about \$5780.

Eleventh street was brought up and as Councilman Allen started to read the specifications, it was recalled that they had been read before and the next action could not be taken until after the notices of intention had been posted a specified time.

Pay for North Cedar Street.

The Council after a brief discussion last evening ordered the City Attorney to draft an ordinance providing for the payment of Contractor Hugh McLain about \$3000 which is still due him on the old North Cedar street (now North Broadway) job which he completed about four years ago. There is a wrangle over the ownership of the property and conflicting surveys and an error in the assessment, requiring a re-assessment. Owing to the conflict of ownership claims, the city has been unable to collect it. Two years ago, McLain was given warrants so that he could get interest on his money. However, he is drawing but six per cent and he says he has to pay eight per cent. He said that he had never sued or been sued in Marshfield and he didn't want to start in now but he was compelled to do something.

City Attorney Goss said that the matter had been dragging because of efforts to settle the matter without going into expensive litigation. He said that the parties involved had agreed two or three times to settle it but had finally backed out.

Furthermore he said that L. L. Farrin, who was fighting the assessment, was City Attorney when the assessment was made and knew of the errors he made in it which might make litigation difficult. However, he said that he was going to insist on something being done soon but there still might be a long delay.

The Council agreed that Mr. McLain had waited long enough and that as the city would have to bear the brunt of it anyway, they might just as well pay Mr. McLain and get the money from the assessment by litigation or otherwise as soon as possible.

Other Street Work.

The Council passed an ordinance vacating a strip six feet wide along South Fourth street from Elrod to Golden. The street by a mix-up in the old plats is 86 feet wide and to make it uniform the strip was vacated. I. S. Kaufman, A. E. Seaman, M. C. Horton and other owners of abutting property will get the strip that is vacated.

Plans and specifications for improving South Seventh street from Ingersoll to Johnson were ordered prepared on request of Duncan Ferguson in behalf of the property owners there.

Upon request of City Attorney Goss, the council instructed City Recorder Butler to purchase several legal works for the city.

The council adjourned to meet next Monday night.

FERRY SERVICE CHANGE URGED

City Council Takes Matter up With County Commissioners Today.

Councilmen Albrecht and Allen went to Coquille today to take up with the Coos County Commissioners the matter of changing the Marshfield-Eastside ferry service from its present route to the Mill Slough-Isthmus Inlet route.

The Commissioners are in session and were to have opened the bids on repairing the old long wharf from Eastside to the present ferry landing. While final action will not probably be taken today, it is expected that the Commissioners will announce their view of the matter.

Petitions for the change were presented to the Council last evening.

McAllister Gets Time.

Attorney Arrested in Marshfield Appeals to Supreme Court.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—J. McAllister, convicted of a scandal and sentenced to one to five years in the penitentiary, has been granted until April 18 to file a writ of exceptions to rulings in his case and a transcript of evidence before the supreme court for appeal.

He had previously suggested the street from Fifth street west to the Fourth street hill, where most of the residences are located, be improved as a means of affording access to their homes but all protested against this idea.

Then it was dropped.

Johnson Avenue Matter. A petition from Wm. Abel, E. Hansen, E. E. Ferry, J. T. Bryer, J. Horsfall, F. P. Norton, L. A. Warren and the Southern Pacific company asking for a change in the grade of Johnson avenue was read. The wished the grade at Fourth street cut two feet. The improvement from Second to Eleventh.

FOURTH STREET TO GO AHEAD

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thought that the council would drop it.

Dr. Leslie urged that the best way to drop it would be to go ahead with the matter the way the council decided.

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