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DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

TAX LEVY 20 MILLS BID IS DISPUTED SHUT DRAIN FLUME

AND THIS RAISES \$4,000 LESS THAN THE BUDGET ESTIMATE

No Other Way Out, But To Bond Declare Councilmen—Ordinance Passed Unanimously

Twenty mills is the tax levy of Marshfield for 1916. This is an increase from the 13.5 mills of 1915, of 6.5 mills. And even at this the city fathers declared, at their meeting of last evening, that the income of the city will fall \$4,439 below the total of the budget for the new year. Prohibition means a direct loss to Marshfield's finances of \$7,500 next year, or one half of what it will be the following year. To save bonding to pay the current running expenses, the city fathers after long deliberation, declared there was no other way out, but to make the levy 20 mills.

No Protest Entered

There were no protests from property owners, though Henry Sengstacken declared there ought to be a "shaving" take place in connection with the office of City Building, Plumbing and Wiring Inspector.

Not Self Sustaining

He was told that last year this office had come within \$16 of being self sustaining! This year it has fallen quite a bit behind, because there has been little business. Mr. Sengstacken argued that the office should be combined with the duties of some other city official and cut out the office. No one appeared to get excited over the argument, though R. A. Copple declared himself in favor of the move.

City Recorder Butler held up the budget. "It reads with an estimate of \$54,639 for 1916," he said. "Now I figure that one mill brings into the city about \$2,510. The 20 mills then would make the amount to be counted on, \$50,200. We would have to shave down about \$5,000 as it is to make both ends meet, and this, providing there are no unusual expenses coming up that we do not know about now."

"Such as litigation and some more sidewalk suits," put in the City Attorney.

High Levy Scared

"Twenty mills as a tax levy works destruction in a city," declared Mr. Copple. "We can offer no inducement here to investors. We cut off any margin of profit they might hope to make, even before they start with such a levy as this, how can we expect to increase our boundaries? How can we hope to bring Bunker Hill, or Eastport into the city limits? It can't be done. That's all."

"Three years ago," he continued, "I bucked against a 10 mill levy. The next year it went up to 13.5 mills and now it soars again."

Expenses Not Decreasing

"Our expenses haven't increased materially," put in Duncan Ferguson. "What we are adding now to the levy is only about enough to make up what we are losing from the saloons."

The ordinance providing for the levy was read by Mr. Butler. Mr. Copple suggested that the levy be made 18 1-2 mills.

"It couldn't carry you through," declared John Butler.

Stands for Low Levy

But Mr. Copple stood by his guns for a low tax levy. "The budget estimates \$4,000 for the city engineer's office. The five percent charged improvements for engineering fees it seems to me ought to cover that amount."

Again the Building Inspector's job was kicked back into the arena from the sidelines where it has sneaked during the 20 mill discussion.

"Cut it out," said Harry J. Kimball.

"If you do, you're going to be raised in your insurance rates," put in George E. Cook.

"Just change the office to other hands is all," declared Mr. Sengstacken, and the Building Inspector's job, battle scarred and almost winded limped off to the sidelines again, and the 20 mill ordinance was passed unanimously.

GOOD TIME TO BUY

The Salem Capital-Journal says: "Now is the time to buy real estate," said a prominent member of the fraternity today. "Too many persons have bought on a rising market, instead of taking advantage of present conditions, when positive bargains may be secured." Property has not decreased in value, said the same authority on the real estate situation, but in many cases where owners are crowded with debts or mortgages, they are making great sacrifices, and right now investors can pick up some very desirable bargains. The general opinion among those who know real estate values, is that there has never been a better time for investments in either farm or city property. In many cases, circumstances have forced the price of property far below the real value, and really much less than adjacent lands.

SINCLAIR AND TULLEY CLAIM COUNCIL DIVERGED

Their Attorney Says Contracts Should Have Been Let 'Piece Meal' and Not Altogether

Claiming that the council suddenly diverged from a set custom of years when it awarded the contract for six or seven concrete sidewalk projects to one contracting firm instead of picking out the various items or the bidding, and awarding the work to the lowest bidder for each item, E. L. McClure, representing Sinclair and Tulley, contractors, appeared before the city council last evening urging it to rescind its former action and call for new bids. After an hour of aimless discussion the matter was laid on the table for a week.

Cites Old Custom

"It has been the approved custom of this council," said Mr. McClure, "to let the contracts on different public improvements to the bidder who submits the lowest bid for any particular class of work."

"Knowing this to be the long established custom, my clients, submitted their bids accordingly. They could do the sidewalk at 12 1-2 cents a foot and, through these dull times, just about make wages. The grading, they didn't want. They bid high on that accordingly. It was the same way with the other items, the curbs and the electric light poles."

"No warning was given that this change was to be made. Several other parties have made the same complaint."

Said Contractors Were Warned

This last statement of Mr. McClure was challenged by City Engineer A. B. Gidley. "We let blanketed contracts this last summer," he said. "And furthermore, you are under the delusion that Sinclair and Tulley didn't know we would let no more jobs by piece meal. I told him so before his bids were submitted. I told him so in front of witnesses."

It was further explained that on various city projects where the work has been divided up, giving first the grading to one firm, the curbing to another, and the making of sidewalk to another, that the result was a "mess" with everyone in the other fellow's way and the result has been confusion.

No Right to Reconsider

"I think the council has no right now to reconsider the bids," came the expression from City Attorney John D. Goss. "And another thing, no man would want the little incidental grading that goes on with this sidewalk contract, anyway. He couldn't make anything at it."

Again Mr. McClure said that Sinclair and Tulley had not understood the matter that way, and in good faith had submitted their bid for only one department of the work, the sidewalk.

"Well, I don't think that these contractors put in their bids for any one section of the work," declared Mr. Gidley.

Could Demand Contract

Duncan Ferguson, Sr., stated emphatically that "if we start to reconsider this matter, the successful bidders, Dean and Webber, can appear before us and demand their contract, saying that their bids were submitted on their understanding with the city engineer."

An examination of the bids that were submitted a week ago for the sidewalk almost entirely around the block between Broadway and Front street and Central and Commercial avenues showed that Sinclair and Tulley were half a cent a foot lower for the concrete sidewalk, but high elsewhere. The matter was laid over until the next meeting.

SHEEP MEN SUFFER

COYOTES ARE PUTTING SOME OUT OF BUSINESS

Great Damage Being Done by the Animals, Which Are Appearing in Curry County

Sheep men are suffering greatly on account of coyotes which are appearing in Curry county. The Bandon Western World says:

Coyotes are rapidly driving the sheepmen of the open country in Curry county out of business, according to a resident of that section who was in Bandon today. Mr. Stanford of Myrtle Point, who has been a live stock raiser in the Floras creek region for several years, now has a force of men busy coralling his hands and will sell them within the next few weeks. The coyotes have created such havoc among his flocks that he is forced to give it up. He expects to stock up the range with cattle.

Gradually the coyotes have worked their way into upper Curry county doing thousands of dollars worth of damage on their way. So far they

OPEN BOX ALONG MILL SLOUGH TERMED DANGEROUS

City to Ask Port to Foot Bill—Flume Opened at Time Debris was Cleaned Out Long Ago

All other branches of discussion falling, there is nothing that meets with greater approval in the chambers of the city fathers than a good old argument about who should be responsible for the drainage of Mill Slough, said argument generally terminating with as much satisfaction as the old saw, "How long is a string?" But last night there was a variation.

The Port Commission, via Henry Sengstacken, secretary, acknowledged that theirs is the duty of putting the covers back on the flume down Mill Slough, also the fixing up of the man-holes and the subsequent payment for the expenses incurred by labor.

"The Port ought to fasten back the tops of the main flume," said City Engineer Gidley, by way of introducing the subject. Thereafter it was able to stand on its own legs.

Open Box Dangerous

He continued, "The box is open in many places. Children throw sticks and stones in there. All that helps to clog up the system. Some day one of them will fall in, that will make it even worse. I think the Port ought to attend to this at once."

"We ought to turn this matter over to our engineer and with a detailed report to the Port Commission as to what ought to be done," put in Mr. Goss.

He explained that the matter is really a serious one, in spite of the joking there. To clog the flume at this time, would in all probability mean the incurring of thousands of dollars in damages and to have the box reopened and cleaned out again.

Ought To Fix Soon

"And in the face of such a predicament, I don't feel that the city ought to stop too long figuring who is going to pay for the work," he said.

On motion of Mr. Copple it was directed that a letter be sent at once to the Port Commissioners, telling that the work is needed, if they fail to attend to this, to let the city engineer go ahead with the work and charge it up to the Port.

Makes No Objections

But Mr. Sengstacken had no objections to this. "I think its the Port's work all right, he accented. "And I believe there will be no trouble in getting them to pay for it."

"But what about the drainage of the north arm?" put in some one from somewhere.

"Well, that's another matter," said Mr. Sengstacken, all by himself to defend the Port against the questions of six husky councilmen. "I think that Mr. Perham will fill that in, and the water will find the flume all right."

Yes, I think it will.

Mr. Albrecht. "But I do think the council ought to put up signs of 'This Way Out' so that is surely will find the flume."

May Rope Off Street

Permission was secured by Ben Fisher, on behalf of the high school football team, to rope off the streets immediately adjoining the field at the corner of Fourth and Elrod only during the game on Thanksgiving Day. This will allow the paid spectators to stand on the sidewalk.

Plans and specifications were adopted for the building of a \$38 sidewalk on the north side of Alder avenue leading up toward Broadway from Front street.

Other Business

Reduction of the license of \$10 a month to a lunch wagon on Front street to half that amount was refused.

The matter of painting the hydrants was turned over to the fire and water committee.

SHOOK IS INDICTED

Word has been received by Ben Fisher, from deputy U. S. district attorney Johnson, in Portland, that William Shook was indicted there several days ago by the federal grand jury on the charge of white slavery.

Shook must now wait until at least January before his trial will be held. A list of witnesses will be received here by Mr. Fisher very soon and these people will be served to appear in Portland after the first of the year.

have operated only in the prairie country and have not annoyed those flocks ranging in brush land. The men operating on brush land are hoping the destructive beasts will not attack them after the flocks in the open country are gone.

Wool prices are high at present and there is big profit in the business. For this reason the sheepmen are hanging on as long as they can.

Penny Wise and Pound Foolish

The cost of living makes every woman look to see where she can save money, which, of course, is sensible and proper if not carried too far.

In the case of food it would be foolish to attempt to substitute sawdust for a breakfast food because it is cheaper. Everyone knows sawdust has no food value and its use would be a positive detriment to the health.

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BUSINESS MEN GO CITY MEN LOSERS

DELEGATION TO ATTEND QUARTERLY MEETING TONIGHT

Take Special Train to Cedar Point and Board Boat for Bandon—Back at Early Hour

Aboard a special train late this afternoon a delegation of Marshfield and North Bend business men left for Bandon where tonight they will meet with the Coos County Business Men's Association at its quarterly gathering. The visitors intend to return about two a. m. via special boat and train, to their homes.

Merrick Is Coming

L. R. Merrick, state secretary of the Oregon Retail Merchants Association, telephoned from Florence this morning saying he was coming and was due to arrive here on the stage about 2:30 p. m. He is to be one of the principal speakers this evening.

All morning long E. L. Powell, secretary of the organization, sat at his telephone and called the Coos Bay members, urging them to be on hand this afternoon. He said at one o'clock that he expected 40 members would get away. The charm will meet the train at Cedar Point and take the visitors down to Bandon.

Mast Toastmaster

The program of the session tonight was not known here today but via long distance Mr. Powell ascertained that J. W. Mast, of Bandon, is toastmaster of the evening and that J. Albert Matson will probably be a speaker from Marshfield.

GETS LITTLE AID

FISHERMAN MUST DO OWN RECOVERING OF SAIL TAKEN

District Attorney Extends Slight Sympathy—Wife Holds Possessions at Point of Gun

No sympathy from the district attorney's office was secured by a fisherman named Stinson, from Empire, who last evening appeared before Judge Pennock and later Mr. Lillequist asking what could be done with men who had taken from him the fores' of the Santa Clara which he brought away from the ship. He was told that nothing could be done and sorrowfully he went home.

Stinson came to Judge Pennock last evening as he was leaving for home. He told the judge that it was mighty hard work to cut the fores' loose from the stays and that it was even harder to get it ashore. But evidently the hardest part of the whole business was to keep the big stretch of canvas after once getting it on land.

Some supposed friends guarded it. They did the job so well, said Stinson, that the sail disappeared. He said it is worth about \$150 to \$200. "I got some other things from the wreck. Some bacon, flour and a few sacks of potatoes, too." With the beach filled with people anxious to

EMPLOYEES OF CITY HAVE WARRANTS SHAVED 5 PER CENT

Ask Council to in Some Way Make up Difference—Warrants to be Paid up in May

City warrants, shaved 5 per cent, work an injustice on city employes, declared Chief of Police Jack Carter, to the Council last evening. It is no fault of the employes, he said, that warrants are below par, and inasmuch as the men are hired for a certain salary, he asked that the City Council in some way make up the loss incurred by the warrants. Figures were brought forward to show that the finances of Marshfield are in good condition and that these warrants, now five per cent below par, will all be cashed in May.

Banks Not Justified

"I fail to see how the banks can be justified in making this five per cent discount providing the city passes a 20-mill tax levy," said City Attorney John D. Goss.

"These warrants will be paid in May. They are gilt edged and they're drawing a good 16 per cent right now. The county warrants are several years behind and they go for only five per cent discount. It's not fair to the city employes to pay them in a depreciated currency. There is no money to create a special fund to pay the difference in these warrants," said City Recorder Butler. "And furthermore, it does great harm to create such a fund," he declared.

Gives Some Figures

He went to his books and brought out a handful of figures. "Taxes this year will amount to \$35,764.13, providing they had all been collected. We got in \$33,086.60, or within 5 1/2 per cent of the total. That's a whole lot better than many cities around here have done. A resolution asking the banks to reconsider their rule of five per cent off for city warrants was suggested, but not passed and the matter was dropped.

get what they could, Stinson and his wife had a hard job keeping what they got.

"She had to sit right there on everything," he told the judge. "And once, while she was sitting there, a man came along and hooked a slab of bacon and started off."

Mrs. Stinson was well prepared for this emergency. She pulled a revolver out of her coat and yelled, "Hey, bring that back." It came in a hurry.

But the fisherman got little aid from the officers and has gone home to devise some plan of getting back the fores' of the Santa Clara.

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Bakers and Others Must Label the Goods in Which Oriental Product is Used

If there are any Chinese eggs in Marshfield they cannot be used in making any Thanksgiving bakery goods, without notice of the fact. Some of the eggs sold in the city now must have come from further distant than China. It is frequent to strike some which are suggestive of ancient times. It is likely, however, that these are not Chinese eggs, but simply local and shipped in eggs which have been stored up awaiting higher prices.

If there are any eggs here shipped from China they cannot be used without making the fact known.

Home-laid eggs will be the only kind used in the making of cakes and bakery goods, as Oregon's famous Chinese egg law has been declared constitutional by a Portland judge. It remains for the Supreme Court of the state and possibly the Supreme Court of the United States to say whether this law is unconstitutional. The Chinese egg law passed by the 1915 Legislature requires that dealers selling Chinese eggs, or using them in the making of any bakery goods, must display a sign stating this to be the case.

Cards and dancing tonight, O'Connell bldg. 25 cents. Everybody welcome.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY On Foreclosure

Notice is hereby given, That by virtue of an execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Coos and to me directed on the 6th day of October, 1915, upon a judgment and decree duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in and by said Court on the 7th day of September, 1915, in a certain suit then in said Court pending, wherein Home Mortgage Co., a corporation was plaintiff and Cusick J. Mahoney was defendant in favor of plaintiff and against said defendant, by which execution I am commanded to sell the property in said execution and hereinafter described to pay the sum due the plaintiff of seven hundred ninety-five and 70-100 dollars with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from the 7th day of September 1915 until paid together with the costs and disbursements of said suit taxed at ninety-three and no-100 dollars and costs and expenses of said execution, I will on Saturday, the 27th day of November, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., of said day at the front door of the County Court House in Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on the day of sale, all the right, title, interest and estate which said defendant Cusick J. Mahoney and all persons claiming under him subsequent to the plaintiff's mortgage lien in, of and to said real property, said mortgage premises hereinafter mentioned are described in said execution as follows, to-wit: The southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section eight, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section nine, Township twenty-three, South of Range 12, West of the Willamette Meridian in the Coos County, Oregon, together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, said sale being made subject to redemption in the manner provided by law.

Dated this 21st day of October, 1915. ALFRED JOHNSON, Jr. Sheriff of Coos County, Oregon. First publication October 26, last publication November 23, 1915.

STATE WILL HELP, IF COUNTY ISSUES BONDS

Oregon Highway Commission Pledges Itself to Assist if Bond Issue is Passed

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 16.—The state highway commission passed a resolution pledging itself to aid Coos county in 1917 if it should vote bonds for highway construction work. This was done after apportioning the \$237,000 highway fund for next year among thirteen counties.

Charles Hall There

Representing Coos county, Charles Hall, president of the Coos Good Roads association, told the commission that Coos county was ready to expend approximately \$123,000 on road work, and that it contemplated issuing bonds in the sum of about \$375,000. The plan was, to expend approximately \$600,000 on road work in the next two years, and he felt the county was entitled to assistance from the state. Because most of the fund for next year had already been pledged the commission was unable to aid the county next year.

The Apportionment

The appropriations as made by the highway commission yesterday are as follows: For administrative purposes \$25,000; Clatsop county, \$26,300; Columbia county, \$30,000; Hood River county, \$5,000; Hood River and Wasco counties combined, \$10,000; Crook county, \$10,000; Washington county, \$11,500; Douglas and Josephine counties combined, \$15,000; Lane county, \$5,000; Jackson county, \$45,000; Polk county, \$5,000; Yamhill and Tillamook counties, \$9,000; total, \$237,000.

The fact that Lane has about the best portion of the Pacific highway in the valley, and has a number of other excellent roads probably led a great deal to do with the apportionment of such a small sum to the county.

PRIEST TRANSFERRED

The Roseburg Review says: Father M. J. Hines, who has been in St. Joseph's Catholic parish in this city for the past two years, has been transferred to Harrisburg, Pa.

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