

# MUCH BUSINESS FOR CITY DADS

## North Bend Council Expedites Matters—Talk Commission Government—Tax Levy

Substitution of the commission form of government for the present city officers system was broached for the first time on the North Bend Council last evening, discussed briefly and left without action. But in doing so, the seed was sown and Councilman Hollister declared there would be more reference made to the matter and an investigation begun of the system.

That government of the city affairs should be in the hands of competent business men under whose personal supervision the expenditure of the city would be made was the belief of Mr. Hollister. He was prompted in his suggestion by the annual tax levy of 14 mills. With the city a corporation managing stock worth more than a million and a half dollars business men of sound judgment should have its control he believed.

"Outside of a city government we would never think of putting this much business in the hands of a body of men and let them do as they please," the speaker continued. "And very often the best business men are too busy to take positions on the Council."

In La-Grande the city business manager has been a success, said the Councilman, and in 400 cities of the United States it has been tried out successfully. He declared such a government would be a saving of \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year to the city of North Bend.

But to this City Attorney Derbyshire declared the entire 10 mill tax for city maintenance would be eaten up with salaries. "You would have to pay a city manager at least \$2500 and this in addition to the present police officers and the rest of them. We're too small for such a government."

### Paving in Muddle.

Whether or not the city has the legal right to make a paving contract with the Warren Construction Company for the paving of Sherman avenue was a question submitted by the company, asking a decision before proceeding with the work. And though the matter of street paving was thought settled, it is now far from that and at this juncture the paving company may either take the contract or leave it.

Failure to publish the notice of street improvement three times is enough to invalidate the contract, thought City Attorney Derbyshire, and it is thought that a new contract will have to be made and the entire procedure repeated.

### Caucus and Election

Wednesday, November 25, is the date set for the caucus meeting for the nomination of city officers to be elected at the city election on December 8. The caucus will be held in the Gunn building and City Recorder Mabee was instructed to issue the printed notices.

Judges for the election will be J. W. Grout, J. T. McGuire and I. L. Weir, and the clerks: J. G. Mullen, A. E. Warren and J. P. Brand. There are to be elected a

Mayor, City Recorder, Treasurer and three Councilmen.

For payment of the annual interest on the city bonds and the provision of a sinking fund for the redemption of the city's debt a tax of four mills on the dollar was levied by ordinance and a second one for a ten mill tax for general municipal purposes.

Bond for payment of unpaid street assessments on Oregon and Liberty streets were issued to the extent of \$4,431.38.

Walks on Sutherland street between Oregon and Ohio streets are necessary, deemed the Council, and notices will be posted for cement sidewalks there at least six feet wide, eight feet from the property line and parallel with it and with at least fourteen feet between the outer line of the curb to the property line.

### No Money for Band.

Petitions of the North Bend High School, submitted by Superintendent Raab, that they be allowed \$25 monthly for the hiring of a band instructor was disallowed on the grounds that the city has reached the limit of its warrant validity.

### To Put In Sidewalks.

Instructions will be issued to J. W. Grout to go ahead with the laying of 150 feet of cement sidewalk on Liberty and Maryland streets and to charge the same to the abutting property owners. A clause in the charter allows the Council to order sidewalk bordering all streets that are graded.

On Sherman avenue from California to Simpson Park a cement sidewalk will also be laid. Notices will be posted and the work taken up at the expiration of the time. The Council then adjourned for two weeks.

### MAY BE "KEPT IN" AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

Attorney General Crawford in Reply to Query States That School Board Has Discretionary Powers.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 11.—In a reply to a query from R. G. Dykstra, principal of the Buena Vista school, Attorney General Crawford held in an opinion that it was lawful to keep pupils in "after school" for any reason, although the statutes provide that school shall be kept between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Two children were kept after school at Buena Vista, and their mothers, after looking up the law decided there was no legal authority for the action of the teacher. Accordingly, they took their children home.

Attorney General Crawford held that school hours can be regulated reasonably to suit the needs of a school, and that it is only necessary for the directors to back up the teacher. He declared that it was the intention of the school laws to invest in the school board discretionary powers as to hours and other matters.

### PRISONERS OF WAR

Official figures issued by the German War Department under date of October 21, show the following prisoners of war assigned to the various detention camps:

Officers.	Men.
French	2,472
Russian	2,164
Belgians	547
English	218
	5,401

This does not include those en route from the front.

# RAGGING WITHOUT TRIMMINGS EDICT

## Public Dances Too Much Like Bowery Say North Bend Councilmen

No more the Polly-Wog Wiggle, the Broadway Tumble and the Casino Crawl for North Bend swains and swainsesses. No more will the light-footed youths clasp the lady of their choice in his arms while in the embrace they travel the Max-style in North Bend public dance halls. The edict has gone forth that hereafter all such dances will be censured; a stern minion of the law shall station himself in observing corners and there in an official manner watch the proceedings of when "youth and pleasure meet to chase glowing hours with flying feet."

Any infringement on the strict etiquette of dancing will hereafter call forth an immediate rebuke and if not immediately stopped the hall shall be closed. Such are the instructions given by the North Bend Council last evening to Chief of Police Anderson.

"Dances here are getting to be rotten," declared Councilman H. G. Kern, and the ban has been passed. One at a time until they all joined in a unanimous protest against the license allowed in the dances the Councilmen spoke strongly in favor of an ordinance ruling rigidly on the manner of treading the "light fantastic," but City Attorney Derbyshire believed—instructions to the police and subsequently the dance-hall managers would have as much effect and the ordinance was not drafted.

### Dances Rival Bowery.

"Just like the Bowery," declared Councilman Kern. "And the way they rag is a caution," interpolated Councilman Falkenstein, and the exclamations of all were drowned out with an "I told you so" of Councilman Loggie. Last Spring Mr. Loggie expressed his belief that couples should be forced to dance a certain distance apart. He was laughed down at the time but persisted in his belief.

"There are 7000 separate ways to rag," informed Councilman Bartle, some forms of which he classed as "naughty" and others as highly artistic. "Last year all rags were tabooed in Marshfield," the Councilman continued, "but this year they are all the rage over there, but there's a big difference in the way they are danced," and here followed a discussion as to the relative merits of ragging, which discussion ended at about the 57th variety with most of the city fathers out of breath.

All proprietors of public dance-halls will be notified at once of the Council's wish and any stepping over the bounds of decency will not be tolerated or the hall shall be immediately closed. Not only were dancers of North Bend held to blame but those of Marshfield received their share as well and henceforth the morals of all will be religiously watched and cared for.

DR. H. E. KELTY, DENTIST—Phone 112-J, Room 204, Coke Bldg.

# ECONOMY GOVERNS COUNTY BUDGET

## Estimated at Trifle Less Than Last Year—Saving of Appropriations Made

That the new annual budget for Coos county will be less than that of last year is the declaration of Judge Hall, who returned last evening from the county seat, where he has been in session with the county commissioners preparing the expenses for the coming year.

Here and there through the list of expenses the board shaved the sums, in some places cutting expenditures practically in half, while others were raised in a somewhat similar proportion, but when the entire amount is footed up, it is believed that it will not exceed \$700,000. The tax levy of last year was twenty-one mills and this too may receive a small reduction, though this will depend greatly on what the state apportionment may be adjudged.

One-third was added to the cost of the circuit court for this year. The last appropriation was for \$10,000, but the new one of yesterday brings the amount up to \$15,000 as it was found that this year the court has already cost the county close to \$13,000.

In the county court there was a surplus of \$30 and this appropriation was again fixed at \$3,000.

No raise was made in the Poor Farm budget, but the Widow's Pension cost has gone up from \$10,000 to \$12,000 for the year.

Roads will cause no extra expense to Coos county for this year, the amount given to this department remaining the same as that of last year, but the office of county treasurer was increased \$1000 over the present amount of \$5000 which is being spent.

Perhaps the greatest cut of the entire budget was the shaving of the estimated cost of preparing tax summaries. For last year this single department mounted up to \$11,000, altogether too much, thought the county court, and this year there was but \$6000 appropriated for this work. This item was singled out in the hope that the state legislature would in some way abate the present law and cut down the present required expenditure in publishing the tax summaries.

Twice this budget must be published, once twenty days before the hearing on the budget, which is set for December 28 at Coquille, and the second time ten days previous to the hearing.

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL

Union Bible Class Organized in First Addition With 35 Members

Last Sunday afternoon Rev. Samuel Gregg and Rev. A. F. Bassford organized a union Bible class at Eastport. There was a very encouraging showing, something like 35 students being enrolled, although the meeting was called upon short notice. The following officers were elected: Superintendent, C. O. Gosney; assistant superintendent, Mrs. J. E. Yake; secretary, Mrs. C. O. Gosney; treasurer, Mrs. William Herndon. The school will be under the care of the local Baptist and Christian Churches. It is expected that a regular preaching service will be provided in a short while. After addresses by Revs. Gregg and Bassford, the meeting adjourned with the expectation that the enrollment would be doubled at next Sunday's session.

# BANDON SEEKS IN VAIN FOR COUNCIL

## W. C. Sellmer Third Man to Turn Down Appointment to Fill Vacancy on Council

Wanted—A duly qualified man to fill the position of Councilman for the Bandon East ward left vacant by the resignation of C. R. Moore. Three men have refused this position as being detrimental to their businesses.

The East Ward of Bandon is still represented in the Council by only two members, following the announcement of W. C. Sellmer that he will not accept the position offered to him by the Council. Sellmer is the third man to refuse to fill the unexpired term of Carl Moore resigned Councilman from the East side of the city. J. Ira Sidwell refused the position and Fred Mehl failed to qualify.

In the election the names of Nels Rasmussen, E. Henry and Wm. Sellmer were voted on, the later receiving the necessary majority on the second ballot.—Bandon Recorder.

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# LEVY FOUR MILL TAX SAYS PORT

## Special Meeting Called for Next Monday—Pass Ordinance Raising Interest

To pass an ordinance levying a tax of four mills on all assessed property within the jurisdiction of the Port of Coos Bay is the purpose of a special meeting of the Port Commission called for next Monday morning.

With outstanding bonds of \$600,000 for work on Coos Bay the annual interest on this sum is practically \$30,000, all of which must each year be raised by special assessment. The entire valuation of property coming under the taxable head is close to \$9,000,000 and takes in country far up Coos River and the various Inlet of the Bay.

At the last meeting of the Port Commission held on Monday, the members decided that all property on the Mill Slough fill, the owners of which have not yet paid their assessments, will be recorded by November 15. Before the big project was undertaken owners of land included with the fill district made an agreement with the Port for the payment of the necessary expense at the close of the work, which has long since been completed.

# TO FINISH FILL BY SATURDAY NIGHT

## Pine Street Project Nears Completion—Approximately 100,000 Yards Filled

Filling of the low land section bordering Pine avenue and south of the stove mill will be completed by Saturday night, is the statement of Superintendent Miller, of the Puget Sound Dredging Company.

Working day and night the big dredger for eight days has been pumping at the rate of 10,000 cubic yards every 24 hours. From its station in the channel a short distance below the stove mill this entire amount of dredging has been carried through one pipe across the plank road and there the pipe divides into two sections, the longer of which follows out to the hillside and bordering this, to the far end of the project. The second switch is but a short one and follows the road.

Over this entire area comprising dozen of acres of land approximately 100,000 cubic yards of fill will have been made by the end of the week, barring all accidents and delays. This will mean a covering layer of between three and seven feet and the redemption of land hitherto often covered with tide waters.

One hundred men are in this crew that works night and day, this number being divided into shifts. Following the completion of this project the pipeline of the dredge will be moved farther north and a fill made on the Kinney property below the stove mill.

And as the dredging goes on the channel is being scooped to a depth of 25 feet and to a width of 300 feet. In but few places have they found the channel filling in, is the declaration of Mr. Miller. The cost to the port for the dredging of the Seattle for the month of October was more than \$29,000. The present project is being done under a contract price of 15 cents per cubic yard.



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**COOS COUNTY ACCIDENTS.**

Large Number Reported in Oregon Last Week.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 11.—Sixty-three accidents, one of them fatal, were reported during last week to Labor Commissioner Hoff. The fatal accident occurred near Glover, where J. W. Hooper was killed by a train. Railroad accidents were the most numerous, nineteen persons being injured in the employment of the lines. There were several accidents to employees of the lumber concerns, and thirteen were hurt while at work in paper mills. The list of Coos county accidents follows:

Frank Hunt, Marshfield, leg bruised, sawmill.

Fred Grinolds, Marshfield, finger nail lost, sawmill.

C. Pattage, Marshfield, skull fractured, dock.

G. Clemet, Marshfield, eye injured, paper mill.

Annie Ruotsalainen, Marshfield, eye injured, paper mill.

**FEAR GLENADA TROUBLE.**

County officials are anticipating considerable difficulty as a result of the "wet" vote in the town of Glenada on the Stinlaw River. It has always been difficult to control bootlegging in this territory, largely because of the inaccessibility of the district, and with a legal oasis in the center the problem will be increased. It can only last a year, however, for the "wet" election cannot take effect until January 1, and will be nullified the following January by the recent statewide prohibition vote. J. M. Devers, district attorney, states that the county has several good officers, including justices of the peace and deputy sheriffs in that vicinity who will help enforce the law.—Eugene Guard.

**STATE RESOURCES**

Western Governors Want to End Federal Absorption of Them

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 11.—The day's conference of Western Governors was set aside for consideration of state control of natural resources. Governor Spry, of Utah, in an address, said there was a feeling in the newer states that Federal control of natural resources places them at a disadvantage with the older states.

# Announcement

## By Request

Owing to the overwhelming inquiries from all parts of Coos County as to when this sale will end and requests from many of our Marshfield and North Bend patrons that we continue the

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