

# READY FOR BIDS BROACH NEW ROADS

### NORTH BEND COUNCIL MODIFIES SPECIFICATIONS

#### Will Allow Use of Gravel—to Investigate Five Types of Paving—Resolution for Sewer System

Modification of paving specifications making them more liberal and allowing for the use of gravel in the place of crushed rock and the adoption of a resolution calling for sewers amounting to \$28,000 marked the special meeting of the city fathers of North Bend last evening.

Following their meeting of last week when no bids were received for the proposed paving the Council came to the conclusion that they were asking too much of the contractors. It was shown that crushed rock can be secured here only at a great expense, whereas gravel is cheaply available. This is for the wearing surface of the paving.

Now there are before the contractors five varieties of paving that they may bid on. From this the Council will, in April, select the type they think best and draw up a contract for the summer's work. The types are gravel, bitulithic, bitulithic crushed rock, rock asphalt, sheet asphalt and asphaltic concrete. In each case a five-inch base must be provided.

Bids will now be advertised for to be opened on April 27, the last meeting night of the Council in the next month.

Sherman avenue paving already contracted for to the Warren Construction Company, calls for three 400-foot blocks on Sherman avenue and three cross streets, in all 1440 feet. This is to be completed by July 1 by the terms of the contract.

#### New Sewer System.

At a previous meeting of the city fathers the question was broached of putting down sewers on Sherman avenue before the paving is done. It was thought necessary to have storm sewers running on Virginia, Washington and California streets, crossing Sherman and running down to Sheridan, there to meet the large boxes to conduct the rain water to the Bay.

On McPherson and Union avenues a sewer is necessary, they say, starting at Washington and going out as far as Simpson Park. The resolution was passed last evening and now at least 20 days must elapse before an ordinance for the improvement can be drawn and the City Engineer ordered to proceed with the plans and specifications. The time is allowed that property owners may be given a chance to protest, though it takes a three-fourths vote of those abutting the improvement to kill the measure.

#### Light Fire Truck.

A light fire truck, large enough to carry the hose and the chemical tank is asked by the North Bend Volunteer Fire Department. Such a contrivance, state the firemen, will add considerably to their efficiency and be much easier than the old method of hand carts. The matter was referred to the fire and light committee.

# FAIR IS A WONDER

### A. H. POWERS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER BIG EXPOSITION

#### Would Take 50 Days to See All of the Big Show in San Francisco, Even Hurriedly.

"It's a wonder, it would take at least 50 or 60 days to see it all, just hurriedly, too," said A. H. Powers on his return trip from the Exposition. He believes it is a marvel that no one should miss seeing. "I spent only two days on the grounds and kept moving to get even a casual glimpse of the many marvellous things that are to be seen. I have seen the Chicago and St. Louis World Fair and many other big exhibitions but San Francisco has them all beaten."

Coos County has a good exhibit but there is a woeful lack of literature, in fact I was unable to get even a single leaflet."

Business conditions are getting some better and there is much hopefulness of continued improvement.

Mr. Powers returned last night on the Adeline Smith. Albert Powers and Miss Hazel remained in San Francisco.

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### COMMITTEE OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET

#### Plan to Hard Surface Roads Between Cities of County Advanced —Reduce Expense of Upkeep

Plans covering the building of concrete roads between Coos Bay, Coquille, Bandon and Myrtle Point will be placed before the committee of roads when they meet late this afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce. The cost, roughly estimated, the tax and the results of such a project will be discussed with the idea of launching the movement on Friday night when the Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly meeting.

Figures have been produced showing that last year Coos County spent approximately \$250,000 for the building of new roads and the repairing of old ones. The concrete project, say those who have investigated the plan, would cost in the neighborhood of \$450,000, or less than half what the county spends in one year, and for a road that would be lasting.

The road committee will have placed before them the scheme that would take in only a portion of this road during each year until the whole shall have been completed.

Between Marshfield and Coquille the County Commissioners have authorized about \$20,000 to be expended this year. Several thousands have already been spent on this project and more will be needed before the highway is complete.

The permanent road is advanced as the panacea for the lack of winter traffic, all held up because of the rainy weather and the resulting muddy roads. The men who have made the investigations declare that they have worked weeks on the project, have studied it from all angles, and have reached the belief that the plan should at least be placed before the Chamber of Commerce here for a public expression.

Stewart Lyons, of the Chamber, one of those interested in the proposal, states that the building of a permanent highway would, in the end, result in a cheap road for the county and in addition increased traffic between all the towns of the entire county.

A rock road with an oil surface was considered. This was turned down on the grounds that local road building material is not of the best and that the rock will not stand the wear of heavy traffic. The plan to be advanced to the road committee, which consists of Dr. E. E. Straw, John A. Blatt, Henry Sengstacken and W. U. Douglas, is one of a four-inch concrete base, this to be covered with a layer of bitumen or some such substance.

Members declare that by taking the project in annual stages the tax raise will not be perceptible and will result in roads through the county that will mean a saving each year.

A roadway of concrete, nine feet wide has been suggested, the rest of the width to be graded out wider with a soft surface.

### FORMER COOS COUNTY SHERIFF PASSES AWAY

#### Oregon Pioneer of 1847 Dies in Portland — Was Sheriff in Coos Many Years Ago.

PORTLAND, Mar. 31.—Ensign V. Rexford, 249 East Thirty-sixth street an Oregon pioneer of 1847, died yesterday at the age of 85 years. He is survived by two sons, Peter Vernon Rexford, of Portland, and John Rexford, and three daughters, Mrs. Martha Derrick, Mrs. Hanna Lloyd and Mrs. Annie Roe. The Portland son has been unable to locate other members of the family. He believes they live near Corvallis.

Mr. Rexford was born in Canada in 1830. He had lived on a farm near Corvallis. He was a veteran of the Indian wars of 1855 and 1856 and was Sheriff of Coos County some years ago.

### NEWS OF NORTH BEND

Mrs. Robert Kitson and baby, of Eastside, spent Sunday in North Bend at the Charles Cavanaugh home.

Mrs. W. D. Simpson, of North Bend, is a guest this afternoon of her sister, Mrs. W. N. Ekblad, of Marshfield.

Captain and Mrs. E. Geo. Smith and little son, Robert McCann, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCann, of North Bend.

G. I. Vaughan, who has been making an extended stay at the McIntyre home on North Inlet, left Saturday for San Francisco, from where he will go to Japan.

# \$140,000 TAXES DUE

### COUNTY BRINGS SUIT IN SUPREME COURT FOR MONEY

#### Claim Southern Oregon Land Company Owes—Latter Await Decision on Land Ownership

Suit for \$140,000 in taxes will be brought this week in the Supreme Court against the Southern Oregon Land Company for two years taxes past due. District Attorney Liljeqvist came over this morning from Coquille on his way to Salem where he will handle the case for the county. The Southern Oregon Land Company has delayed payment of the taxes, contending that none shall be paid until a decision is granted them by the Federal Court as to whether or not they own the land involved in the government dispute.

"Coos County right now is \$99,000 in debt because these taxes are not paid," said Mr. Liljeqvist. He contends that if the company owns the land, as they claim they do, they have no excuse for withholding the payment of the taxes.

The land of the Southern Oregon Land Company was originally granted by Congress to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company. The latter became involved in court entanglements and the Southern Oregon Co. gained title through foreclosures and thereafter have held that the original grant should not be binding on them. The government on the other hand, has forced the investigation, holding vigorously to the contention that the original act of Congress covers the land no matter who claims the ownership. The Congressional act was that the land should be sold to settlers at the rate of \$2.50 an acre.

Mr. Liljeqvist is of the opinion that no decision will be granted in the tax case of the Southern Oregon Company until a decision in the Oregon-California case is received from the Supreme Court of the United States, a dispute involving many of the same principles as held in the present case. This is land granted by the government to the railroad company for the building of a line from Portland to San Francisco and later taken over by the Southern Pacific.

# WILL RESUME WORK

### TO BEGIN WORK ON RAILWAY FROM SUTHERLIN TO COOS BAY

#### Grading to be Commenced Soon by the Contractors McAllister & Son; Will Build Three Miles

SUTHERLIN, Ore., March 31.—R. M. Fox, of the local offices of the Roach Timber Company and the Sutherlin, Coos Bay and Eastern Railroad Company, arrived home recently from an extended business trip to Chicago, Muscatine, Iowa, Spokane and Tacoma, Washington, and Portland.

When seen at his office here a few days ago, Mr. Fox was most optimistic regarding the business outcome generally and especially in the lumber industry, and said he was satisfied that from now on for at least a number of years there would be a constantly increasing demand for sawmill products.

Regarding what his company contemplated doing in the Sutherlin Valley the present year, Mr. Fox said that work would be resumed on the grading for the Sutherlin, Coos Bay & Eastern Railroad just as soon as the ground is sufficiently dry to permit the handling of dirt and the line will be constructed through the timberlands just as rapidly as men and teams can do the work. It is expected the McAllister & Son, the grading contractors, will be here about the first of April to take charge of the grade construction.

The company expects to have three sawmills of approximately 100,000 feet capacity per day under construction within the next three or four months, and one or more of these mills will be located on the site recently selected two miles east of town. There is a probability that a box factory and a plant for the manufacture of sash and doors will follow in the near future.

Old Times.—In the department entitled "Twenty-five years Ago" in which The Oregonian republishes items appearing in that paper in March 1890, there appeared the other days the following two news items: "First Mate J. T. Macgenn, of the wrecking steamer Whitelaw, successfully passed a rigid examination in the United States Inspector's office and has received a license to be master of steam vessels of 500 tons or under in the coastwise trade." "The painting and cleaning of the steamship Geo. W. Elder has been finished and the vessel is now being tossed on the ocean's waves." Both sailor and vessel are still doing duty.

# TROUT FOR RIVERS

### FISHERMEN ALARMED AT SITUATION COOS FISHING

#### Coos Bay Fish and Game Protective Association Quote Figures to Show Hatchery Due This Section

A trout hatchery where the wily rainbow, the Western brook and such types may be raised for the stocking of local streams was given a substantial shove and boost at the meeting of the Coos Bay Fish and Game Protective Association held Monday evening in the Chandler Hotel. Figures showing definitely what this county pays into the state funds and receives were presented to the good attendance present.

Coos County, said the figures, in 1914, was sixth in the list of 34 counties sending license money into the treasury of the State Fish and Game Commission. But in receiving benefits Coos stood 29th in the 30 counties benefited.

From licenses this county sent in approximately \$5000, said President Dr. Dix. The fact that little has been received in return, he said, shows that something must be done. The sportsmen believe that energetic agitation on their part will mean the Fish Commission will do its part.

Approximately \$1000 would be necessary to erect a trout hatchery on Coos River, the place proposed. Two sites have already been donated. Possibly a man would have to be kept there part of the year. With these fish one stream or part of a stream at a time could be stocked. For example, one year the north fork of Coos River would be benefited, the next year the south fork and so on, until ultimately all streams of the county had received their share. This plan was thought the best, rather than to spread the annual supply out into every stream.

"A few fish were sent us last year," said Dr. Dix. "About ten years ago we received fish. Supplies coming like this do the streams little good."

The Nimrods pointed out that the number of fishermen is increasing each year; the number of fish is diminishing. That Coos and Curry Counties will one day face the situation of depleted streams unless something is done, is their belief. In all of Southwest Oregon there is not a trout hatchery, excepting the one for salmon trout on Coos River. Master Game Warden Clinton wrote some time ago that he would come here on an investigating trip. He is anxiously awaited. The Association members state their belief that relief will come this year.

### WATERFRONT NEWS

Receiving her spring overhauling and housecleaning the Rainbow is tied up at North Bend for a week. Her Coos River run is being taken by the gasoline boat Express.

From San Francisco the Adeline arrived in last evening and is loading another cargo at the Smith mill. Tomorrow morning late, the Nann Smith is scheduled to arrive in from San Francisco, sailing again on Saturday.

Not until Friday will the Carlos arrive here, according to advices received today by her agents.

The steamer Rainbow is on the Kruse & Banks dry docks undergoing repairs for the coming summer.

At six o'clock last evening the Geo. W. Elder left down for Eureka and is expected back here, leaving at 10 a. m. on Thursday for Portland. This morning the Nann Smith left out of San Francisco for Coos Bay and is scheduled to leave again for the south from here on Thursday morning according to her agents.

Another trip at least is to be made by the steam schooner Carlos. Advices from San Francisco today stated she will leave there tomorrow for Coos Bay.

The new gas schooner Ahwaneda of Newport arrived in Bandon Sunday afternoon with a miscellaneous cargo of freight and lath for local merchants. The schooner will load with the famous white cedar shingles at the Kruse mill for Newport dealers. The Ahwaneda has made the local port a number of times, but is not on a regular schedule here. The craft is about the size of the Randolph.—Bandon Word.

### TWO ACCIDENTS REPORTED

SALEM, Ore., March 31.—Forty-three accidents, none fatal, were reported to Labor Commissioner during the week. Eight of the accidents occurred in paper mills and seven in machine shops. Thirteen accidents occurred among those engaged in the sawmill or logging industries, while seven were hurt on railroads.

Only two were reported from Coos County. They were: George Lecocq, Marshfield, arm bruised, sawmill. William Wertmorland, Marshfield, foot injured, logging.

# A CONCERT SUNDAY

### BAND ANNOUNCES MUSICAL PROGRAM AND PICTURES

#### First of a Series of Entertainments to be Given at the Orpheum Next Sunday

Next Sunday afternoon at the Orpheum, the Coos Bay Concert Band will give their regular bi-monthly program. Manager Martin is determined to keep this popular organization intact, even tho the city council cut off their appropriation without warning and also refused to reconsider at their last meeting the proposal to pay at least another month's allowance in order that the Band plan ways and means for its future existence. Mr. B. R. Keller of the Orpheum suggested that the concert and matinee be merged and a charge made for the two at a single admission price. This offer has been accepted and the nominal charge of 15c will be made at the door next Sunday afternoon which will include the concert and matinee. Manager Marsden of the Noble also offered his house to the Band for the same purpose which offer has been gladly accepted by the Manager and concerts will be held bi-monthly as heretofore, the same alternating between the two Picture houses.

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