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## ON STREET WORK

### Most of Council's Time Tuesday Night Given To That Subject.

A special session of the council was held Tuesday evening to hear the city engineer's report on the completion of the Longston contract for the improving of Second and other streets.

The report as submitted by City Engineer Kellogg is as follows:

Total amt set aside for entire project.....\$23,557.51

Amounts held back account incomplete—

Grading.....	\$ 152.75
Curb.....	21.00
Sidewalk.....	1,112.50
Sloping Banks.....	150.00
Filling and leveling 3-foot strip between sidewalk and property line, except on Coulter street.....	50.00
Leveling and rolling on each side of roadway.....	100.00
Alleyways, between Maple and Myrtle streets.....	30.00
Renailing plankings on Coulter st.....	2.00
Amount to be subtracted for unseen delays.....	88.00

Total held back.....\$1,706.25

Amt. paid contractors to date.....\$15,423.82. \$17,130.07

Total yet unpaid and due Longston Construction Co.....\$6,427.54

Before ordering the posting of the five days' notice of the city's intention to pay the Longston Construction company, the council asked for Mr. Kellogg's opinion as to whether the improvement had been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications and in a workmanlike manner. His reply was that it had been so done.

The question was raised whether under the contract the council should pay the entire amount due Mr. Longston as shown above, or whether 20 per cent should be held out until the final completion of the work. There was no disposition, however, to press this point and the entire amount due for completed work will be allowed next Tuesday evening, unless objections are filed.

A discussion of the extension that should be granted for the work to be done next summer by the company resulted in its being postponed until Monday night for a decision. Six months was practically agreed on, however, which would give the firm plenty of time to become permanently settled after the spring rains. Mr. Longston said he would advise that the sidewalks be put in 5-foot slabs so that if there should be any settling following the laying of the sidewalks each section could be moved off, the depression filled in and the work replaced at very little expense.

As this was not a regular meeting the reading of the board of censors' report on the picture, "Purity," was left over until next Monday, many of the members desiring to adjourn.

Mr. Sanford again urged that the council should start the preliminary work on any improvements that might be contemplated for this summer, and the city engineer and street committee are to bring in a report at the regular meeting of what streets they think should be improved. Those mentioned so far are the two blocks on First, from the Masume Hall to Hall street, Hall street, B street, from the Sentinel one block north and Third from Henry to the T bridge.

### Things Seen at Salem.

W. C. Chase returned from Salem yesterday morning. He says that the most of the bills now before the legislature are of minor interest. He thinks that the new highway commission law providing for one member for each congressional district will probably pass, and that as Coos is the only county in the district that has voted bonds for road construction, and the only one that has a fund in hand for that kind of work now, there ought to be no doubt about our securing the appointment of one of our citizens for that position, if we are united. He thinks, as does about every one we hear from, that Mr. Chas. Hall is emphatically the man for the place.

## Election Next Wednesday.

One of the most important Commercial Club meetings of the year is to be held next Wednesday evening at which time the annual election of officers will be held. From all indications there will be more need for a Commercial Club here this year than ever before and it is highly important that the planning and organization for the year's work be begun at once.

It is a lamentable fact that the membership list does not include every business and professional man in the city. While the club may not have performed every service which it could be expected to do, the fact that so large a percentage of the business interests of the city takes no interest in the advancement of the city's welfare through this agency is responsible to a large degree for the failure to accomplish more. A stirring campaign for more members and more enthusiasm is needed.

J. E. Norton, who has been president of the club for two years, has made a good record and should be reelected if he will accept the position again.

Everyone, whether members or not, is urged to be present at the meeting next Wednesday evening.

## REPORTS ON SALEM TRIP

R. S. Knowlton, who was one of the Coquille delegation which went out to Salem last week, returned Monday morning, after spending a couple of days in Salem and one in Dallas visiting relatives.

The committee found that County Roadmaster Murdoch had done everything possible in the way of securing a change in our present train schedule and had the assurance of Jno. M. Scott that if a more convenient schedule could be arranged for the Coquille Valley it would be done.

As to the Myrtle Point-Roseburg road, he found Gov. Withycombe, who has been all over this section and knows our needs, strongly in favor of the improvement of this road.

State Highway Engineer Lewis said that the \$5,000 appropriated for this highway could not be diverted from that road but that about \$2,000 more would be required to complete the survey. He did not indicate by his position that he was as wholeheartedly for the Middle Fork road as did the governor.

As to the appointment of a commissioner on the Advisory State Highway Commission, they found the bill fathered by the governor giving him the power to appoint one commissioner from each congressional district practically sure to become a law, and that there would probably be no appointment made to fill the vacancy on the existing board.

Mr. Knowlton did not accompany the Myrtle Point contingent to Portland for a further interview with General Passenger Agent John M. Scott, believing that all had been accomplished at Salem that was possible.

### Logging Train Ditched.

Another wreck of a Smith-Powers logging train occurred just beyond the trestle near the Collier place above town at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. It was an empty south-bound train and it must have been hitting up a pretty rapid gait for the distance from the point where the first car left the track to where it wound up in the ditch was something over 200 feet. What caused the accident could not be said positively, but from the appearances it was either a broken flange or spreading rails.

Five cars went in the ditch, three of them to the bottom and a dozen or more had a set of trucks off. Inside of an hour and a half the cars still on the track had been frogged back onto the rails by the train crew, but the wrecking crew, which came over to lay new track for over 200 feet, worked until eight o'clock that evening. An interested crowd of spectators lined the roadway watching repairing operations.

### Comes Up Next Tuesday.

The case of Barrow & Strang against the Coquille City School District, involving the purchase of a building site in the northwest part of the city has been set for hearing in the Supreme court at Salem next Tuesday. It will be argued orally by A. J. Sherwood for the district and C. R. Peck for Barrow & Strang.

## MAIL SAME DAY

### That is What Commercial Clubs of the Valley Are Working For.

A meeting of all Commercial bodies in Coos county, especially those in the Coquille valley, and of all citizens, has been called to meet in Coquille at 1 p. m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at which time John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, is to be here to discuss the need of a revision of the local train schedule.

When R. B. Murdock, C. E. Huling, R. S. Knowlton, W. T. Dument, and E. E. Weekly were out at Salem last week they secured the promise of Mr. Scott to send an official down here to consult with our citizens as to the desirability of changing the local schedule to afford connection with the limited at Marshfield.

A wire to Mr. Scott that such a meeting had been called for tomorrow (Saturday) brought the reply that he himself intended to be down here by the middle of next week. The meeting was then postponed until Wednesday, the 7th inst.

We cannot, of course, forget what action Mr. Scott will take toward relieving the mail situation by bringing it over from Marshfield the same evening it arrives there, but his replies to all the communications addressed him indicate that he is open to conviction as to what service the people of this valley want. And it is up to all Coquille valley citizens to be present next Wednesday and convince him that a direct connection at Marshfield both morning and evening is the least we hope for.

With dry weather in the late spring and consequently a more solid roadbed, it is said that S. P. officials have promised a daylight service from Portland to Bandon, that is the mail will arrive here in time to go down by steamer to Bandon before dark.

We are glad to be joined with the Public Service Commission at Salem in regard to the present schedule by the representatives of this section, out there last week, but it was interviewed as to its power to assist us in securing better connections for mail and passengers at the Bay.

Gustave Brown, postmaster at Powers, died at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. The body is to be taken to Marshfield where the funeral services will be held tomorrow.

## STRENUOUS LIFE

### That Is What Judge Watson Leads with All the Duties He Performs.

So soon the Record appears to be turning on and rendering the candidate favored for commissioner, when it lambasts him over Judge Watson's shoulders for favoring a salary for the members of the county court in proportion to the increasing business they have to do. The compensation of the County Judge now is no more than it was when the county seat was at Empire and only four meetings of the court were held in a year. Now there are several meetings of the court a month, and the Judge has to devote all of his time to the work of the office, which has grown in all lines—probate, juvenile, road work and a general oversight of county business. It is now necessary that the county judge should be on the job all the time, and no man should be expected to do such work for no more than the salary paid to office clerks.

It comes to any man in which the business is concerned, the Record only sees red and begins to run its pen. And that is because Judge Watson has refused to let it get its hand into the county treasury as deeply as it desired.

During the year Judge Watson has heard 1000 cases. He had 90 cases to hear and decide in the Probate court and 20 cases in the Juvenile court. The County court or Commissioners court was in session on 65 days. He had to examine 23 insolvency cases. He is judge of the Probate court, the juvenile court and chairman of the County court and of the Board of Equalization. He has to investigate all widows pension and indigent cases. He prepares nearly all the contracts made by the county and most of the franchisees granted. He has to examine all bonds and also all the specifications in county work. His job is certainly a strenuous one, and requires far more time and application than in the case of any of his predecessors.

Still, as a matter of fact the bill to raise the salaries of the County Judge and Commissioners is one that Judge Watson has had nothing to do with, neither did he go out to Salem to look after it. The bill was, we understand gotten up by Commissioner Philip and Editor McDaniel, of North Bend.

## Germany Defies Us.

The German government has just sent to the United States a note announcing its intention of renewing such piratical warfare as it once before began when the Lusitania was sunk and scores of American citizens murdered by its submarines. It seems to us that if there is any honor, if there is any bravery, if there is any sense of its obligations to our citizens on the part of the American government, the only course it can take is to immediately present the German ambassador with his passports and break off all relations with the Kaiser's government. Then, if the lives of any more American citizens are placed in jeopardy we want not another note but quick action to enforce our rights as a sovereign nation. The time for talk has passed; the time for deeds has arrived. To attempt then to any longer keep us out of war will be an eternal disgrace to the American people.

The dry wave still rises. The United States senate has just passed the bill providing prohibition for Alaska.

Fat hogs have been selling at from \$11.25 to \$11.40 in Portland this week.

## CHAS. HALL IS THE MAN

The Coos county people are all solidly backing Charles Hall, of Marshfield, president of the Good Roads Association here and also of the Coos-Curry Telephone company, for appointment as a member of the State Highway Commission. Speaking of his candidacy the Coos Bay Times says:

"Not only would Mr. Hall have the unanimous support of Coos county, but it is pointed out that his good roads work at Hood river and co-operation with the leading good roads advocates of the State would enlist their support. In addition to the support he would get from them, his experience and familiarity with highway conditions throughout the State would be of invaluable aid to the commission.

"It is likely that definite action will be taken on the matter shortly. Mr. Hall in recent conferences with good roads advocates has taken the position that the new highway commission should carry out the promises of the present State Highway Commission on which Coos county has made its plans. This includes the Myrtle Point-Roseburg highway."

### Charles Hall Endorsed.

At the meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening R. S. Knowlton made a report of his trip to Salem last week, which was practically the same as elsewhere chronicled.

It was agreed that the club should send telegraphic endorsement to Gov. Withycombe of Chas. Hall, of Marshfield, for a place on the State Highway Commission. This section of Coos county had been supporting Judge Marsters, of Roseburg, for the position, but when the fight between Eugene and Roseburg for the place became so warm, Mr. Hall was sprung as a compromise candidate. How soon the appointment will be made is not known, but it is expected the bill making provision for a new commission will carry with an emergency clause and go into effect immediately.

Bills were allowed and warrants ordered drawn for the following accounts: W. H. Mansell, draying, \$1.25; Western Union, telegrams, \$4.68; R. S. Knowlton, expenses of trip to Salem, \$23.10.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 7th, when the annual election of officers will be held.

### Prospects Are Slim.

The prospects for regular automobile service between this city and Marshfield and Bandon next summer are said to be rather unpromising. Both the roads west and north from here will be badly cut up by the work of bringing them to line and grade with the bond money, and the service will be uncertain and unsatisfactory in any event.

But if the S. P. maintains its present schedule after the roads get dry it looks as if four-fifths of the travel out of Coos County from this section would go by way of the Middle Fork and Roseburg stage line.

The eastern mail that was delayed for nearly a week by a snow blockade in Wyoming began to arrive this morning.

## IS A BIG PROGRAM

### Work Cut Out For Our County Agriculturist This Year.

County Agricultural Agent J. L. Smith has outlined a program for the year's work he expects to handle that promises to keep him quite busy. In taking care of all the projects contemplated he will have the assistance of several extension experts, who will at different times be in the county to give lectures, demonstrations and conduct experiments. This list includes:

H. A. Chaplin, cheese specialist of the U. S. Dairy Division, who will give free service in helping with the work of the Coos and Curry Cheese Ass'n. He will also aid in standardizing the products of the association.

Prof. Graves, Barr and Fitts, of O. A. C., will aid in the work of improving the dairy herds of the county. This includes the testing associations, increased production and better breeding.

Prof. L. W. Powers, head of the drainage department at O. A. C., J. E. Larson, extension agronomist, and G. R. Hyalop, professor of farm crops, will devote considerable attention to drainage, corn growing and potato improvement projects.

For the control of the mole and digger squirrel pests, Prof. Theodore Scheffer, of the Bureau of Biological Survey, will give some interesting demonstrations on the methods of combating these pests.

Miss Anna M. Turley, who has been in the county several times, will conduct a series of demonstrations in Home Economics among rural women clubs between May 7 and June 18.

Several other members of the O. A. C. faculty will be in the county from time to time.

The first project on Mr. Smith's list of activities from the year is the Coos Association which will require considerable time until June 1st.

Next is the cow testing association work, to which attention will be directed the entire year.

Corn growing is the third item, and is one of the major activities from April to December. Testing of seed, methods of planting and cultivation, selection for seed and for the Corn Show will come under that head.

Drainage is another major project for the year which will receive attention from May until September. Mr. Smith expects to assist in establishing grades for ditches and outlets for private or community drainage systems.

The improvement of the potato crop, preventing disease, cultural methods, hill selection for seed and Potato Show will receive his attention for the rest of the year.

Mole and digger squirrel will be on the cards for three months—April, May and June.

Community, State and County Fairs will require attention from August until December; while miscellaneous business will be handled the year round.

The Corn and Potato Show referred to above is to be one of the biggest events of this character ever held in the state and will occur during Farmer's Week at O. A. C. next January. Every section of the state will exhibit at that fair and Mr. Smith is desirous of getting things started at once in the matter of seed selection, treating, etc. He especially asks all who are interested in a fair of that kind or in the improvement of the potato and corn crops to communicate with him at once.

From the outline Mr. Smith presents, we believe he is planning for a busy year.

### He May Lose An Eye.

Thursday morning James Sanderson, a teamster employed at John Lamb's logging camp, had the misfortune to seriously injure his left eye. He was falling a tree and in wedging it a sliver of steel flew from the wedge, which was crystallized by the cold. The eyeball itself was cut and the eye more or less injured. Mr. Sanderson walked the four miles to Coquille and had his eye dressed by Dr. Low. The Dr. held out a slight hope that his sight may be restored.

The Willamette Pacific construction work is not yet finished. There is much riprapping to be done along the lake shores to prevent the track from being undermined by the waters and a number of depots yet to build.

## SAVE BELGIUM'S STARVING CHILDREN!

Probably many of our readers failed to see the appeal for aid for a million starving children in Belgium printed in last week's Sentinel, so we are reprinting it again this week on the sixth page.

We do not know how to add anything to the force and pathos of that appeal. In Belgium more children than there are in the State of Oregon are famishing for want of needed food—are on starvation rations, in fact.

Although we here in the United States have sold \$100,000 worth of grain to the Belgian Relief Commission, in all this wonderfully rich and prosperous land we have only contributed \$9,000,000 to that fund, less than one dollar in ten that has been paid to us for food to keep the Belgians alive.

Meanwhile, with all their war expenses and the burden of caring for their own maimed and crippled, England and France have been contributing \$7,000,000 a month to this relief fund—almost as much every 30 days as this peaceful and prosperous nation has given in two years.

The Eastern people are beginning to wake up to this urgent need. From a paper just received we learn that the Rocky Mountain Club, of New York City, composed of wealthy men, has decided to forego building a club house and send the hundreds of thousands it would cost to the Belgian children. One member of this club contributed a hundred thousand dollars to the fund. Out of their abundance the rich are giving, but we all want to help.

Now that we understand the crying need of these Belgian children we must and we certainly will do more.

The Sentinel will forward all contributions received from its readers. Make all checks payable to the BELGIAN CHILDREN'S FUND and make them as big as your heart suggests. But if you cannot give much give a little. If you can't give \$10, give \$5; if you can't give \$5, give \$2; if you can't give \$2, give \$1; if you can't give that, give two-bits, but in Heaven's name give something to feed these famishing children. We want to send \$1,000 from Coos county. Will you help us? The following are the contributions so far received:

Coquille Valley Sentinel.....	\$100.00
Mrs. H. W. Young.....	12.00
Anonymous.....	12.00
L. H. Hazard.....	10.00
Wm. Candlin.....	2.50
Mrs. M. J. Stack.....	1.00

TOTAL..... \$137.50