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## GETTING WORK

### Bids Called For Two of the Biggest Road Projects in this County.

Last Saturday the county court ordered advertisements for bids for three road projects to be constructed out of the county bond fund, the bids to be opened May 5. These are the Glasgow-Haynes-North Inlet roads north of Coos Bay, the last lap of the Coquille-Marshfield road between Coaledo and Cedar Point, and the Bandon to Curry county line road.

The projects which are to come next in order, and the only other ones mentioned in the call for the bond election of a year ago, are the Bandon-Coquille road and the Coquille-Myrtle Point road. Besides these it is intended to let a contract for the Coos City-Summer road this season.

The court also rejected the bids for grading Lockhart avenue at Marshfield, which were as follows for a 7,000 yard contract:

Hagquist & Bjorquist, 25 cents per cubic yard.

F. P. Norton, 31 8-7 cents per cubic yard.

Pearl Bros., 33 1-3 cents per cubic yard.

Moon & Gidley, 35 cents per cubic yard.

Deeming these all too high the court decided to do the work on force account, and placed the matter in the hands of Roadmaster Murdock. G. A. Perkins and F. A. Haines will be the bosses in charge.

As to the roads north of the Bay Judge Watson has since telephoned Roadmaster Murdock not to have them advertised at this time, as there is a strong probability that state aid can be secured in their construction. As one of them runs into the Siuslaw Forest Reserve, it is also anticipated that some national funds will be available there.

As outlined now the work of putting all the incomplete portions of the Coquille-Marshfield and Coquille-Myrtle Point roads on line and grade is provided for, with the exception of the stretch between this city and the Cedar Point hill. That was improved last year and is already on line and grade, except that the fills are not as wide as the rest of the road will be made. Roadmaster Murdock informs us, however, that in case the state road bond issue is approved by the people at the June election, the county court will at once proceed to let a contract for widening that portion of the grade across Cunningham valley to meet our paved city streets, so that it will be in readiness for paving when the state gets at that work on the road from Marshfield here. We understand that this road will be one of the very first that will be ready for hard surfacing after the new law goes into effect when the bond issue carries.

### Crimes Growing Fewer Here.

Since the writer has been a resident of Coos county, there has never before been a term of the Circuit court with so little criminal business before it as the one to convene on the 23d and for which the grand jury will appear next Monday. The only person bound over for investigation by that body is an Italian by the name of d'Ambrosio, the story of whose attack with a knife on a fellow employe at a logging camp down the river the Sentinel published some weeks ago. District Attorney Hall has also subpoenaed a few witnesses in bootlegging cases, and Game Warden Thomas has some infractions of the game law to present. The decrease of crime of all kinds in Coos county since the prohibition law went into effect fifteen months ago has been most remarkable.

### Woodmen Repair Building.

The Farmers Store here is still a good deal torn up. The Woodmen of the World having rented them the whole lower story of their building here across the street from the First National Bank, the store room formerly occupied by the Ladies' Bazaar, is being remodelled for their occupancy. At the same time extensive repairs and a new floor were found necessary in the east room which the Farmers store has occupied for several years.

You can still get the four-magazine combination for two bits extra.

### Business Houses to Help.

In order to further the purpose for which the Coquille Military Drill club was organized the various business houses have arranged to close their places of business as follows: The ones that have usually kept later hours will close from 7 to 8 on the drill nights—Monday, Wednesday and Friday. These are Knowlton's Drug Store, Fahrman's Pharmacy, The Racket Store, Schroeder's Confectionery, Folsom's Confectionery, Nonner's Confectionery, Clarke's Bakery, Shors's Pool Hall, Dunham's Pool Hall, Machon's Pool Hall, Nozier's Barber Shop, Ferbrache's Barber Shop, Woodruff's Barber Shop, McDonald's Barber Shop, Siskela's Cigar, Gardner & Larsen's Garage, Schroeder's Jewelry, Wilson's Jewelry.

All other business houses will close every night at 6 o'clock except Saturday night.

As this move is to encourage the members of the drill club and to make it possible for the various business men to participate, they will co-operate in maintaining these closing hours.

## HALF OF TAXES ALREADY PAID

The tax collecting department of the Sheriff's office has been running at high pressure for the past two weeks. When the time for the payment of the first half of the taxes of 1916 without penalty expired on the 4th—and a very large percentage of the tax payers who come in person to pay did so in the last few days—it was found that the mail remittances which had piled up during that rush ran up into the thousands. Up to yesterday evening the number of receipts made out for those mail remitters had reached 1800, and there were hundreds more to come.

The amount of money received for on account of last year's taxes between Feb. 8, when taxpaying began, and April 13 was \$203,462. None of the large amounts of mail money yet been reached and it is estimated by Deputy Sheriff Clyde Gage that they will add \$150,000 to this total. The Southern Oregon company and the Menasha Woodenware company are among those yet to come.

That would make a total of \$353,000 paid during the time the first half must come in, and that would be almost exactly one-half of the total taxes to be collected this year. It is to be noted however, that many taxpayers have paid their whole tax, instead of paying only the first half this spring.

During this strenuous season at the Sheriff's office this spring the day force has consisted of Clyde Gage, George Leach, Archie Walker, Ray Jeub, Walter Oerding, Lon Denio, and Esther Asplund. The night force consists of N. N. Neiman and Mrs. Harriet Lognston.

### State Land Board Agent Here.

The State Land Board have decided that their attorney for Coos county should live at the county seat, and S. D. Pulford, now of Myrtle Point, and attorney for the Land Board in regard to the State Rural Credits' Fund as well as the School Fund, is moving to Coquille, where he has secured the former law office of Judge E. D. Sperry, in the Robinson building next to the Baxter Hotel. He will room at Mrs. Wickham's.

Information and blanks for applications for either fund will continue to be kept at the offices of Pulford & Pierson at Myrtle Point, for the convenience of those living near that city.

Applications are now being taken in this county for Rural Credits loans; but not for School Fund loans, at the present time. Mr. Pulford can hereafter be found at Coquille by those wishing information as to either kind of loans.

Mrs. T. M. Dimmick informs us that she has just sold 1800 pounds of old papers donated to the library. The prices received for them is 50 cents a hundred, or \$10 a ton delivered on the wharf here. Gifts of old papers and especially of old magazines are solicited, and Mrs. D. hopes to receive a couple of tons during the next six months.

England has cut down the amount of grain that can be used in breweries to such an extent that 30,000 saloons will have to close very soon. This will eliminate two out of every three.

## WILL BE CITIZENS ORGANIZED HERE

### Foreign Born Men Who Want to Swear Allegiance to the U. S. of America.

The applications of thirty aliens to make final proof in naturalization cases in the Circuit court here and become full citizens of the United States are on file in the office of the county clerk. Those applying to make proof at the April term are as follows, the land of their nativity following their names and then their present residence:

Nilsson, Herman Arvid, Finland, South Inlet.

Kelly, Cornelius Bernard, Canada, Empire.

Bischof, Ralph, Netherlands, Marshfield.

McCann, Robert, Canada, Eastside.

Manfuk, John, Finland, Cooston.

Peterson, John, Sweden, Templetown.

Jokey, Frank, Finland, Lakeside.

Neime, Matt, Finland, Lakeside.

Johnson, Charles August, Sweden, Hauser.

Gustafson, Hanning, Sweden, North Bend.

Olson, Peter Gust, Sweden, Hauser.

Ambrosio, Raffaele, Italy, Coquille.

Stone, Karl Emil, Russia, Marshfield.

Wicklund, John, Sweden, Empire.

Fissal, Case Ernest, Finland, Sumner.

Kari, John, Finland, Marshfield.

Anton, Monson, Norway, Marshfield.

Carlson, Carl William, Finland, South Inlet.

Hone, Axel, Norway, Bridge.

Johnson, Carl John, Finland, Templetown.

These whose cases will come on for hearing at the September term are:

Harkness, Ernest Heinrich, Germany, Marshfield.

Bailey, Charles, England, Marshfield.

Henrichson, Andrew Mazius, Germany, Coquille.

Kerser, Mart, Holland, Marshfield.

Stauff, Victor, Finland, Cooston.

Lange, F. W., Germany, Myrtle Point.

Soderstrom, Andrew, Russia, Empire.

Shryck, Rudolph, Austria, Marshfield.

Zuppa, Giannoni, Italy, Bandon.

### KoKeel Klub Election.

Nearly half the membership of the Ko-Keel Klub was present at the annual election of officers last Tuesday evening, at which time the secretary's report was read showing that the club was even with the world. When Leo J. Cary took the presidency three years ago, there was a debt of \$250 owed by the club and that this has been wiped out in less than three years, was a matter of congratulation. The election resulted as follows:

Pres.—F. E. McKenna.

Vice Pres.—R. B. Murdock.

Sec.—Treas.—C. A. Howard.

Board of Governors—L. H. Hazard and Chas. Baxter.

The election of each officer was unanimous except on the Board of Governors, for which there were six nominations. Chas. Baxter tried every known electioneering device to prevent his election but the more he worked the larger his vote grew until he reached a majority of the votes cast.

### New Street Improvements

The council met last Monday evening to consider the plans and specifications for the First and Hall street sewer, but on account of the absence of the mayor and two councilmen their consideration was postponed until next Monday. The viewers' report of damages in opening the new street and the bridge question were given the once-over and then the council adjourned.

### Thanks for a Good Time.

Chris Groha, of North Bend, a former saloon keeper there, who has been doing time here for the past three months for violating the prohibition law, was released from jail Tuesday. He has made himself useful handling fuel and in any other work he could while here. In bidding the folks at the court house good bye he said he was well satisfied with the treatment he had received since he had been here.

### Eighty-Five Men Already Enlisted in the "Coquille Military Reserves."

The call issued in the Sentinel last week for those interested in a drill company in Coquille was responded to by a crowd at the City Hall Friday evening which completely packed that chamber.

J. E. Norton was made permanent chairman of the organization and O. C. Sanford, secretary.

A committee was appointed to draft a muster roll preamble, and the following is their report which was signed by about 80 of the citizens of Coquille and vicinity:

"We, the undersigned, realizing the urgent necessity of military training at this crisis in our national existence, this crisis in our national existence, hereby solemnly agree to form ourselves into a military organization. We pledge ourselves to be present at all meetings and drills, unless excused by the commanding officer. We furthermore pledge ourselves to complete submission to military discipline."

Investigation developed the fact that seven or eight of those signing had more or less military training and they were named by the chair as drill masters. They are Wm. Brown, J. W. Noblet, John L. Gary, H. C. Gatz, A. B. Miller, E. A. Brenner, Geo. P. Falconer, G. Earl Low and H. A. Young.

Mrs. G. E. Low, Misses Esther Asplund, Allie Phillips and Ada Newell were appointed a committee to take up the organization of a Coquille Honor Guard.

Monday evening another meeting was held in the Circuit court room which was crowded with both men and ladies. The band furnished music throughout the evening which stimulated the patriotic fervor of the assemblage.

The names chosen for the new organization was the "Coquille Military Reserves." A collection was taken amounting to \$18.85 and Walter Oerding, as treasurer of the Coosians pledged \$50 from that organization to help defray expenses.

It was voted to devote the hour from 7 to 8 on Monday, Wednesday, all enrolled pledged themselves to be present at these drills.

The selection of captain and lieutenants was deferred to a future time, and the chairman made the commanding officer until such election is held.

One purpose which the company will serve will be to keep the peace and report all violations of neutrality, whether of word or act.

A committee was appointed to arrange for the closing of business hours during the drill periods, the result of their efforts being elsewhere published.

The first drill was held Wednesday evening in the Masonic Hall, and good progress was made, although the hall is too small for a company of 75 to accomplish much in the way of acquiring military tactics.

The following is the roster of the company as at present signed up:

H. A. Young, John L. Gary, Walter F. Oerding, Geo. E. Oerding, L. B. Woodruff, J. E. Norton, C. A. Howard, A. N. Gould, F. E. McKenna, C. W. Endicott, Lon Denio, Guy Kelly, Chas. E. Schroeder, E. A. Folsom, Victor Pettengill, Paul Lamson, G. Earl Low, Carl Ensele, C. J. Fuhrman, C. L. Tuttle, Leo J. Cary, T. B. Gurrin, O. H. Knowlton, F. C. True, Ernest Cook, W. H. Lyons, Wm. Bettys, Earl Steels, Eric Piep, Wm. Oerding, Chas. L. Willey, A. T. Morrison, Elmer Walstrom, F. S. Slagle, O. C. Sanford, Wm. Brown, K. E. Hodgman, W. J. Longston, Chas. L. Harlocker, S. M. Noeler, Chas. Oerding, M. O. Hawkins, W. C. Chase, C. T. Skeels, Welman Ball, Harley Warren, Earl H. Isensee, R. H. Hunt, W. J. Ferbrache, J. C. Nozier, Jr., A. M. Lammey, Frank McQuillan, R. B. Murdock, J. W. Noblet, Fred L. Harlocker, Audrey Fredrick, Lorin Schroeder, Ernest Piep, Elmer Neely, C. J. Sarvis, Arthur L. Hooton, Clinton Woodruff, Warren Davis, Raymond Chase, Frank C. Puresley, H. E. Pike, Paul L. Johnson, Sam Sherwood, Irving Lamb, Alexander H. Lowe, Gordon Hanscom, Stephen Epps, Logan Kay, Tracy L. Leach, A. A. Paull, E. E. Fraedrick Jr., Wilbur F. Aker, Geo. P. Falconer, H. C. Gatz, Ross Elwood, Paul Woodruff, Fred Lorenz, Almond E. Martin, Lester Bogard, Fred Winwar.

### The New Highway Engineer.

The people of Oregon have reason to congratulate themselves on the selection of Herbert Nunn as state highway engineer by the new highway commission. No better appointment could have been made.

Mr. Nunn was the engineer in charge, who built the Columbia Highway, and no better evidence of his ability could be desired. He has been a resident of Oregon for nearly four years, all of which time has been spent in road work. He was born in Oregon, but enlisted when the Spanish-American war began. After his discharge from the army he took a course in highway engineering at the U. S. Army School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Subsequently he was city and county engineer at El Paso, Texas, where he was engaged for many years and built 600 or 700 miles of road.

His selection as engineer for the Oregon highway commission happily eliminates the possibility that an unfit appointment might be made through political favoritism.

## LOWER MILL HAS CHANGE

A deal was consummated the first of the week by which the Sitka Spruce company, of Portland, secured the lease which E. E. Johnson had on the lower mill, owned by the Dollar company, and that mill is now in charge of Roy Warnick who is operating it for the Sitka company. With the sale of the lease goes the contract which Mr. Johnson had with the Sitka company to furnish spruce for aeroplane manufacture.

Various reasons resulted in the transfer of the lease and contract, one being the complicated nature of the specifications, another shortage of cars and also the uncertainty of the lumber market during the progress of the war.

The contract Mr. Johnson had with Aasen Bros. to supply logs and also title to the timber purchased on the peninsula near Sawyer Slough were likewise disposed of to the new owners, who made a contract to supply the Johnson mill with logs for the year.

This deal will not interfere with the operation of the old mill which has contracts with the Southern Pacific for several million feet of lumber beside local and other contract business.

Mr. Johnson went down to San Francisco last Sunday to make final arrangements for transferring the lease on the lower mill to the Sitka company.

### New Law Firm in Coquille.

For the better accommodation of their clients the law firm of Pulford and Pierson will hereafter conduct two law offices, one at their present location at Myrtle Point, and the other at Coquille, at the old law office of Judge Sperry, in the Robinson building next to the Baxter Hotel. By calling at either office clients can communicate with whichever member of the firm they wish, by phone if necessary. Mr. Pierson will continue to occupy the Myrtle Point office, while Mr. Pulford will be at Coquille.

### Enrolling for the School.

Prof. F. B. Anderson is meeting with better success than he anticipated in securing pupils for the Commercial College, he will establish here. In the few days he has been canvassing he has enrolled thirty boys. As work among the girls, who always furnish a full half of the college students, has been deferred until Mrs. Anderson arrives, this means that sixty are assured, which is a long start towards the expected hundred.

### City Nominating Caucus.

The caucus for the nomination of three councilmen and a city recorder will be held on Tuesday, May 1, the election being May 14. There is considerable talk of Chas. T. Skeels and J. W. Miller for two of the positions on the council, and while we are not authorized to say it, the Sentinel believes the two could be prevailed upon to accept nominations.

The advertisement in this issue of the Sentinel of the two road projects that have been hanging fire for several months—the Bandon South and Coaledo to Cedar Point sections—indicates that by next month actual construction of the roads for which the bond issue was voted a year ago will begin.

## SOME ROAD NEWS

### Judge Watson Sees Highway Commissioners and Gets Assurances from S. P. Official

Judge Watson, who returned from a week's trip to Portland last night, tells us that while there he met Messrs. Benson and Thompson, of the state highway commission and that they expressed themselves just as earnestly in favor of fulfilling the pledges of the old commission in regard to state aid for the Myrtle Point-Roseburg road as Commissioner Adams did when he recently visited Coquille. And the appropriation will be made at once if the six million bond issue is approved by the people in June. Otherwise the commissioners say that under the provisions of the Bean-Barrett bill the state funds from the \$1,800,000 bond issue will have to be used first to match the portion of the federal road appropriation allotted to this state, rendering it uncertain when that pledge can be fulfilled.

Judge Watson also saw Mr. Lull, of the Southern Pacific, in regard to the overhead bridges on its line to be built in Coos county this year, one at Coaledo and the other two at Myrtle Point. Mr. Lull assured him that the railroad usually assumed one-half of the expense of such viaducts, for the portion on the railroad right of way and will write him definitely about the matter next week.

The Judge also purchased a fine new flag for the court house.

### The Federal Land Board.

Secretary R. H. Mast, of the local federal farm loan organization has just received word from the Federal Land Board at Spokane that the rate of interest on farm loans has been definitely fixed at 5 per cent. Also that while the board is busy perfecting arrangements to put the machinery of the plan into operation, it will be some time before they can get around to actual loaning of the money; but that they are expediting the work as rapidly as possible and will use their utmost endeavors to get the farmers into connection with the federal treasury.

In this connection, the Sentinel wishes to state that so far at its information extends, the principal difference between federal farm loans and state farm loans is that the local organizations according to the national plan are co-operative to the extent that each member has to stand to guarantee the loans, of all the others to the extent of his resources.

### Christian Endeavor Convention.

The first annual convention of the southwestern Christian Endeavor Union will be held here in the Christian church April 20, 21, 22. The work of the union has been gaining in favor and interest during the past year under the very efficient leadership of Mrs. Edna Webster, who has been ably supported by Miss Myrtle Cunningham as union secretary.

Harold Humbert, of Eugene, who has made a study of Endeavor Union work will be present and will deliver an address Friday evening, taking as his subject "The Common Christ." On Saturday evening he will speak on "The Banners of God."

It will be worth while to all who are interested in young people's church work to attend this convention.

### Relief Corps Meeting.

The Women of the Coquille Relief Corps will hold a cooked food sale at Anderson's store, Saturday, April 14, the proceeds to be used to defray the expenses of Decoration Day, so we bespeak the patronage of all good citizens. Please give us your support and thus help in the work of observing this sacred day. We trust all who can will aid us in every way they can to make the day a success. Home cooked food sale to begin at 10 o'clock a. m., April 14. Remember the time and place.—Press Correspondent.

Willie Lyons, Louie Hazard, Charles Endicott and Earl Low were lily-picking over in Fairview valley last Saturday. They took their rods, lines, hooks and sinkers along, but had no use for them. Their creels were gorgeous with the beautiful blossoms they plucked.

Rumors that German submarines have appeared in the Pacific are causing a good deal of excitement in marine circles now.