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COMMUNITY HEALTH.

THE action taken at the recent meeting in this city by the Coos and Curry Medical Association in inaugurating a movement for an official and careful inspection of meat and milk is one to be commended.

In a broad, general sense the establishing of sanitary conditions is one of the most useful functions of local government, but there are many practices and habits in violation of the laws of sanitation that can not be reached in any other way than through public education.

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING.

Do all the good you can and make as little fuss as possible about it.—Charles Dickens.

Give some Coos Bay people their pick and they'll proceed to pick flaws.

He who thinks only of himself has very little to think about.

You cannot help a Coos Bay woman's disposition by putting ruffles on her temper.

All the best of us know something; all of us combined do not know everything that is to be known.

Sometimes a foolish theory will cause quite a ripple on the ocean of fact.

The day has passed when one can pretend to know things. People want to be shown.

Marriage is sure to be a failure if he rocks the boat while she rocks the cradle.

PLANS TO BEAUTIFY MARSHFIELD MADE

Wm. Grimes Contributes \$25 and Committee is Named— Reception at Millicoma

At a meeting of the ladies' auxiliary of the Chamber of Commerce, held Saturday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, the following committees were named in connection with the reception to be given by these aforesaid mentioned bodies at the Millicoma Club on the evening of February 19:

Refreshment—Mrs. E. E. Straw, chairman, Mrs. A. T. Haines, Mrs. W. A. Reid, Mrs. E. O'Connell, Mrs. W. A. Toye, Mrs. J. A. Matson, Mrs. Wm. Grimes, Mrs. Harry Naaburg, Mrs. W. S. Nicholson, Mrs. Ward M. Blake, Mrs. R. M. Jennings and Miss Blatt.

Entertainment—Mrs. G. W. Kaufman, chairman, Mrs. C. R. Peck, Mrs. J. H. Flanagan, Mr. T. T. Bennett and Mr. J. Albert Matson.

To Beautify City.

At the request of Col. Wm. Grimes, who is deeply interested in the beautification of Marshfield and who has contributed \$25 to the Ladies' Art Club in their "clean-up" campaign, a committee of three was appointed to meet with the delegates of other societies and clubs at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

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JINX HOVERS OVER BASKET BALL CAMP

High School Loses to Bandon—Independents to Coquille Five on Saturday

The "jinx of hard luck" came flying and perched on the standards of both the Marshfield High School team and the Independents quintet on Saturday night. Both aggregations returned yesterday with their colors trampled underfoot but with the confident spirit of "just wait until the next time."

At Bandon the Marshfield High School was defeated 19 to 14 and at Coquille the Independents lost out 29 to 17 after a hard fought game against the heavy odds of a disorganized team.

The high school five broke even on their Coquille Valley trip, winning their game at Myrtle Point. Coach Niles states that their next three games will be played on the local floor, taking on Myrtle Point, Coquille and Bandon in succession. It is this fact that makes him confident that Marshfield will prove herself victorious and wreathe the county championship from Coquille which now heads the percentage column.

A slippery dance floor at Bandon aided considerably in making the struggle at Bandon a hard one on Saturday evening, according to the players who returned yesterday afternoon. They believe that on the home floor there will be a different story to tell. The players who made the trip were Burrows, Waters and Lecco, forwards; Seaman, center, Hunter, McDonald and Chapman, guards.

The Independents at Coquille were considerably disorganized. Otis, star forward, was unable to make the trip and on Friday evening in practice, Ben Fisher, center, twisted his ankle and did not enter the game until the close of the first half, when the score stood 19 to 6 in favor of Coquille. When the change was made Silverman went out from forward and "Breakwater" Landers shifted to that berth allowing Fisher to come in at center.

The lineup of the Marshfield and Coquille Independents was:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Position. Marshfield: Pos. Coquille. Silverman, Landers, Mast Niles, Oerding. Forwards: Landers, Fisher, K. Leslie, Center. Buffington, Oerding, Morrow, Avery, Guard.

STATEMENT IN PETITIONS FALSE

Allegation That Commissioner Armstrong Acted in Double Capacity Untrue

Commissioner T. J. Armstrong is a visitor in Marshfield today on official county business. Regarding the petitions recently brought out, alleging that Commissioner Armstrong was acting as foreman for contractors at the same time that he was serving the county, Commissioner Armstrong says that the allegations are absolutely and unqualifiedly false. Never at any time since he has been serving the county has he acted as foreman or been employed by any contractor doing any work for the county.

He has, under direct authorization of the county court, superintended some bridge work done for the county, but this work was done by the county and the labor hired by the day. Mr. Armstrong being a practical man has been able to save the taxpayers considerable money as a result of his knowledge and experience. He has no desire to engage in a newspaper controversy, but the allegations made were so unfair that this statement of the actual facts is made in the interest of fair play.

Mr. Armstrong will be here until tomorrow.

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Assessor T. J. Thrift Confers With Local Men Concerning Values

Assessor T. J. Thrift was here from Coquille Saturday evening and yesterday to confer with local men relative to the 1915 assessment. Mr. Thrift is still in doubt as to the basis to be used in the valuations this year and before adopting a fixed schedule wished to get the views of some of the leading men in the county.

Mr. Thrift says that last year, the town lots paid 42 per cent of the taxes in Coos County, while the timberland paid only 38 per cent. This left 20 per cent for the farm lands and moneys and credits and personal property to pay. He does not think that this is hardly a fair ratio.

Mr. Thrift holds that the timberlands should bear a large portion of the tax and will probably base his assessments accordingly. Last year the county board of equalization reduced some of the timber assessments.

Last Wednesday, a conference was held at Coquille which Mr. Thrift, Judge-elect Watson and County Clerk Watson, who compose the board of equalization, W. J. Conrad of the Coos County Board of Equalization, A. E. Adelsperger of the C. A. Smith Timber Company, and others interested in timber, were present. Mr. Conrad is protesting vigorously against the timber assessments being increased.

Mr. Conrad wants the assessments on some of the outlying town lots advanced instead of timber being raised. He claims that if parties are plating tracts and putting them on the market at from \$200 to \$450 per lot, they should be assessed at somewhere near the price the owners are putting on the property, instead of being assessed at a very small figure so that the tax hardly pays the county's clerical expense in handling them.

Mr. Thrift says that where lots are assessed for less than \$5 apiece, the county loses money on each of them, unless one owner has a large number of lots. He says by this he means that the cost of assessing, entering them on the rolls, etc., more than equals the taxes paid. There are something over 70,000 town lots in Coos County.

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