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ROUSING RECEPTION ACCORDED DEBATERS ON WATER QUESTION

Big Turnout at Fellowship Club Learns Many New Points on Subject

AFFIRMATIVE SIDE FINDS GREAT FAVOR

Arguments Indicate Great Need for Municipal and Modern System

Over two hundred members of the Fellowship Club and their friends heard a lively debate last night in the lecture room of the Lutheran church following the regular monthly banquet, and many new ideas as to municipal and privately owned water systems were garnered by those present. The subject was as follows: "Resolved, That the City of Marshfield should at once acquire and operate a municipal water system."

Speakers Introduced. District Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist and Councilman Carl L. Albrecht were chosen to handle the affirmative side of the question, while G. T. Treadgold, of Bandon, and W. U. Douglas spoke in the negative. President Reid introduced Attorney C. R. Peck as chairman and toastmaster of the evening in a neat talk, and Toastmaster Peck made the announcement that a quartet composed of Rev. Burkhardt, W. A. Reid, L. W. Traver and W. L. Robertson wished to render a ditty, which they did as follows:

Swan Song Sung. "Says the mayor, to the town, Oh, what'll you have to drink? For me, a glass of soda pop; The water's full of ink."

Then the council took it up And began to investigate. The commission, too, took it up, To get things in better shape.

"For Joe to build a res-er-voir Without increase of revenue Would be an awful shame.

"Say the papers to the public, This will double our water rate, And this sad news has left our nerves In a badly shattered state.

"Something surely must be done, And done without delay; So do please tell us now Just all you have to say."

Chanty Is Applauded. This song was sung similar to a chanty and brought down the house, which applauded wildly for more, and the quartet responded with the following verse:

"Dear Cassius, here, seemed to think 'Twould be best to talk it over; It would help us to decide Were it wise to take it over."

Chairman Peck then introduced District Attorney Liljeqvist as the first speaker on the affirmative side of the question to be debated.

Liljeqvist Starts Debate. "It is with a good deal of trepidation that I commence the debate on a subject of such moment to Marshfield," he said, "and it is not because I have any special knowledge of the local situation. It is difficult to argue on a question of such short notice and in the space of twenty minutes allowed it can be handled in a brief way only."

"The assessed valuation of Marshfield is said to be a little over \$22,000,000 and the city charter provides for the creation of a debt of not more than five per cent of the total valuation. I believe the city has an indebtedness now of \$50,000, which leaves only \$75,000 more to bring it up to the limit. The city would have to amend its charter to create a larger bonded indebtedness."

City Has the Power. "The city has the power to operate a competing water plant with the private system, or it can condemn the property of the Coos Bay Water company. Marshfield does not have to purchase the water supply of the company if it does not want to, for the reason that it is a privately owned concern."

"If you will study the records of law suits in the United States you find that every economic problem has ultimately gone into the courts for solution. The acquiring of every water system or its proper regulation has ended in the courts and a consensus of opinion of the judicial bodies is that municipal ownership of water systems is the only solution of the difficulty. This is the conclusion of the supreme courts of the state and the United States Supreme Court."

Health Is Important. "The water system of any city is closely linked with the health of the public, the same as the proper construction of sewers, paving and other city improvements. The health of the public depends on the purity of the water systems. The question is, how are the best interests of the citizens going to be safeguarded?"

"Every city has come to that point where it is necessary to take over the"

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HOLLISTER TO BE CANDIDATE

Prominent North Bend Banker and Lawyer to Run for Congress

Frederick Hollister, member of the North Bend City Council, lawyer, banker and capitalist, today announced that he would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in this district next May.

The announcement came somewhat as a surprise but met with approval from Mr. Hollister's many friends. His decision was reached after talking with many friends and consulting supporters in Lane, Douglas, Coos and other counties in this district.

Mr. Hollister will make his campaign on the fact that the coast district is entitled to the place, the harbors of Curry County, Bandon, Coos Bay, Umpqua, Stuslaw and others in this district needing a man to represent them who is familiar with the coast and its requirements.

He has received assurances of support from Robert G. Smith of Grants Pass, who was talked of as the Democratic candidate and who made the race a few years ago.

Judge Hall was also talked of but decided not to enter the race. John D. Goss of Marshfield is also talked of as a possible aspirant.

For the Republican nomination it is said that Congressman Hawley, B. F. Jones and Ira B. Riddle are the only avowed candidates, although L. J. Simpson of North Bend has been urged to make the race and is still considering it.

EXPECT ORDER ABOUT BRIDGE

Decision of U. S. Engineers on Type of Draw to Be Made Soon

That the decision of the United States engineers on the class of drawbridge that will be required for Coos Bay will soon be announced was the opinion that Major Jay J. Morrow expressed to North Bend men here the other day.

The Southern Pacific some time ago made request to change the type of the bridge from the swinging draw to the lift type. The Port of Coos Bay passed a resolution leaving the matter in the hands of the engineers, but expressing a preference recommending that if the lift type was decided upon that the draw be made wider and higher than the Southern Pacific proposed.

It is said that this is now the thing that is holding back the preliminary work on the bridge. Major Morrow passed it up to the Washington engineers some time ago and their final decision on it should be forthcoming soon.

PAYMENT IS UP TO NORTH BEND

Street Committee Finds Protest on Assessment for Slopes Justified

After having investigated the grounds for the protest made by property owners on Connecticut street against the special assessment of \$576.45 for the slopes in North Bend, the street committee reported to the City Council at its meeting last night and recommended that the assessment for the slopes be lifted and paid by the city.

Connecticut avenue, between Sherman and Hamilton, was ordered improved by grading at the meeting of the North Bend Council, also Florida avenue between Sherman and Sheridan.

The matter of establishing lights on Mendocino street was brought up and the City Attorney stated that the power company had informed him that the poles could not be placed until the curbs had been established.

The Council decided to lower the grade of the City Hall building down City Hall building down to the grade of the street.

COLORED WOMAN IS RE-ARRESTED

Ozella Franklin, Freed by City, May Have to Face the Grand Jury

Mrs. Ozella Franklin was locked up in the Stewart rooming house at two o'clock in one of the rooms. When Constable Cox went to get her at 3:30 o'clock, the room was empty. The police were notified and the city was combed for the fugitive, who was discovered with her husband in a restaurant, where he had taken her for something to eat. Between the husband and the law, Constable Cox is almost worn out over the Franklin case.

Freed from the city jail on the payment of \$50 of her fine and security advanced for the rest, Ozella Franklin, the colored woman, who was sentenced to fifty days or \$100 fine for shooting her husband, did not enjoy her liberty long after she was released yesterday. She was arrested again this morning by Constable Cox on a warrant sworn out by the officer, following the arrival of District Attorney Liljeqvist in the city.

Attorney R. O. Graves for the defendant, insisted on a hearing and the district attorney set the case for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in the court of Justice Penneck. The district attorney stated that the evidence as to the woman having attempted to kill her husband was too strong for the case to be handled by the city courts, and he declared a warrant should have been sworn against her in the first instance by some local officer.

The arrest of the woman today came as a surprise to Charles Franklin, the woman's husband, who has been diligently raising sufficient funds to get her out of the city jail, where she had served over a week of her sentence. The colored man, who was shot through the hand by his wife, had refused to swear out a charge against her. The fact that the woman has been re-arrested by the county authorities has rendered his earnest efforts to raise funds worse than useless, for he has paid out \$50 and is responsible for \$50 more just for the privilege of having his wife change custodians.

While there is little sympathy expressed for the woman, the remarkable exhibition of a forgiving disposition by Franklin has aroused the sympathy of a large number of people, who feel that the hard-earned money put up by Franklin to the city for his wife's release should be returned to him, if possible, since justice is going to be meted out to the woman by the county.

District Attorney Liljeqvist stated today that he would be willing to write a letter to the city council asking that the sum put up by Franklin be refunded, but he declared that under the circumstances the county was justified in bringing the woman before the grand jury. He said from what he had learned on reaching here, the evidence against Mrs. Franklin was stronger than in the case of Mrs. Cappious, who was sentenced to the state prison.

BASEBALL FUND IS IN COURT

President Kern Objects to Paying 1914 Prize Money to Bandon

Henry Kern, of North Bend, president of the Coos County Baseball League in 1913 was here today to confer with G. T. Treadgold, attorney for the Bandon baseball team, relative to awarding the \$250 prize money.

Some time ago the Bandon baseball team secured an injunction by default prohibiting President Kern from paying the prize money to any team except Bandon. Mr. Kern has taken the matter up with A. J. Sherwood, of Coquille, and is trying to have the case re-opened, saying that Bandon is not entitled to the money and that he would rather spend it in litigation that pay it out wrongfully to them.

Each of the five teams put up \$50 guarantee, making a purse of \$250 to be divided among the league leaders at the end of the season. Bandon won most of the games, but their victories were thrown out by President Kern for violating the agreement restricting the number of imported players.

The case will probably be re-opened and threshed out in court.

GOLD BEACH HUNGER. Mert Miller brought to town Friday a quantity of fresh sausage which he quickly sold to the hungry town folks at a good price.—Gold Beach Globe.

CAPPIOUS CASE BRINGS PROTEST

Opposition to Movement to Parole Woman Who Shot at Waiter Parkinson

A movement to secure a parole for Mrs. Walter Cappious, who was taken to Salem last week to begin an indeterminate sentence of six months to ten years for shooting Waiter Parkinson at the Right Cafe here, will probably meet with strong opposition. District Attorney Liljeqvist, who was here today, said that the revelations made by Mrs. Cappious, who pleaded guilty to the indictment and asked the clemency of the court were of such a nature that Judge Coke, in pronouncing sentence, roundly censured Mrs. Cappious and Parkinson. Charges that Mrs. Cappious made against Parkinson were laid before the grand jury, but the witnesses that she named were called and failed to verify her charges.

It is said that Sheriff Gage has given assistance to the parole movement for her, but it is understood that Judge Coke, District Attorney Liljeqvist and other officials will oppose any parole for the woman at this time.

Mrs. Cappious lived on Commercial avenue between Third and Fourth streets. Her husband, who has been employed at the McDonald & camp, went to Salem with her.

Mr. Liljeqvist is opposed to any clemency being shown in such aggravated cases as the Cappious case, as he says it breeds contempt for the law and increases the amount of crime. He says that a number of crimes are directly traceable to a shooting case here a few years ago in which the woman was freed by the jury.

Report is Scored. The report brought back by Si Noah about the sympathy that Mrs. Cappious tried to gain along the route to Salem has aroused the local officers who are familiar with Mrs. Cappious. They say that she is one of the few individuals who are not deserving of sympathy and they think that her illness along the route was feigned the same as her pretended accident before being taken from her home to Salem.

Much of the evidence along this line has been laid before Judge Coke.

When he sentenced Mrs. Cappious, he expressed regret that he should have to sentence a woman to the penitentiary, but after hearing the woman's own confession of her wrongdoing, he said that he felt certain that the penitentiary was built for individuals of her class.

As to her claim of ill health, it is pointed out that if she is ailing, the state prison has special quarters where she will receive the best of treatment.

BANDON WATER SYSTEM PLANS

GEORGE LAIRD SAYS PLAN FOR HIGHER RATES AWAITS ACTION BY COUNCIL—SAY PLANT IS WORTH \$46,000.

George Laird, manager of the Bandon Water Company and his attorney, Geo. T. Treadgold, were in town yesterday consulting with Attorney C. R. Peck over the Bandon Water Company situation. Explaining the situation, Mr. Laird said: "Engineers Corey and Sandberg have now filed their appraisal of the Bandon Water Company and they find the plant is worth over \$46,000. The company has already offered to sell to the city for \$49,500, so there is a difference of about \$3000 between our selling price and the value as determined by the agents of the city."

"The idea of obtaining this appraisal was to see whether the Council would be justified in calling an election to vote on the question of purchasing at our price. The matter will come before the Council next Wednesday night for decision."

"We had expected to start proceedings with the Railway Commission asking for an increase of rates before this time and our attorney has already been to Salem for that purpose. However, in view of the possibility of a purchase of the plant by the city, we have decided to await the decision of the Council on the question of calling the election."

"One thing is sure—if the people expect a considerable expenditure in extensions and betterments, we must have higher rates, and we believe that the Railway Commission will agree with us."

RAILROAD DROPS 126 MEN FOR DRINKING

ENTIRE MAIL FOR COOS BAY CITIES HAS ARRIVED HERE

MUCH LUMBER GOES ADRIFT

Alliance Passes Through Large Quantities After Storm—Sails Today

VESSELS CROSS OUT. The steamer Redondo, which has been held in the harbor since Sunday morning, crossed out today at 12 o'clock for San Francisco.

The steam schooner Adeline Smith, which arrived in the harbor Monday morning, crossed out over the bar today in company with the Redondo with a cargo of lumber for San Francisco.

The steamer Alliance, which steamed for the mouth of the harbor at 10 o'clock today, crossed out at 1 o'clock for Eureka.

The steamer Breakwater, due to leave the Columbia for Coos Bay this morning, had not crossed out for the trip down the coast up to noon today.

Great quantities of lumber adrift off the coast of Oregon were sighted by the passengers and crew of the steamer Alliance, Captain Gus Lofstedt, on her way down the coast and the evidences were that more than one steam schooner or sailing vessel had lost her deckload of lumber during the hurricanes of last Sunday.

"I never saw so much lumber floating on the coast," said Captain Lofstedt, "but there was no indication of any vessel having got into trouble. The steamer Congress was the only vessel we spoke on the way down and she had sighted no derelicts. We kept about ten miles off shore and although we could see the surf quite clearly no vessels were seen in trouble and I don't think any craft was seriously damaged in the storm."

"When we passed out of the Columbia the sea was smooth and the bar breakers were conspicuous by their absence. The wind was not blowing more than six miles an hour. The glass was down a little, but not enough to indicate the storm which we ran into after passing Tillamook Head."

Captain Lofstedt was told about the schooner Louise, which cleared from the Umpqua half an hour before the storm arrived, having her sails carried away. The Alliance skipper is an experienced sailing ship navigator and has sailed all over the world, and therefore knows about what the Louise had to stand. He said that since she had not been seen it was very evident that she had made a good offing and was all right.

The Alliance left her dock at Marshfield this morning at 11 o'clock for the lower harbor to await an opportunity to get over the bar for Eureka. She took on the following passengers at this point:

W. D. Hitchinson, W. Heitstman, George W. Smith, Joe Matkovyer, Ed Gillespie, Mrs. Marta Sandal, J. G. Blaine, Charles B. McDuffee, Miss Lucilla Moore, Charles Jaehning and R. Woolridge.

ELKS TO TALK CLUB ROOMS

Will Probably Decide Tonight—Propose Absorption of Millicoma Club

The Marshfield Elks Lodge will meet this evening and will probably take definite action towards securing a hall of their own and fitting it up with club rooms, etc. It is likely that a special committee, which has been at work on the proposition, will report on the matter.

The plan is to lease a hall for a period of years, probably five, and fit it up with card, billiard and entertainment parlors and also have a ball room. It is likely that arrangements will be made with parties who are figuring on erecting new business blocks this summer to add a second or third story for the special quarters for the Elks.

Some of the men who are members of the Elks and also members of the Millicoma Club are urging that in case the Elks decide to fit up club rooms that arrangements be made for absorbing the Millicoma Club. The majority of the members of the Millicoma Club, it is said, are Elks and the one club would serve both purposes. Whether anything definite will develop along this line will probably be determined soon.

Wires Still Down from Recent Hurricane Except at Marconi Station

WARNINGS OF STORM SAVED COAST VESSELS

Reports Arriving From Outside Are That Damage Along Coast is Slight

After much confusion and delay because of washouts on the Coos Bay wagon road, and the big task of carrying the mails and papers through a section of forest where huge trees were knocked down by the recent storms, the entire mail from the outside arrived in the city this morning right up to the minute.

Those who have been blaming the delayed mail for a thousand and one things will have to await another storm, while those who received their delayed mail are taking a day off to look over the heaps and piles of letters and newspapers which came in this morning in huge quantities.

Wires Still Down. The Western Union wires were still cut of commission at a late hour this afternoon and the numerous breaks in the line are being gone over and repaired as quickly as possible. Just how long it will be before communication is re-established with the United States is uncertain, but hope is held out that it will be by tomorrow or the next day at the latest.

The long distance telephone wires are still down with the exception of the line to Bandon and large gangs of men are working seeking the breaks and joining them as quickly as possible. The lines may all be ready by tomorrow or they may not. It all depends on the amount of damage discovered as the work progresses.

Wireless Is Working. The Marconi wireless station on the hill is the only means of communication with the outside, either by way of Cape Blanco or North Head. Latest reports regarding the aftermath of the big storm still show that the damage to shipping was very small, and the miraculous escape of the big fleet of craft operating on the coast is due largely to the wireless service.

Warnings Save Vessels. With the arrival of the mail from the outside it has been learned that the barometer and the wireless plants were largely responsible for the little damage to vessels. The storm came up from the tropics and struck Santa Barbara first on this coast. The resort town is near Point Conception, which juts out into the ocean, and the hurricane swept from that point clear up the coast to Tatoosh Island, at the entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca. At the latter point it reached a velocity of not much more than fifty miles an hour.

Starts At Conception. Santa Barbara was shut out from the outside world similarly to Coos Bay, but the big seaports suffered little damage, because the barometer readings heralded the hurricane and everything was made snug for it. Dozens of vessels ready to go to sea stayed inside when the bottom dropped out of the glass, and this was also a reason for the little damage sustained to shipping.

Looking at it from all angles, the worst of the hurricane was from Cape Blanco up to Tillamook Head, and Cape Arago got the full benefit of the storm center.

ADVANCE RATE CASE IS HEARD

Manufacturers Say With Duty Off on Tile and Clay Increase is Unjust

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—The hearings in the Eastern advance rate case by the Interstate Commerce Commission today, were confined to tile, brick and clay. The manufacturers urged that with the duty off these goods they could not stand any advance in rates.

CHANGES ON S. P.

Transfer of Calvin to Oregon Short Line Affects Many.

The Eugene Register says: A general rumor exists among Southern Pacific trainmen that L. R. Fields, district superintendent, is to be promoted to the place of D. W. Campbell, general superintendent, who in turn is expected to step into the position of general manager in San Francisco. This position, now held by W. R. Scott, is expected to be made empty when the latter takes the vice-presidency left by E. E. Calvin, who goes to the Oregon Short Line.

NORTH BEND CONCERT BAND DANCE, ECKHOFF HALL, JAN. 31.