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HUGH M'LAIN IS ELECTED AGAIN

Named to Succeed Himself as President of Marshfield Chamber of Commerce

PLAN A DIRECTORY

Large Executive Committee Is to be Done Away With This Year

WANT SOME NEW BLOOD

Members Suggest That Organization Needs to be Stirred up and More Life Put Into the Body

Hugh McLain was unanimously re-elected president, and John W. Motley, secretary of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting held last evening. Forty members of the organization were present, adding to bury the year 1915 indicated in the annual report as a year of "not much progress" and send 1916 forward with a shove and the promise of better things. The officers of 1915 and the retiring executive committee were thanked for the work they have done.

In the adoption of new bylaws for the Chamber of Commerce the former unwieldy executive committee of 21 members, many of which never attended meetings of the committee as was pointed out by several of its members, was abolished. In its place will be four trustees with the president of the Chamber the fifth member and the chairman.

Has No Opposition
"I nominate Hugh McLain as president," said A. H. Powers. There came so many seconds to this motion that it was moved the rules be suspended and an unanimous vote be cast for Mr. McLain.

In the same way C. R. Peck was re-elected to the office of vice president, J. W. Motley as secretary and J. H. Flanagan as treasurer of the order.

The four trustees, in addition to Hugh McLain, are Charles Hall, R. M. Jennings, Frank G. Horton and C. R. Peck.

The recommendation of the executive committee was that the executive committee of 21 be retained and that 42 names be submitted to the Chamber, out of which the necessary number could be selected.

Committee Too Ponderous
Such a body is too ponderous to do efficient business, stated many members. "Many of its members are like myself, out of town or too busy most of the time," declared Mr. Powers speaking in favor of a board of trustees of three members.

Frank Horton believed that the executive committee should be retained, so that the power of the organization might be more general and not in the hands of a few men.

Senator I. S. Smith was also in favor of retaining this organization.

Have Five Trustees
On the suggestion of Charles Hall the motion put to vote was that a board of trustees consist of five, instead of three members, and that the president of the Chamber be chairman of the board. This passed unanimously.

To secure these four men a list of 42 names was presented, with the power that any one else could be nominated, and from these the four men were elected.

Before the voting R. M. Jennings retired president of the Executive Committee asked that his name not be considered. "I have done my work, I feel now that there should be some new blood injected into the Chamber of Commerce."

Not Allowed to Retire
J. W. Bennett, however, forestalled the movement when he declared that Mr. Jennings has been a most efficient member and an active one, and therefore should be retained. "Further, I wish to move that the salary of the president be doubled." Inasmuch as Mr. McLain now serves "free gratis" this amount will be increased to 60.

Committee Report
C. I. Reikard reported that Senator Chamberlain will, at this session of the Senate, introduce a bill authorizing the use of the military reserve on Coos Head for the use of North Bend and Marshfield as a park though at the same time reserving the rights of the government.

NOT TO BE ANNEXED

BUNKER HILL SHOWS WILLINGNESS TO STAY IN COUNTRY

Vote, However, Is Not Overwhelming—Eastside Starts Agitation to Come Into City

Annexation to Marshfield is not desired by the majority of the Bunker Hill property owners, judging from the consensus of opinion expressed at a meeting held in the school house there last evening. Mayor R. A. Copple, City Recorder John W. Butler and City Attorney James T. Brand, of Marshfield, talked informally, explaining the financial status of Marshfield and the benefits that would be derived by annexation. It is not believed that the matter has been dropped.

On top of this announcement comes the report from Eastside that many of the property owners over there are agitating for the dropping of their city charter that they may come into Marshfield. The declaration is made that their taxes would be no higher than they are at present. The council has voted a 20 mill town levy in Eastside, the same as Marshfield now has.

Vote Not Overwhelming
Mayor R. A. Copple said, this morning, there were about 40 persons present last evening and that the voting stood about 25 against annexation and 15 in favor of it.

There is a chance that what is known as west Bunker Hill will become annexed to Marshfield, most of the property owners in that section standing in favor of the move.

City in Good Shape
City Recorder Butler came forward with figures to show that the assets of this city overbalance the liabilities by some \$15,000 and that we are in good financial condition here.

E. A. Nelson, of Bunker Hill, speaking in favor of annexation, declared that the community needs street lighting, a new water system, sewers most of all and street improvements. He also said they would receive police protection.

Pay For Own Improvements
It was argued that at the present time Bunker Hill property owners pay out of their own pockets for some improvements that ordinarily would be done by the city, thus making them in fact pay as much as though they were really a part of Marshfield.

Walter Richardson, one of the principal speakers against the move, stated that the taxes would become exorbitant and that the residents of Bunker Hill would be assuming a part of the financial burden of this city.

Might Lower Tax
The report from Eastside was of a different nature, stating the belief that by dropping Cooson and becoming annexed to Marshfield would in reality lower their taxes.

Though no names as yet have been mentioned in the agitation there, it is understood that a meeting of several property owners has been held for the purposes of broaching the new move and that an effort is being made now to feel out the opinions of the residents of that section.

It is pointed out that by becoming a part of this city, Eastside would be without the expense of maintaining a separate set of city officers, some of which receive regular salaries.

presented to the Fellowship Club the matter of consolidation and the question is now being considered.

Also Hugh McLain reported on the present situation of the public market question. Both he and W. U. Douglas addressed the city council, explaining the project to them.

Read Annual Report
The annual report of President Hugh McLain and Secretary J. W. Motley took up in brief the work accomplished through 1915 by the Chamber of Commerce. Among the projects were the aiding of the Coos and Curry exhibit to the Exposition, Station, the urging of the retention of the county agriculturist, the Fourth of July celebration, the good roads movement, the wireless site matter and many other smaller matters. This report was unanimously adopted.

New Blood Needed
There was much approbation when C. F. McKnight moved that the Chamber of Commerce give a banquet and, if necessary, a dance sometime soon. "We need the new life, new blood and to stir things up a bit. We need advertisement and to let the people know where we are." This was enthusiastically voted on favorably.

RETURNS MADE BY GRAND JURY

Seven True Bills Returned in the Circuit Court at Coquille This Morning

ACT ON JAIL CASES

McGinty Brothers Who Made Disturbance Among Those Who Are Accused

TIMES' CASE IS UP TODAY

Witnesses Being Heard in Suit Against the County Regarding Payment for Printing—Not Finished Today

(Special to The Times)
COQUILLE, Jan. 8.—Seven true bills were returned when the grand jury reported this morning after being in session for the past two days. John McGinty, of Fishtrap, who got drunk on hard cider together with his brother Pat and stood off the sheriff and his deputies with a gun, was indicted for assault and battery.

Pat McGinty implicated is indicted on the charge of threatening to commit a felony.

Check Man Indicted
Bert Hardenbrook, who was arrested in Marshfield on the charge of a bad check operation in Bandon about a year ago, was indicted on the grounds of larceny by bailie.

Two indictments were returned against A. M. or Mert Jennings, who is charged with the holdup of two men in North Bend during the latter part of December.

There were also two indictments made out against Harry Hawkins, of Coquille. He is charged with stealing clothes off local lines.

Larceny Charged
Fred Healy and Arthur Baker were indicted on the charge of larceny. These are the two men who were implicated in the taking of booze from a rear storeroom of the Eagle bar in Marshfield shortly before Christmas. A scuffling in which Baker was lying, as he reached in for the bottles, gave way, letting him fall to the floor inside the room and there Deputy Sheriff Laird and others found him a moment later. Healy was arrested the next morning at the Blanco Hotel as an accomplice.

A jury was secured shortly before noon today to hear the case of the Coos Bay Times versus Coos County in regard to county printing.

Sheriff Johnson was the first witness on the stand when the court adjourned at noon and the session started again at 1:30 p. m. and in all probability can not be finished today.

LOOKING UP TAXES

FRANK B. WAITE ASKS FOR AMOUNT DUE ON PROPERTY

Says He Will Try to Effect Compromise With County Court—Amount Is About \$75,000

(Special to The Times)
COQUILLE, Jan. 8.—There seems to be a possibility that the back taxes and penalties on the Major Kinney estate, amounting in all to something like \$75,000, will be paid. Frank B. Waite, who with John K. Kolleck, hold a first mortgage on the lands amounting in principal and interest to between \$200,000 and \$300,000, has appeared here requesting a definite statement of the taxes. He says that he may try to effect a compromise settlement with the county.

The clerks in the sheriff's office were at once put to work looking through back ledgers, getting together the amount of the taxes in full. Some of them date back to 1906 and penalties have been accruing through this time.

Mr. Waite returned to Marshfield on the morning train. He said that he is contemplating a settlement of the taxes, though did not say that after their payment, providing they are paid, what step would be taken. The back taxes and penalties, he said, amount to more than \$60,000. He did not know the exact amount of the taxes, minus the penalties.

There are dozens of claims against the Major Kinney holdings, but not on first mortgages.

GET QUICKER MAIL

DELIVERIES TO BE MADE TO AND FROM EUREKA VIA BOAT

Postmaster Hugh McLain Announces Government Will Open Bids Soon for New Service

On January 16 will be opened bids for the carrying of the mail between Coos Bay and Eureka, according to the announcement made last evening by postmaster Hugh McLain. This is the successful conclusion of a fight that was started and has long been waged by the Chamber of Commerce on the bay and also at Eureka.

Under the present system mail for Eureka is first carried to Portland and then goes down to Eureka, and this in spite of the fact that the steamships put into Eureka from here every week.

Several months ago the Eureka commercial organization telegraphed here, asking that something be done at once. The project was taken up and Postmaster Hugh McLain said that everything possible would be done. The announcement that the government has recognized the unnecessary delay in its mail deliveries to and from these two points and will allow it to go, after the bid is let, via the boat route is welcome news.

CLOSURES SUDDENLY

ONLY THREE WITNESSES EXAMINED IN PORT CASE

L. J. Simpson Asks to Make Announcement and Tells Court Entire Payment Will be Made

Three witnesses for the Port of Coos Bay had testified before the court at Coquille yesterday in the case of the Port against the Simpson Company, when L. J. Simpson interrupted the proceedings asking that he be allowed to make a statement. The jury was dismissed temporarily and L. J. Simpson announced the willingness of the company to pay the entire \$4900 for which the Port was suing. A check for \$2500 will be made out immediately for the Port and the remaining \$2400 will be paid in a one-year note given by L. J. Simpson. The announcement of this decision was carried in The Times of last evening.

Considerable surprise was evidenced at the sudden termination of the case that gave all the appearance of being hard fought. The Port Commissioners could hardly believe their good luck. And then, because the regular afternoon train had already left for Coos Bay, L. J. Simpson secured a special that brought the entire party over about eight o'clock in the evening.

The Port attorneys began by calling witnesses to the stand in the order in which the transactions with the Simpson Company regarding their dredge fill, came up.

A. H. Powers was first on the stand. He testified as to a conversation in a Port meeting when he asked L. J. Simpson if his company would stand for the suik-heading and the hauling of the shorpipe at the eventual cost of \$4900. He said the company was willing.

Peter Loggie, also of the Commission, testified to a like statement and J. W. Motley was on the stand when the close came.

WILL GUSTAFSON WAS MAN KILLED

Member of Seattle Crew Writes Bandon Man Regarding the Recent Accident

H. C. Geary of Bandon, whom it was thought at first was the man killed on the dredge Seattle, is still at Bandon and has received a letter from Joe Bowers stating that the member of the crew who met his death was Will Gustafson, who worked on the B. B. block in Bandon after the dredge work on the Coquille river was finished and the went with the dredge when it was taken north. A diver recovered the body.

GOLD BEACH TO INCORPORATE

GOLD BEACH, Ore., Jan. 8.—A movement is on foot to bring about the incorporation of the town of Gold Beach. Although it is one of the oldest towns along the coast, and a county seat for 59 years, it has never been incorporated.

COOS BAY IS ISOLATED TODAY

Telegraph and Telephone Wires to This Point Disrupted by Storms

MAIL IS DELAYED

Several Feet of Snow Reported in Mountains East of Sitkum by Linemen

LOCAL WEATHER IS BAD

Rain and Cold Keep Everyone Off the Street Excepting Those Who Are Compelled to Be Out—Expect the Mail in Tonight

Coos Bay was entirely cut off from the rest of the world today on account of the stormy conditions. There was no mail from the outside on account of the bad condition of the roads and both the Western Union wires and long distance telephone wires were down.

The Western Union by noon had a connection as far as Sitkum and a horseman from there was out on horseback five miles east where he encountered a big slide obstructing the road. The snow he reported was several feet deep and he said it would probably be impossible for him to get through any farther today even on foot.

Linemen Are Walking
Another lineman is working seventeen miles out from Roseburg. He would still have quite a distance to go before reaching the point where the slide occurred so there was not much prospect of their being a wire tonight. Communication has been cut off since yesterday morning excepting for a few minutes yesterday noon.

The telephone company long distance wires are also down due to the storm. It was impossible to tell when connection would be established again.

Bad Weather Here
Local weather conditions were to say the least unpleasant. The rain and cold kept off of the streets everyone excepting those who were obliged to be out and the storm made Saturday a quiet one in the city.

Mails Are Late
The mail from the outside did not arrive this morning, owing to the weather putting the roads over the mountains in bad condition and the snowfall. It is expected that the mail will come in on the evening train. Postmaster McLain said that the mail would be distributed as soon as it arrived and the general delivery window will be open. The post office force will do the best possible to get the mail to the people as quickly as possible.

ARE MARRIED HERE

JENNIE SHULL BECOMES BRIDE OF CLAIRE DEMENT

Well-known Myrtle Point Young People Wedded—Groom Interested in Cattle Business

Miss Jennie Shull, of Myrtle Point, became the bride of Claire Dement, also of that city, at the Episcopal parsonage in Marshfield on Tuesday evening, the Rev. Robt. E. Browning tying the matrimonial knot. The young couple have returned to Myrtle Point where they will make their future home.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shull, who conduct a large ranch near Myrtle Point. Mr. Dement is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dement. The father is interested in the big Dement cattle business of the Myrtle Point section.

Both of the young people are well-known in the Coquille Valley and have many friends who wish them the best of success.

Filed Off Handcuffs
Claire Dement returned to Myrtle Point just before the wedding and there some of his friends took him in tow. They fastened handcuffs to his wrists. Being without a key he was unable to unloose them and had to come to the Goodrum garage here in Marshfield in order to get free.

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WILL EXTEND ROAD

NEWS OF FURTHER ACTIVITY AT BROOKINGS, IN CURRY COUNTY

Gold Beach Paper Tells of Consolidation of Two Big Lumber Companies for Operation

Further news of the activities at the lumber town of Brookings in Curry county are told in the Gold Beach Globe. The paper says the report is not given authoritatively by officials of the company but comes from a man in close relations and that there is every reason to believe it is correct. The Globe says: "It is reported that the Brookings Company and the Owens people have united and the new company formed will be known as the Del Norte Company. It also stated in this connection that Hobbs, Wall & Co. has taken two hundred thousand dollars in the new company, and a railroad is planned from Smith River, Cal. by way of the south fork down Jacks Creek to the railroad bridge across the Chetco at the mouth of Jacks Creek and on to Brookings over the present railroad. By building the railroad on this route, it will tap a large amount of cedar, fir and redwood timber on the Winchuck and Smith rivers, all of which will be brought to Brookings to be milled. The report also says that within thirty days a few men will be put to work and by the first of July six hundred men will be employed."

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The proposition was put up to the county court of using part of this fund to match dollar for dollar with property on north Front street and make the improvement in the roadway between this city and North Bend that is now necessary. Mr. Copple said the members of the county court did not commit themselves, but hinted this matter might be settled favorably.

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THRIFF TO GET IT

COOS COUNTY ASSESSOR FOR COQUILLE POSTMASTER

Expect Announcement of Appointment by President Soon—Will Succeed John Leneve

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—According to political gossip here, announcement will be made from Washington soon of the appointment of T. J. Thrift as postmaster at Coquille. Considerable interest was attached to it owing to a vigorous contest being made for the place. Mr. Thrift, it is understood, has the indorsement of Hugh McLain of Marshfield, the Coos County democratic chairman who is also a close friend of Senators Chamberlain and Lane who have the appointment.

THRIFF IS ASSESSOR

Appointment Will Mean Resignation of County Position

T. J. Thrift, who according to the above will soon be named postmaster at Coquille, is now Coos County assessor, a position he has held for many years. The appointment will mean his resignation as assessor as the change in the postoffice at Coquille will probably be made in March and Mr. Thrift's term as assessor does not expire until next January. The vacancy will be filled by the county court.

ORDERED TO LEAVE

WOMEN CONDUCTING RESORTS MUST GET OUT

Report That Orders To That Effect Have Been Out—Source Is Not Known

It is understood that all the women who conduct resorts in Marshfield have been ordered to leave the city. Whether this was done by the city or the county authorities is not known but it is said that the women on orders are preparing to leave and there is to be no more red light district.

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QUESTION ARISES

The question came up whether or not the county court can expend this money on streets within the city. There are within the Marshfield limits only about two stretches of county road, a little piece out in north-west Marshfield and another down near the old race track.

It is believed that if this technicality is enforced, the city will simply declare the necessary streets vacated, make them into county road so that the money could be expended in this manner.

Providing this question is not settled at this meeting of the county commissioners there is a possibility that they will be called together later in the month said Mr. Copple.

RUNNING 10 HOURS

NORTH BEND MILLS ARE OPERATING FULL FORCE

Box Factory Matter Is Not Yet Settled—Must Be Settled With Insurance Underwriters

The lumber mills at North Bend are busy. The Porter mill of the Simpson company has been operating ten hours a day this week. Before the holidays the mill cut down to eight hours a day on account of a shortage in logs but now there are plenty of logs on hand and the mill is back on the ten hour run.

The North Bend Mill and Lumber Company is also running ten hours a day and is cutting about 150,000 feet of lumber a day.

Box Factory Deal
The matter of locating the box factory which was formerly on the lower Coquille river and which was bought by Archie Kruse, at the plant is still hanging fire. The box factory will probably be located there but the delay is now in arranging matters with the insurance underwriters.

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