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CIRCUIT COURT

Notes of the Business Done Since the Beginning of the April Term.

The criminal cases against the women, who were arrested last October for keeping disorderly houses over at the Bay, were dismissed in the circuit court here Wednesday on motion of District Attorney Hall.

The woman against whom indictments were returned in October were: Minnie Finn, Flora Martin, Verna Barnes, Ora Bernard, Marion White and Elsie Baker.

The last named was tried by District Attorney Liljeqvist in December with a hung jury.

The reason given for the dismissal of these cases now was that the two principal witnesses in the case, Deputy Sheriff W. C. Laird and Detective N. E. Blackman, could not be brought here to testify now, the former being 3,000 miles away in Hawaii and the latter out of the state in Washington nursing a broken leg. On consulting the members of the grand jury, who returned the indictment, and Mr. Liljeqvist, Attorney Hall was assured that it would be useless to go to trial without these witnesses. The defendants now freed have all been out on bail.

Skipworth Holds Court at Bay.

Our circuit court has been a double-headed affair this week. Judge Skipworth having cases over at the Bay, while Judge John S. Coke was busy at the court house here.

The first case heard by Judge Skipworth was that of the Southern Oregon company—its fourth or fifth attempt to pull down the \$167,000 placed in the hands of our county officials to secure the taxes it owes Coos county. After hearing the arguments Judge Skipworth took the matter under advisement.

d'Ambrosio Sentenced.

In the circuit court here this week Raffaele d'Ambrosio pleaded guilty to assault upon Andrew Dresta, the Greek whom he stabbed with a knife in a lumber camp down the river last fall. He was sentenced at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon to imprisonment for a year in the county jail and to pay the costs in the case; but the execution of the sentence was suspended until the further order of the court.

Primitive Methods Recalled.

It was an echo of the old days before the railroad came in the circuit court here yesterday when the suit of A. E. Shuster, of North Bend, vs. M. J. Cornwall came on for trial. The suit was for \$120 damages claimed to be due on account of the loss of the plaintiff's suit case and its contents from a stage of the plaintiff on a trip down the beach from Florence to Coos Bay.

A Dollar For a Slander.

The case of Glen Collier against L. P. Brantetter for alleged slander was tried in the circuit court here yesterday, the jury coming in late in the afternoon with a verdict of \$1.00 damages. The lawyers state that this does not throw the costs on the defendant, as might be inferred. The dispute which led to the talk complained of was over some hogs.

The arguments in the Kinney foreclosure cases involving about 2000 lots at the Bay were made before Judge Skipworth yesterday afternoon. He announced positively that he would hand down a final decision during the month of May. He allowed John D. Goss, attorney for Frank B. Waite, ten days more in which to submit a brief on one phase of it.

In the District court here this afternoon the jury was still out in the Shuster suit case and a jury was being empaneled to try the case of Fred Goss and Fred Figert, of Bandon, charged with violating the game laws in the hunting of deer, with Game Warden Thomas as the complainant.

The first two days of the week in the circuit court here were spent in retrying the case of the state against Arnold McLay for wringing a Beaver Hill girl. Had the charge been contributing to the delinquency of a minor, he might have been convicted, but as it was he was found not guilty.

Herald Editor Quits.

Our esteemed contemporary, F. C. Levar, will to-morrow sever his connection with the Herald, of which he has been the editor and publisher for several years past.

There are probably not more than one or two men in Coos county, who have spent more time in the newspaper business than Mr. Levar; and he has a host of friends who will regret to see him quit the journalistic field, but other business and falling health seems to make the change imperative.

Mr. Levar came to Coos county with the opening of the XXth Century in 1900 and bought the Coast Mail at Marshfield, which a year later he made a daily. He published it until July 1906 when he sold it and started the Coos Bay Monthly, something in the magazine line. This he published for a year. Early in 1913 he came to Coquille to take charge of the Herald with which he now severs his connection. The only newspaper men now in the harness in Coos county, who were in business here when Mr. Levar came in 1900, are Gus Bennett, of the Coos Bay News, and J. E. Luse, of the Coos Bay Sun.

GETS LINE ON PURE BREDS

While on a sixteen days' trip County Agent J. L. Smith, accompanied by W. A. Barr, of O. A. C., visited 25 herds of pure bred dairy stock, going as far north as Snohomish, Wash. He also visited the big Hollywood farm north of Seattle where he bought a number of Holsteins for A. O. Kjelland, of Coos river. Most of the breeders whom he visited, however, are located in the Willamette valley, and he called on the owners of all the best herds of pure bred stock in the state.

In addition to purchasing several head of stock, he secured a complete list of purchasable stock, with pictures, pedigrees, records of production, etc. This information is now on file at his office and any dairyman may see it free of cost, while if a farmer had to put in the time and money that Mr. Smith did to secure it, the expense would be almost prohibitive. He therefore urges all who are intending to purchase new stock to get busy at once and make their selections, as breeding stuff is scarce and the prices advancing. Also the advantage of co-operative shipment and a saving in freight charges will be secured by those purchasing now.

Military Reserve Elects Officers.

Less than sixty of the Coquille Military Reserves turned out for drill and election last Monday evening. Following a half hour drill period the company adjourned to the city hall. J. E. Norton, chairman of the business organization was made commander-in-chief and H. C. Getz was elected captain. Mr. Getz is one of the assistants in the county roadmaster's office, who have been doing the preliminary work of preparing plans and specifications for the road program Coos county is to carry out this summer. He is a graduate of O. A. C. and well qualified for the position, having been an officer in the military organization of that school.

H. A. Young and Wm. Brown were elected first and second lieutenants, respectively.

Favors Coquille Project.

A Washington dispatch of Wednesday's date states that Secretary of War Baker has submitted to Congress the Board of Army Engineers report on the Coquille river improvement. The report favors the restoration of the channel to depth of ten feet, one hundred and fifty feet wide from the entrance to Prosper, the same depth but 110 feet wide from Prosper to Coquille. The estimated first cost to be \$18,000, and the annual maintenance to be \$12,000, provided local interests furnish the dredge.

The latter is what the Port commission proposes to do.

First Street Improvement.

A special council meeting has been called for next Monday evening to discuss with the First street property owners the kind of an improvement to be made on that street this summer, especially as regards the south side of the street from the alley west to Willard street. The council held an informal session last evening to discuss the matter but arrived at no decision.

Calling cards 75c per 100 here.

WILL PAVE IT ALL FOR THE COUNCIL

Commissioner Adams Says State Will Go as Far as County.

The Sentinel had an opportunity last Friday afternoon to ask State Highway Commissioner E. J. Adams a question on which it has long desired to get an authoritative answer. The state bond law we are to vote on in June provides that as soon as Coos county puts "20 miles or more" of the Marshfield-Roseburg road on line and grade the state will pave it for us. Roadmaster Murdock says we can have more than twenty miles of this road ready for paving before the present season is over and before the \$4,000,000 bond issue can become available if it is voted.

So we asked Mr. Adams what was the limit in the other direction; how many more than 20 miles the state would pave if it were made ready for paving. He said there was no limit, and we certainly see none in the law.

As practically 20 miles of this road lies between Marshfield and Coquille, the whole of that stretch stands to be paved as soon as it is graded. As the nine miles between Coquille and Myrtle Point is now graded in part and will be completely graded from the proceeds of the county bond issue within a year, that will be included in the "or more" miles to be paved.

And as the 24 miles from Myrtle Point to the Douglas county line is one of those post roads which the state commission stands pledged to improve if the bonds are voted, and also a section in which it expects to have the national government split fifty-fifty on the expense, if they will do that work before the proceeds of the \$6,000,000 issue are all spent, it looks as if we might have this main artery for connection with the outside world not only improved but paved to a width of 16 feet without an additional dollar of expense to the taxpayers of Coos county. And indeed we are informed that the general government doesn't quit a job of this kind without finishing it and it is possible it may also be paved by the federal authorities.

It sounds almost too good to be true; but we are told that "Heaven helps those who help themselves," and in voting those county road bonds last year it may well be that we have helped ourselves far more than we then imagined.

Less Than Half Get In.

Of the nineteen applicants for the rights and privileges and duties of American citizenship whose petitions were heard by Judge Coke in the Circuit court here last Saturday, eight were received and eleven turned down for the present.

The case of Carl L. Johnson, of Templeton, was continued until June 20.

Axel Hone, of Bridge, was admitted as also were John Kari, of Marshfield, and Antone Monson, of Marshfield. John Wicklund, of Empire, was denied, on account of failure to furnish satisfactory evidence as to residence and character. The case of Raffaele d'Ambrosio, who was this week sentenced to a year in jail for assault, was continued. Peter Gust Olson, of Hauser, was denied because one of his witnesses didn't have personal knowledge of his entire residence in Oregon.

Henning Gustafson, of North Bend, was denied because when he made his application for citizenship he was only 17 years old; but was given leave to make a new declaration.

Carl August Johnson, of Hauser, was admitted.

Matt Neime's case was continued until June 5th.

Frank Jokey, of Lake-side, was admitted; and so were John Peterson, of Templeton, John Manfolk, of Coos-ton, and Robert McCann, of Eastside.

Ralph Bishop, of Marshfield, was denied because one of his witnesses did not have personal knowledge of his residence in the United States during the required five-year period.

Cornelius Bernard Kelly, of Empire, case continued until June 5th.

Herman Arvid Neilson, of South Inlet, denied for lack of sufficient evidence of his residence.

Karl Emil Stone, of Marshfield, was admitted.

The case of Emil Johnson was continued until June 5th.

The Honor Guard girls at North Bend are taking swimming lessons in the high school gymnasium.

Commercial Club Secures Consent of Four Citizens to Run for Office.

One of the most largely attended Commercial Club meetings for several months was held Wednesday evening when a number of important matters came up for consideration. A majority of the Club members, those not barred by age, are members of the Coquille Military Reserves and when the company is dismissed spend the remainder of the evening at the Club meeting.

Leo J. Cary reported that the committee to interview prospective candidates for councilmen at next month's election, had secured the consent of C. R. Barrow and J. W. Miller to have their names presented to the caucus next Tuesday and that A. N. Gould would consent provided his affairs were such that he could be present to attend council meetings. It was the wish of the members to endorse the committee's selection, but in view of the uncertainty of Mr. Gould's plans it was decided to put it up to the caucus.

L. H. Hazard reported that Mr. Hawkins might consent to run again this year. This brought O. C. Sanford and C. T. Skeels to their feet urging that if he would consent the city could ill afford to dispense with his services and that as many men as possible, who are acquainted with city affairs should be chosen.

It was then voted to endorse J. W. Miller, C. R. Barrow and M. O. Hawkins. And if Mr. Gould will consent to run the members individually endorsed his candidacy.

The club went on record as heartily endorsing the candidacy of J. S. Lawrence as city recorder and Mr. Hawkins paid a fine tribute to his ability and faithfulness as a public official.

In order to insure that the Commercial Club be represented at the Good Roads meeting in Portland tomorrow, April 28, a committee consisting of C. T. Skeels, L. J. Cary and C. A. Howard was appointed to select a club member to go, the club to bear the expense. Yesterday they prevailed upon A. T. Morrison to make the trip and he left this morning, in company with Judge James Watson and Chas. Hall, president of the Coos County Good Roads Association.

R. H. Mast asked what had become of the bridge project; whether it had died or was only sleeping. And he forcibly and pointedly presented the need of immediate action if we ever expect to have a bridge spanning the river here at Coquille. He presented Mr. Collier's proposition for a right of way which would land the bridge at the rear of his property, with a turn there bringing the approach 200 feet east of the bridge on Front street. Mr. Collier offered to sell the two lots between the railroad and Front for \$1,200, and a right of way 20 feet wide and approximately 200 feet long down to the street level for nothing if the city would assume the \$850 improvement tax assessed against that strip which would be spread over a term of eight years—the life of the improvement bonds. He would bear the expense of moving his house himself.

J. S. Lawrence reported that the city had dropped the condemnation proceedings to secure a right of way and M. O. Hawkins explained that it had been dropped because the assessment of damages and benefits had not been deemed equitable.

Following considerable talk, Mr. Mast moved that a committee from the club be appointed to make the best terms possible with the property owners for a right of way, either as planned by Mr. Collier, or back to a point which would be a continuation of First street. The president appointed R. H. Mast, C. T. Skeels and J. W. Miller as such committee.

J. L. Smith asked for suggestions as to how the Commercial Club could assist in the conservation and increased production of food which the national agricultural department aided by the O. A. C. extension service are making such great efforts to bring about. He gave an extended outline of how the agricultural departments intend to assist in this preparedness campaign, which is as important as the furnishing of munitions to the allies.

Various suggestions as to the listing of vacant lots for garden purposes, assistance in procuring seed, labor bureaus where free service will bring the laborer and employer into

communication, etc., were made and a committee consisting of F. B. Phillips, C. A. Howard, W. H. Lyons, J. E. Norton and H. A. Young were appointed to act with the county agriculturalist in boosting the business of making gardens.

The suggestion that high school students might secure a list of vacant lots suitable for gardening was approved by Mr. Howard, who will attend to carrying out the plan.

Talking about cultivating vacant lots to produce more food, Mr. Romanoff, of Russia, is engaged in gardening now, and it is hoped that Mr. Hohenzollern, of Germany, will soon have leisure to engage in something along the same line.

Anti-Saloon League Man.

B. N. Hicks, who has been here for the previous ten days as a representative of the Oregon Anti Saloon League, and who made two addresses last Sunday, went back to Portland yesterday morning. He has learned a good deal about booze conditions in this county during his visit and informs us that the League may possibly lend a hand in law enforcement down here before long.

PUPILS ENLIST FOR GARDENS

In order to ascertain to what extent the pupils in the Coquille schools the responding to the demands for greater food production, a hasty survey of the grades from the fourth through the high school was made this morning. It was found that, out of 268 pupils enrolled in the grades mentioned, 170 are helping with the farming and gardening or are definitely planning to do so. Some will cultivate lots in the bottoms and so have not yet begun their operations.

The superintendent placed before the pupils the urgent necessity of cultivating every available foot of productive soils and many who are not included in the above figures are now on the lookout for a garden spot. The number of agricultural workers in each of the grades from which the figures were gathered is as follows: Fourth grade, 29; Fifth grade, 29; Sixth grade, 20; Seventh grade, 21; Eighth grade, 21; High School, 50. It will be noted that the numbers are larger in the lower grades than in the upper, so it is altogether probable that the assistance rendered by a good many of these little folks is more imaginary than real. However, in the upper grades the figures are undoubtedly reliable and a large percentage of the pupils are putting forth really helpful effort in garden making. This work should be encouraged. Parents and teacher should unite in bringing every child to see the seriousness of the food situation and help in giving him an opportunity to aid in producing.

Garden Work Systematized.

J. L. Smith's office is to be the labor and garden bureau for Coquille. Here will be listed all vacant lots suitable for gardening in the city, secured by the high school military squads; the prices wanted for their rent; names of those who are seeking employment; requests for seed information; and anything pertaining to garden work. Those who have mature to sell are requested to notify Mr. Smith, as are those men who have teams to do plowing, and those who want plowing done.

For the present, until Mr. Smith secures an assistant, in his absence, Miss Edna Harlocker, in the Oregon Power Co. office will receive information from any of these sources and turn it over to Mr. Smith.

There are scores of lots suitable for gardening in Coquille and everyone can do his bit, even if prevented by any reason from entering the service, to prepare this county to efficiently meet the crisis we are now facing. Get a rake, hoe, seeds and produce something.

Barr Goes to Arizona.

J. L. Smith informs us that W. A. Barr, Dairy Husbandman of the Extension Service at O. A. C., has just resigned his position to accept the appointment as county agent in Maricopa county, Ariz., at a salary of \$2700 a year. His headquarters will be in Phoenix and there are between 55,000 and 60,000 dairy cows in the county. Prof. Barr will be greatly missed in Coos county, which he has visited at least twice a year for the past three years.

Calling Cards 50c for 50.

DRAFT FARM HELP

That is What May Come Soon in Coos County as a War Measure.

While on his recent trip outside J. L. Smith had a conference with W. J. Kerr, president of O. A. C., who has been made state leader by the national government to organize the agricultural forces of the state for effective preparations for war. The organization is on a mammoth scale and the plans are for conservation of food and the greatest possible increased production this year.

For one thing in the campaign, there are to be appointed 18 new county agents in the state and assistants to many of the older agents. Mr. Smith is to have an assistant soon. The county agents are to be given military rank and will open recruiting offices for farm labor, with a possibility of draft if those incapacitated for war do not respond to the need for men on the farms. The production of food and supplies is just as essential as the organization for actual fighting and no slacker will be tolerated. The draft will be imposed on boys who are too young to fight, and they will be required to obey orders agriculturally as implicitly as do those who enlist in the army or navy.

The county agent recruiting offices will also co-operate with the employment bureaus in the cities.

It is a big program the extension service in Oregon has mapped out but those in charge are going at it in a way to secure the utmost in efficient farm production.

Monthly Fire Drill Last Night.

The Fire company held their monthly drill last evening and put in a solid hour at practice after which they called at Folsom's confectionery where Ernie earned their thanks by "setting up the drinks."

Since the departure of Ray Jeub and Roy Avery, Fire Chief Anderson has appointed Nathan Nelson and Chas. Gording in their places. There were ten men out for drill last evening. With summer coming on it is hoped to make the drills more effective and all firemen are expected to be present.

It is also urged that obstructions in the rear of business houses be removed to permit quicker action by the company in case of fire.

Honor Guard Progress.

The Honor Guard Girls met at the city hall Tuesday night and having received their supplies, the constitution of the guard and the pledge were read to them and all signed again officially. Miss Ada May Newell was elected leader and Miss Edna Harlocker assistant. Miss Cecelia Hoffman was elected secretary and Mrs. G. E. Low treasurer.

Dr. and Mrs. Low were appointed as "captains" or instructors for the older girls and Mrs. Dr. Richmond for the younger ones.

Last night the girls met to listen to a talk by Dr. Low on "First Aid" in emergencies.

Austrian Heirs Get \$6,000.

Judge Watson Wednesday ordered the payment of \$6000 of the estate of Anna Eva Wulf, former resident of this city, by Mrs. Agnes Peters, executrix, to the Austrian-Hungarian consulate at San Francisco for two heirs in Austria.

The payment of the sum, \$5000 to William Fisher and \$1000 to Maria Fisher, his daughter, both relatives of the deceased, was requested by the consulate and withheld, due to a question of the consulate's authority, it is stated and uncertainty concerning how the breaking of diplomatic relations would affect the matter.

Fifty Tons a Week.

Marshfield is getting to be one of the leading fish markets on the Pacific coast. Charles Fuller, wholesale dealer there says he expects to handle about fifty tons a week which will come up on the Della from Rogue river, where the Seaborg cannery has concluded it will not be profitable to operate this season. The bulk of these fish shipments will be forwarded to Portland by rail.

City Engineer Kellogg expects to resign about the first of the month when he will resume his old position as engineer on the Perham contract work on the Coquille-Marshfield road.