

NOTHING DOING IN THE ROAD INVESTIGATION LINE

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Mr. Murdock said this was wrong. The company is to receive about 5 per cent on the preliminary estimates of the cost, and the work is to be done by December 1st. He gave the rates that the county was paying for the use of Grant, Smith Co.'s equipment, and the committee was satisfied that this rental was below the ordinary charges for such work.

The suggestion was made that the county court should be asked to hear the expense of this proposed investigation but the meeting voted it down. It was then proposed to divide the expense among the Commercial Clubs of the county in proportion to membership. Mr. Loney objected to this because Powers, with one of the largest commercial clubs in the county, would be heavily taxed, while that section was getting nothing at all out of the bond fund, and did not want an investigation.

It was proposed then that the distribution should be in the same proportion as the assignment for Red Cross funds; but as Myrtle Point had been asked for only \$1500 then out of a total of \$14,000 for Coos and Curry counties, the meeting did not think this would be a fair shake.

So the whole matter was referred back to the commercial bodies which appointed the delegates to this meeting, for further instructions.

About the Road Work.

In talking with the Sentinel about the charge that the Grant Smith company is stringing out the work it is doing on force account on the Myrtle-Point road and other projects in this county, Mr. Murdock says there is nothing to it. In the first place the compensation that company receives for superintendence of the work is not a percentage of the amount expended, but a fixed sum—eight per cent of the preliminary estimate. On the Myrtle Point road this amounts to \$2780. This amount is a percentage of the preliminary estimate of the cost of the work and will not be increased in any event. Besides this there is the rental of the Grant Smith equipment, which amounted to about \$400 in July.

This company has offices in New York, Chicago and other large cities, as well as in Portland, and is engaged in construction work all over the country. To "string" their work to protract this rental charge wouldn't begin to pay for the extra expense the company incurred for superintendence, for which they would get no additional money in any event. The charge is not only untrue but absurd.

As to engineering costs, Mr. Murdock says the work on the bond projects in this county is all being done by the State Highway Commission and paid for by the state. It is under Mr. Murdock's charge as Deputy State Highway Engineer, and though he has not suggested anything of the sort, we can't see how the county court could discharge him from that position even were it disposed to dispense with his services at Roadmaster.

Mr. Murdock does say, however, that all the engineering work that is being done by the State Commission is in accordance with the instructions of the United States road department, and that just as few men are being employed as could possibly do the work.

The charge that time and money is being wasted because engineers go over the project time and again only indicates that those who make it don't know what they are talking about.

In the first place, a party goes over the ground and plots the preliminary line of the road with all its turns and curves. Next another party gets the elevations and depressions and outlines every bump and drop to ascertain the exact grade. Then another party comes along and maps the route, making notes of the topography from 100 to 300 feet on each side of the road in a way that will show just how much cutting and filling would have to be done to shift the road anywhere within those boundaries.

Then the office force takes hold of these field notes make the plats and works out the problem—where the road can most economically be built and how much dirt will have to be moved. That done, it remains for the engineers to go out into the field again and set the stakes at short distances to show the working force just where and how much to cut and fill. This requires considerable more figuring and when the engineers sit down to do this necessary work some people think they are loafing on the job.

Road building is a science and requires scientific accuracy if the best results are to be obtained. Under the old rule of thumb or hit or miss method it might be possible to spend all our road bond money without getting half as much for the money as we can by employing the right methods at the start.

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Claims Attached for Taxes.

At the recent meeting of the county court last Tuesday the bills of the Coos Bay Times and Marshfield Record for publishing the delinquent tax list this year were audited, corrected and paid, the bill of the Times for \$475.25 was cut \$6, by reducing the charge made for the heading to the four or five lines the court had previously ordered should be paid for that part of the notice. This made the warrant \$469.75.

The bill the Record had rendered was \$608.75 for the same services; but as it had failed to follow the instructions of the sheriff's office to set the stuff sold and had made paragraphs for every tract where there were none in the copy, the bill was cut \$184 and warrant allowed for \$469.75, the same as the Times.

The trouble for the Record did not end there, however. For the past five years the Record has neglected and refused to pay its taxes, on the ground, as we understand, that the county still owes it \$800 or thereabouts of the \$11,900 which it charged for publishing that Tax Summons of 1912, when that famous pool was made between O'Brien, Maloney and Cates.

Of course, if the Record man had a valid claim against the county the courts were open to him to collect that \$800; but he chose to take the other method of refusing to pay his taxes to square the matter. So the county officials have finally decided to see whether these Record taxes can or cannot be collected. For the years 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916 they now amount to \$589.17, and the court sued out an attachment on the \$469.75 warrant just made out to that paper and now in Mr. Oddy's hands as county clerk, and also on some other warrants of smaller amounts issued to the Record for publishing court proceedings, etc., and Sheriff Gage served it—without any mileage fee as he did not have to step out of the court house, or even into the hallway to do it. This is the way the Record tells the story:

ACCOUNTS CUT

Watsenville Holds Bill for Printing Due The Record—Tries to Collect Disputed Claim.

(Special to The Record) Coquille, Aug. 7.—At the session of the county court this morning the claims of the Coos Bay Times and the Evening Record for printing the delinquent tax list were considered and each one cut many lines. In the case of the Record the claim due by the county were ordered held and Judge Watson will attempt to retain part of it for taxes, which The Record Publishing company has disputed and refused to pay. The case will go into court for settlement.

Somehow this reminds us of the story of a couple of boys, one seven years old, the other fourteen. The elder one called the younger a "littie boy." The junior hotly resented this application and declared he was not a little boy nor was his companion a big boy. Asked what they were then, he responded, "We are both between big and little."

So the Record said that when The Times account was cut 24 lines and The Record account 536 lines they were both alike "cut many lines." But misery always loves company it is said.

Building the Power Line.

No poles have as yet been received for the high power line of the Oregon Power Company but the work of digging the holes is still going ahead without interruption and there is little delay because of their non-arrival. Manager McKenna is promised a raft of poles this week and the work of setting them will begin immediately upon the arrival of the first raft. The new foreman of line construction, J. A. Hammond, arrived Saturday and is now in charge of the work. All the wire for the line has now been received and is ready for the poles. Replying to a question regarding to continuous power when the new line is up Manager McKenna stated that a new unit is now on the way for the power plant at the Smith mill which will carry as big a load as the two units now in use and that in the event of the failure of one plant the other will be immediately switched on so there will be little or no danger of a failure of power. Also the local plant will remain for a time for emergency work so Coquille is practically assured of a continuance of the almost perfect service she has enjoyed since the new company took charge and installed the plant at the local mill.

Send the Sentinel to eastern friends. Call on us for Stationery.

Bartlett-McIntosh.
Stanley F. Bartlett, of this city, was married here at 4:30 last Saturday afternoon to Miss Christine Alice McIntosh, of Bandon. The ceremony took place at the M. E. South parsonage and was performed by Rev. H. M. Law. Saturday evening the happy pair went down to Bandon, where Miss McIntosh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McIntosh, reside. They returned from there Sunday and went over to the Bay that afternoon leaving on Monday morning's train for Portland.

Sergeant Bartlett is now a member of Co. G, 3rd Regiment, Oregon National Guard, recruited at Portland, in which he enlisted last summer, just before that regiment was sent to the Mexican border, where he saw considerable service. He has been with the regiment since it was mobilized this spring and during its service in guarding the Southern Pacific bridges and tunnels through the Shastas. The regiment was to leave Camp Withycombe for Palo Alto early this week; so Mr. Bartlett took time by the forelock and secured a few days furlough last Thursday to come down here and secure a war bride.

Miss McIntosh was chief operator of the Coquille Telephone exchange for about two years, leaving here a few weeks ago to take a similar position at Bandon. She was deservedly popular among our young people and especially with the Telephone patrons whom she served with such uniform courtesy and fidelity.

Prior to his enlistment Sergeant Bartlett had been connected with the Johnson mill in this village for ten years and was one of the most widely acquainted and deservedly popular of our young men.

The Sentinel joins their many friends in congratulations and in wishing them a long and happy life together.

Our Corps of Teachers.

High School
Principal—J. W. Noblet.
History and Languages—Ada May Newell.
English—Mabel Day.
Science—L. C. Douglas.
Grammar Grades
English and Mathematics—Rena Anderson.
History, Science and Art—Gladys Treadgold.
Intermediate and Primary.
Sixth grade—Winifred G. Spencer.
Fifth grade—Martha Mulkey.
Fourth grade—Joan Fitzgerald.
Third grade—Catherine Dungey.
Second A—Emma Kennedy.
First A and Second B—May N. Allen.

First B—Inez Chase.
FOR SALE—My house. Six rooms and a bath. Terms to suit buyer. C. A. Howard. 2t

Progress on Fairview Road.

The graveling of the Cunningham project has been completed as far as the Fred Nosler place at the north side of town and one layer of gravel has been put on to the city limits. This gravel surfacing is being laid in the most approved modern way, three layers being rolled on separately, thus insuring a firm, stable roadway which should last for many years with but little attention or repairs. The fill at the long trestle at the Watson place has been completed and will be either planked or gravelled before fall. All the new work will be gravelled if the funds are sufficient but in case of a shortage the old plank will be put down for this winter. An ample supply of these plank which are in good condition are being held for this purpose.

The State School Fund.

The interest on the state school fund just apportioned by the state treasurer is \$382,012.38, which is high water mark in the history of Oregon. Of this amount each county will receive \$1.96 for each child over 4 and under 20 years of age. Last year the interest totaled \$369,600.95, and each county received \$1.77 for each child. While the interest on the fund is larger than in the past, the school population is less. The total population is 205,383, which is 3465 less than last year.

The figures for the counties in this section are as follows:
Coos 6,764 \$12,575.40
Curry 854 1,598.44
Douglas 6,407 11,917.02

Marriage Licenses.

August 4—Thomas O. Krewen and Linnie Frances Benham, of Sitkum.
August 4—Stanley F. Bartlett, of Coquille, and Christine Alice McIntosh, of Bandon.
August 7—Fay Elliott and Opal Powell, of South Slough.
August 7—Everett C. Crocker and Bonnie G. F. Inmel, of Marshfield.
Aug. 8—Charles Ellis and Mrs. Maude Ladd, of Norway.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.00.

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPER-INTENDENT'S REPORT

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village schools is 22. The number in which sanitary conditions are unsatisfactory is about 20. The superintendent devoted an average of an hour and 15 minutes to each visit to schools, and the supervisor an hour and 24 minutes.

The number of children in districts of the third class is 3,089 or nearly half the total.

There are 280 children preparing exhibits for county or state fairs. There are seven children of school age in the county who are unable to attend school on account of infirmities. Five of these are deaf, one is a cripple and one is feeble minded.

The Letters in the Case.

The following correspondence has passed between the Myrtle Point Commercial Club and Judge Watson in relation to Roadmaster Murdock: The Commercial Club's Demand July 12, 1917.

To the County Court of Coos County, Coquille, Oregon,

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the Commercial Club held July 11th, 1917, the secretary was instructed to write you asking that you demand Mr. Murdock's resignation as County Roadmaster.

Kindly advise this club as to your action in this particular matter at your earliest convenience. Yours very truly, Claud H. Giles, Secretary, by J. O. Stemmler.

Judge Watson's Replies

Judge Watson acknowledged receipt of this communication, informed the writer that the county court was not in session, and that the matter would be taken up August 2d.

Last Monday Judge Watson wrote them the following letter:

Myrtle Point Commercial Club, Myrtle Point, Oregon.

Gentlemen: The county court, during its present session, has considered your communication, dated July 12th, 1917, asking the court to demand the resignation of Mr. Murdock as County Roadmaster.

The communication is only a formal request and does not state any cause of complaint against Mr. Murdock and the reasons why the court should demand his resignation.

Rumors have reached the ears of the different members of the court of the reason for this action by the Myrtle Point Commercial Club, but the court has nothing definite in regard to the matter, and is not informed as to the real cause of complaint or reasons for requesting the resignation of the Roadmaster.

The county court will probably be in session for a day along about the 15th of the month, and the further consideration of this matter can be taken up at that time, therefore the court requests that the Commercial Club respond at once to the request of the court. Yours truly, James Watson, County Judge.

Hereafter all automobile and repair work must be settled for before it leaves the garage. A. A. Paul.

M. E. Church South.

Promptly at 10 a. m. Sunday School will convene.
The morning service at 11 a. m. with sermon by the pastor.
Epworth League service at 7 p. m.
The evening service at 8:00 p. m. will be union meeting with the sermon by T. H. Downs.
Prayer service Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the M. E. church.
Everyone urged to be present.
H. Marvin Law, Pastor.

Methodist Episcopal.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Mrs. Georgia Richmond, superintendent; H. O. Anderson, musical director.
The morning service at 11 a. m. The pastor will preach on "The Goodness, Mercy and Truth of God."

The Epworth League at 7 p. m. in the M. E. Church South.

The union church service at 8 p. m. in the M. E. church South. At this time the second sermon of a series of five on the general theme of the "Magnetic Cross of Christ." As the first one showed that Christ had drawn the thought of the world to himself so this will show that he has drawn the art of the world to himself.

The union prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. in the M. E. church.

A cordial welcome is extended to all.
T. H. Downs, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church.

Teaching services from 10 to 11 a. m.

St. James Episcopal Church

There will be no services during the month of August. They will be resumed on Sunday, September 2nd.

RANGE SPECIAL
to reduce stock.

SELCO Blue Enamel \$75	SPECIAL PRICE \$50.00
COLONIAL NEW STYLE	59.50
IDEAL, \$42	37.75
BEAUTY, \$50	44.25
ROSE, \$45	40.50
MAJESTIC, \$75.50	68.25
JUNIOR, \$22	19.00

These prices will prevail until Saturday, August 18.

We recommend
Detroit Vapor Stoves
for oil, gasoline or distillate

H. O. ANDERSON
Furniture and Hardware

Notice will be given through the local press.

Rev. Frederick G. Jennings, Vicar.

Christian Church.

Bible School at 10 a. m.
Preaching services at 11 a. m.
Y. P. S. C. E. at 7:00 p. m.
Prayer services at 8 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p. m.
Victor P. Morris, minister.

Christian Science Society.

Services next Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Subject, "Spirit."
Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
Free public reading room open every day, except Sundays and holidays, from 2 to 4 p. m.
Corner Third and Hall streets.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is a senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1916. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists. Be. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Fire Life Accident

See our window display of new
Art Pottery Vases
They are beauties and in three sizes
50, 70 and 85 cents

Fern Dishes	.50, .70, .95, 1.00
Hanging Flower Baskets	1.25, 1.75
Jardinières, unlimited assortment, from 20c to 1.00	
Mixing Bowls, 5 sizes	15c to 65c

RACKET STORE
MRS. BONNIE WALKER, Prop.

The rainfall for the month of July was 0.13 of an inch; days rainy, cloudy and partly cloudy, 17; days clear 14. The rainfall for the corresponding month of 1916 was 2.19 inches, a difference of 2.06 inches less this year. O. Wiren, co-operative observer, Coquille Light station.

Want Ads
One Cent a Word Each Insertion

LOST—an automobile robe between here and Lee on the Norway road, Wednesday night. Finder please leave at the Sentinel office.

DAIRY RANCH FOR RENT, stock for sale. Inquire of F. B. Phillips at the Ladies Bazaar, Coquille.

FOR SALE—Choice residence property containing 10 acres—three blocks north and two east of court house. Inquire of Matt Kerrigan on the place for terms. Old age reason for selling. 30tf

FOR SALE—3-year old filly. Call on Ed Gillespie, Fat Elk. 29t

FOR RENT—Seven room house, electric lights, furniture and stoves in house. Close in. J. E. Quick. Phone 46. 29tf

HOUSE FOR RENT close in. Apply to James Watson. 28tf

CANARY and cage for sale.—Mrs. C. A. Pendleton.

WANTED—Chittam Bark 1917 Peel. Wool & Mohair. Geo. T. Moulton.

WANTED—Second hand furniture. Highest prices paid. Coquille Furniture Co. 21tf

FOR SALE—15 acres, all bottom, one mile from Coquille postoffice; city water. Inquire John Hickam. 9tf.

WANTED—Half ton Oregon Grape root. Geo. T. Moulton.