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Church Directory.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.—Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. All cordially invited.

Episcopal Church.—Episcopal services will be held at St. James church, Coquille City the third Sunday in each month. Sunday school at 10 a. m. each Sunday. Wm. Horsefall, Pastor.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m. Junior League 5:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. A special invitation is extended to the public to attend all services. W. H. Myers, Pastor.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Preaching services 2nd and 4th Sundays, morning and evening. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor services every Sunday at 6:30 p. m. Miss Winnie Hall, President. Ladies Aid and Missionary Society meets every two weeks on Thursdays at 2 p. m. A cordial welcome is extended to the public to attend all our services. ANSEL HABELLY, Pastor.

The W. C. T. U. meets every 1st and 3rd Friday at 2 p. m. at the Christian church.

CHURCH OF REDEEMED SLAVES. Services every 1st and 3rd Sunday in each month by Elder J. H. James.

LOCAL ITEMS.

HERALD office phone No. 105.

Just step in to Drane & Ray's and inspect their elegant stock of groceries.

Attention, farmers? Take your bacon and lard to Drane & Ray and get the cash.

Ladies you just ought to try those Shredded wheat biscuits at Drane & Ray's.

W. F. Kennedy, of this place, went to his mining claim on Cow creek last week.

R. W. Airy who resided in this city the past year, has located with his family at Roseburg.

F. W. Wright, of Norway, was in town Friday. Mr. Wright is hunting help to do the work on his ranch.

Mrs. Ben Figg, of this city, started on Friday for The Dalles, where she goes to see her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Robinson, who is very low, with little hopes of recovery.

Mr. Jonathan Quack's family, of this place, came within one of having a reunion here on Thursday, Mrs. A. O. Wheeler, of North Yakama, Washington, being the only one absent.

Mrs. A. G. Aiken, the popular Milliner of Marshfield, went to Bandon on a business trip last Wednesday. The HERALD family was remembered and enjoyed a pleasant call from Mrs. Aiken while in town.

Mit Lee, who has lived at Bandon for the past two or three years, moved with his family to his old home at Myrtle Point last week. The HERALD had a pleasant business call from Mr. Lee as he passed through our city.

WANTED 5 YOUNG MEN from Coos county at once to prepare for positions in the Government service—Railway Mail Clerks, Letter Carriers, Custom House and Departmental Clerks, etc. Apply to Inter-State Corres. Inst., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

If your cows switch their tails while you are milking them, get two of Walter Colvin's ante switchers for 25 cents, one for the cow you are milking and one for the cow behind you, and your eyes will be safe. Address W. E. Colvin, Coquille City, Oregon.

L. Harrison, of Myrtle Point, was in town last week with his engine recently purchased from Fred Muetzel & Sons, having Uncle Jack Wilson, our boss mechanic overhaul and put it in repair. Mr. Harrison will start a sawmill on the upper river as soon as the machinery can be put in position.

L. Harrison, the Myrtle Point veterinarian, has prepared himself for overcoming the difficulty met with on dairy ranches in the way of cows which are hard to milk. He is fully equipped to lance and put in tubes, thus making the hardest cow to milk perfectly easy.

J. G. Fish & Sons, of this city, the furniture manufacturers, are doing the turned work for the new steamer being built at Randolph for Capt. Panter and Willard. Among other things is the pilot wheel on which they are doing some nice work, and a portion of the spokes of which are made from a piece of oak that was cut at Arago 32 years ago and sent in the bay to be used in a ship under way at that time, but was left over and has lain exposed to the weather ever since, but is in a perfect state of preservation, and is so hard that some difficulty is experienced in turning it.

Mayor's Address

To the City Council of Coquille, Coos county, Oregon:

The charter enacted by our state legislature at its 1901 session for the government of our little town contains a provision in the following words: speaking of the duty of the mayor it says: "He shall at least once in each year communicate to the Council the condition, financially and otherwise, of the city, and recommend such measures for the peace, health and prosperity thereof as he shall deem expedient."

We presume this provision was originally drafted for some city whose business interests were of much greater magnitude than that of towns the size of ours; that it has been copied from town to town and now appears as a part of our fundamental law. For the purpose of complying with this provision of our charter and not presuming I have any information regarding the financial or other conditions of our town which you have not, I offer the following:

This provision speaks particularly of the "financial condition" of the town. The financial status of any concern as to its prosperity or adversity can be known only by comparison, that to say in a case of this kind, by reference to the past years of our financial history, and heretofore no system has been adopted whereby the accounts of the town may be readily referred to it is, (without more time than the writer has to spend in examining the records of our predecessor in office,) impossible to accurately say whether or not there has been any improvement in our financial condition. Here I desire to say, relative to the duty of the city recorder, treasurer and marshal our charter contains the following provisions, speaking of the recorder:

"The recorder shall keep a true account of all fines, cost and other moneys received by him, and he must pay the same to the treasurer monthly and take duplicate receipts therefor one which he must file with the mayor. He shall keep a separate docket of all the city cases, and make a report in writing to the Common Council at its first meeting in each month of his doings therein."

Speaking of the marshal the charter says: "He must keep a record of all arrests made by him or his deputies showing the time when and the cause of complaint upon which such arrests were made, and must make a complete and full report thereof in writing to the Council at its first meeting in each month."

Speaking of treasurer it says: "He shall on the first Wednesday of each month make out and present to the Council a full and complete statement of the receipts and disbursements of the preceding month, and at the close of the year make a full statement to the Common Council."

These provisions of our charter up to the time of your taking places upon the town board have never been complied with, but since June 1, 1902, the advent of the present Council, these three officers have been required to hand in monthly, and the treasurer also annually, the reports provided for in the charter, hence each month you have been fully advised as to the financial status of our town. The recorder, marshal and treasurer have cheerfully complied with your requests in the matter and have handed in each month full and complete reports. These reports have gone into the hands of the finance committee and have been carefully examined before their approval by you.

The principal sources of revenue during your term in office, as in preceding years, have been from the saloon licenses, street tax and water dues. We presume that by going over the minutes of the previous year it could be ascertained how much was received from saloon licenses, but there is no record of the recorder's office showing how much money was collected from water dues or street tax prior to June 1, 1902.

The amount collected from saloon licenses during the year ending June 1, 1903, is \$2000; from water dues is \$1962; street and road tax \$197.09, and with other items as shown by the treasurer's annual report make a total receipts of \$5941.11; the disbursements have been, (as shown by the treasurer's report,) \$3409.08, leaving cash on hand at the end of the year \$2532.03.

You have made several important changes in the financial management of the town which have resulted advantageously. For instance, under the role adopted by your predecessors, the recorder was paid 10 per cent for collecting the water dues. You have made this

one of the marshal's duties without extra pay to him, and he has attended to duty exceedingly well, as is shown by the foregoing figures, and this one item alone you have saved the town during the year \$195.20.

A number of improvements have been made during the year, notably the improvements of the extension of First street which cost \$1314, and which you did at the expense of the adjacent property owners, who have all cheerfully paid the tax imposed and feel that they are well paid in the enhancement in value of their adjoining property.

The main and important question which you have had to consider up to this time has been and still is the construction of a water-works system for the town. The preceding Council had employed an engineer and upon his report had selected Rink creek as the proper source of supply for this system, and while the selection proved a wise one and for the best interests of the town, the engineer's report was not in all particulars satisfactory to you.

For instance, when you had the ground levelled you ascertained that the engineer had located his reservoir site 100 feet higher than his diverting point, and had you attempted to follow his plans, it would have been necessary to have run the water 100 feet up hill in order to have a gravity system, and while our knowledge of hydraulics has not proven extensive, we all seemed to know that under all ordinary circumstances, water would not run up hill. Hence, here has been cause for delay.

Further, our citizens (while all are demanding more water,) were divided in their opinion as to which of the two systems should be adopted, some arguing an improvement of the present systems and contending that this stream contains nearly as much as Rink creek in the dry season; and arguing its cheapness, the other claim Rink creek to contain much more water and a much greater pressure obtainable for fire purposes.

Again, as our charter was at the beginning of your term of office we could not borrow money for a less period than ten years, and if borrowed upon those terms, no part of the principal could be paid until that time. From the time the new systems completed there will be a splendid and increasing income and this you deemed advisable to apply as fast as earned toward the liquidation of the water debt.

Further, under the charter as you found it, the procedure of condemnation of private property for public purposes, (and it became evident from the beginning that it would have to be done,) was to be had only in the courts and expensive and dilatory.

In all these matters you have acted wisely and for the best interests of the town. You waited till the extreme dry season and had both streams accurately measured and you found the quality the same and the quantity to be in favor of Rink creek in the ratio of 16 to 1, the same as in the Kansas City platform. The ground was levelled and you found that while we have a pressure of 69 feet under the old system, from Rink creek a pressure of 210 feet can and will be had under the new system.

You prepared a bill amending the several sections of our charter, permitting the town to borrow money either upon bonds or warrants, making the bonds payable at any time after one year instead of ten as provided in the old charter; also prescribing a simple and inexpensive condemnation procedure. This procedure has been followed with good results, and while there has been some remonstrance in the beginning on the part of our Rink creek neighbors, they have finally come to the conclusion that the town's interest is indirectly their interests, and we may safely say that the matter of the water supply is now practically, and we believe with reasonable satisfaction, settled as to all parties interested.

The water system which you have outlined contemplates a six-inch conduit pipe from diverting points to reservoir, a cemented reservoir holding one-half million gallons, and an eight inch main from reservoir through the business part of town, where there will be a pressure of 210 feet or 91 and 14-100 pounds per square inch, which is estimated to supply four 1-1/4 inch nozzles with sufficient force to throw the water well over any

building in the business part of town, and as a domestic supply system allowing 60 gallons per capita per day; which has recently been stated to be the highest daily rate of consumption of any city in the United States; it will be sufficient for a town of 3000 people or should the average daily consumption not prove greater than it is at the present time in our town the proposed system would quench the thirst and keep clean a city of 12,000 people.

The section quoted in the beginning of this communication provides that the mayor in his annual communication shall recommend such measures for the peace, health and prosperity of the town as he shall deem expedient. A sewer system will be needed, but considering the expense to be incurred by construction of the water system, it cannot be recommended at this time.

The freight and passenger traffic of our town is carried on by means of the river and railroad.

To accommodate that coming by the river, it is only necessary to visit the river front any day of the week when the steamers are in, to see that we have sufficient wharf room. I would therefore recommend the purchase, if the same can be had at a reasonable figure, of at least 100 feet more of river frontage.

We have no street to the depot, the road over which all the business must pass between the town and the depot we are allowed to use simply by permission. This road becomes almost impassable during the winter months. There should be at least a 60 foot street along this line, and it should be graded down to the level of the form an extension of First street of the original town.

I would, therefore, recommend that the matter of importance of this street be called to the attention of Mr. Collier, the owner of the property over which it should pass, and if it be averse to dedicating the same to the town, that you proceed to lay out and establish the same under the provision of our charter.

I believe these are the only recommendations I have to make. In conclusion I have to say that while the board has been criticized by a few as not acting with sufficient speed in the matter of the water system, and by a few others for preparing to spend the town's money too lavishly, no better evidence of the general approval of the board's actions by our citizens need be adduced than reference to the overwhelming majority obtained at our last municipal election authorizing you to spend if necessary an additional \$5000 to carry out the plans contemplated in the construction of the water system.

Our charter provides that the board shall meet the first Monday in each month during the year. You have more than complied with this provision, having held forty-four meetings during the year. These meetings have averaged 2 1/2 hours in length, and at very few there has been anything but a full attendance.

Besides these forty-four meetings the board has spent four full days in examining water sources, water routes, rights of way, survey lines etc., besides much time has been spent in the various committees, performing their respective duties outside of the council room. In most all measures there has been a unanimity of action. The business of the board has been greatly facilitated by reference of a good portion of same to standing committee which was appointed at the beginning of the year, and in all matters referred to them the committee have acted promptly and efficiently, and in very few instances have they asked for further time in which to report.

The officers of the board, the recorder, the marshal and the treasurer, have, we think, without any disparagement to those who have filled these places in former years, as towns improve the same as individuals, and as may be seen by an examination of the files, indexes, records, reports, etc., filled these offices more efficiently and with more system than they have ever been filled in the history of our town.

Now thanking you for the uniform courtesy that "the chair" has received at your hands during the year, I respectfully submit the foregoing. A. J. SHERWOOD, Mayor.

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Department of the Interior.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before L. H. Hazard, County Clerk, at Coquille, Oregon, on July 18, 1903, viz: Ura F. Snow, Hd. E. No. 11559, for the E. 1/4 N.W. 1/4, Sec. 32, T. 27 S., R. 11 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: H. E. Wilcox and U. Lee Mast, of McKinley, Arthur Brown, of Lee, and L. A. Lawhorn, of Coquille, Oregon.

J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office.

Roseburg, Oregon, May 9, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory" as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

CHARLES T. JOHNSON,

of Templeton, county of Coos, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5125 for the purchase of the Lot 4 Sec. 31 Tp. 26 S. R. 11 W., and Lots 3 and 4 of Section No. 6, in Township No. 27 S. Range No. 11 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before W. U. Douglas, U. S. Commissioner for Oregon at Marshfield, Oregon, on Saturday the 25th day of July, 1903. He names as witnesses: Jesse Smith, Al Smith and W. H. Morgan, of Marshfield, Or., and F. H. Taylor, of Fairview, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 25th day of July 1903.

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Our 4th of July committee has made arrangements with Archie Levy, of San Francisco, to make a balloon ascension and parachute leap at this place on the 4th. Don't miss this. It will be the first in the county.

E. S. DEAN, President.

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