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OPEN POOL HALLS

Council May Permit Them to Run On Sunday For Present at Least

The question of allowing the pool halls to operate on Sunday was brought up by Mayor Hamilton again at the meeting of the council Monday evening and many speeches, both for and against were made by various citizens.

The mayor said he had been requested to bring the matter up for the council's consideration, and while personally he was in favor of allowing them to run on Sunday, he did not want to see anything done which was contrary to the wishes of the people. He called on Clyde Fuller first as representative of the pool hall proprietors and the latter made a formal application for the right to operate on Sunday, stating that he knew of no reason why it should not be allowed.

Rev. A. B. Pendleton was the next speaker, in fact he spoke a number of times, and his remarks were temperate and well founded, his main idea being the greatest good for the greatest number, with the plea to keep Coquille as clean a place to live in as possible. His talks were free from personalities, as were all but one, and while he made no charge of evil to result from these places running Sunday he was sure no good would come of it.

"Peggy" Norton declared that the pool halls being closed here on Sunday did not prevent the boys and men from playing because he could take any one to any other city in the county, (all of which allow open pool halls), nearly every Sunday and show them Coquille citizens in the pool halls; and he was in favor of keeping the money at home.

J. L. Holycross said that it made no difference to him whether they were allowed to operate on Sunday or not. He did his best to see that the law was not violated in his place of business, and he wanted the officers to arrest anyone who violated the law around his pool room.

Others who spoke for the Sunday opening of pool halls were E. M. Dunn, Alton Grimes, Leslie Schroeder, Warren Davis and Jas. McCool, some on the ground of personal liberty, others that it would be better for the morals and safety of young people, and Grimes created a laugh by stating that he would like to have an opportunity to enjoy a Sunday game, at least till the fishing season opened. Charges were frequently made that pool tables were used quite commonly in private homes on Sunday and that the poor man who could not afford this luxury should not be denied an innocent amusement because of that fact.

Thos. Dungey spoke of the gambling reported to be going on in pool halls and opposed Sunday opening as providing one more day for that evil to be indulged in.

Frank Harrison thought a man should spend Sunday at home with his wife and if the pool halls were closed there would be less incentive for him to leave home.

A. J. Sherwood, after listening to the arguments for an hour, said it was apparent to him that whichever side lost, the referendum would be invoked, and he advised that the question be submitted to the people at the special election to be held June 7.

This was concurred in by Councilmen Endicott, McLeod and Davis.

Councilman Walker thought that if it was to be submitted to a vote at that time the council should grant the pool hall owners' request and permit the playing of pool and billiards on Sunday until election day so that the people might form an opinion as to whether their operation was injurious to the welfare and morals of the city.

Everyone apparently having had his say, Councilman Mansell moved that the ordinance committee have an ordinance drawn permitting the pool halls to open on Sunday, with rigid regulations for their conduct every day of the week, his idea being that the owners should appear before the council every so often, as the saloon men formerly did, to ask for a license and if the reputation of a place was bad it should be sufficient grounds for not allowing its owner to conduct a pool hall any day of the week.

This motion was carried and if the ordinance can be prepared in time it will come up for final consideration at the regular meeting next Monday.

Before its adoption, however, it is to be submitted to both those favoring Sunday opening and those opposed, for their consideration.

To Discuss Right of Way

An important meeting of the Commercial Club will be held next Wednesday, March 23, at which the special order of business will be the consideration of the right of way for the Coquille-Bandon highway between the new bridge to be built here and the Hathaway place at the foothills on Fat Elk. Everyone living, or owning land, between Coquille and that hairpin turn in the road beyond Fat Elk is interested in the location of the road and they, as well as Coquille citizens, are requested to attend the meeting.

League Pays Most

J. D. Mickle says that for the first four months the Dairymen's League was in operation in Coos county—the year in which the pools have been closed—there was only one in which it did not pay more to the dairymen than the Mutual Creamery of Portland paid here. That means the net after all the expenses and sinking funds had been deducted.

DAIRY ISSUES DISCUSSED

A considerable number of dairymen and business men of this city met at the Coquille Club rooms last Monday night to listen to talks by representatives of the Bandon Condensary.

Frank Glass, publicity man of the Nestle's Food Co., was the first speaker. He told of their investments and business in this county, and the new plan of payment they have inaugurated under which the prices they pay for milk will be governed by the price of Tillamook cheese and of cheese on the San Francisco produce market and of butter and butter fat quotations at Portland and San Francisco respectively. The average of these four factors will set the price which for 100 pounds of milk is at the rate of ten times the cheese price and four times the butter and butter fat price plus 20 cents per hundred. These four items are to be added together and divided by four to arrive at the price to be paid for milk testing four per cent butter fat; with corresponding additions or deductions for milk above or below that standard.

Jas. T. Jenkins, of Parkersburg, and Wm. Goshen, of Coos River, spoke as representatives of the Dairymen's League, and there was an extended discussion of the methods by which it would be possible for League Dairymen to sell their milk to the creamery, which did not result in any practicable plans, as the Nestle's people were standing pat on their position that they would not deal with a farmers' organization and especially would not make payments for milk to or through the League organization.

While various questions in regard to the dairy industry were discussed no formal action was taken by the meeting which did not adjourn until after midnight.

Booklets Have Arrived

Delivery was made this week to the Coquille Commercial Club of 1,000 of the 4,000 Coos county booklets ordered by that organization, of the 30,000 issue which was authorized by the County Court, the Farm Bureau and the several commercial bodies of the county. While the contract for printing them was awarded to the Gasoot printery at Marshfield, the work was done by a printing house in Eugene and it is one of the neatest and most attractive booklets we have ever seen. Typographically it is a splendid piece of work, with views of all parts of the county and concise write-ups of the county as a whole and of the various sections.

Big Variation on Steel

There must be considerable uncertainty as to the cost of structural steel at this time or the bidders on the river bridge contract here Tuesday must have varied widely in their ideas of the profit to be derived on that item. The engineer's estimate on the steel required for building the bridge was \$30,975. Mr. Gidley's bid was \$29,500, a little below the highway commission's estimate. The other bids varied from \$30,975 by the Portland Bridge Co., to \$39,087 by the Astoria firm and \$41,305 by the Eureka contractors.

Butter Wrappers and Tresspass Notices for sale at this office.

CONTRACT FOR RIVER BRIDGE

A. B. Gidley's Bid Is \$10,000 Lower Than the Next Highest--Will Finish Structure This Year.

Tuesday the County Court held an adjourned meeting here and let the contract for the building of the Coquille river bridge at this place to A. B. Gidley, of Marshfield, at his bid of \$78,560, the contract providing for the completion of the structure by Dec. 3, 1921.

The engineer's estimate on the cost and the other four bids were as follows:

Engineer's estimate, \$81,171.
Pacific Bridge Co., Portland, \$99,285.
Marcer & Fraser, Eureka, Cal., \$95,253.
Makela & Silvo, Astoria, Ore., \$110,273.
Portland Bridge Co., \$86,705.

So it appears that Mr. Gidley's bid was \$10,145 below the next highest. It is especially gratifying to find the successful bid coming from Coos county, the more so that Mr. Gidley won high encomiums for the paving job he did in this city about four years ago, which is by far the best paving ever done here. We refer to the blocks on the west and south sides of the court house, and the one between that and the long bridge.

Mr. Gidley, we are informed, has lost no time in starting to assemble material and a crew for the work, and hopes to finish it short of the time limit set.

The first concerted move for the building of a river bridge here was made twelve years ago, when the Commercial Club took the matter up in earnest and the Sentinel, then edited by J. C. Savage, heartily seconded the plan.

Since then the necessity for a bridge has become more apparent each year, and there has been no let-up in the agitation in its favor. In 1917 when James Watson was county judge, the first appropriation for it was made in the budget. The cost of material was less than half as great then as now, and \$30,000 was estimated to be sufficient to build the bridge. It was decided to provide for the raising of one-third of this amount each year, but by the time the new court took the reins in 1919, it was evident that more money would be required. So \$12,500 was put in the budget that year and \$27,500 last year. This makes \$60,000 so far provided for, but the additional \$16,560 will be provided by the county and go towards its half of the cost of building a road from the Douglas county line to the Curry county line via Bandon.

The actual supervision of the con-

struction of the bridge will devolve upon a representative of the state engineer's office, as it will form part of a state highway.

The extent to which this bridge, when finished, will be used by tourists between Portland and San Francisco is to some degree indicated by the fact that the average of cars and motor vehicles crossing the ferry here last July and August was 6,000 a month or 200 a day. To that number will this year be added as many as 1300 a month more, of the 1500 cars which took the Seven Devils road via Bullards Ferry last year.

Judge Wade expresses the opinion that by the time the Roseburg road is completed the Sunday travel here which reached 300 automobiles one day last summer will have grown to such proportions that the present ferry would be absolutely unable to handle it. The superior attractions of the coast road from San Francisco to Bandon will no doubt divert a major percentage of the traffic which has heretofore taken the central valley route over the Siskiyou to this new coast route. This will combine the lure of the mountains, the sea and the forests.

Whether this tide of travel should flow north or east from Coquille would matter little here, but it will be many a year before the Roosevelt highway is built through to Tillamook and Astoria.

As to the date at which we may expect to see the road from here to Roseburg on line and grade, with all excavation and grading finished and a roadway 24-feet in width through the canyon, Judge Wade says it will not be later than the summer or early fall of next year. But that time, too, he thinks for most of the distance the road will be finished with a rock surface.

This summer, he thinks, the road will be closed most of the time owing to the rock excavation at Sugarloaf mountain a few miles east of Myrtle Point.

It will certainly be a wonderful change from the isolated town we had here six years ago, before the completion of the branch line of railroad down from Eugene, to a location on the main highway between Portland and San Francisco, with an endless procession of cars passing through here in each direction. What Coquille needs to do to get ready for such a change we should all begin to glimpse.

O. A. C. Glee Club Tuesday

The O. A. C. glee club will give its third concert of the annual tour in Coquille Tuesday evening, March 22. The program consists of classical and popular ensemble numbers, vocal and instrumental solos, quartet, jazz orchestra and banjo selections, and two or three character sketches and skits. These have been carefully selected to suit the particular talents and ability of the performers. The sketches and skits sparkle with the personality of the players and reflect the real college atmosphere.

In a joint concert with the Washington State College glee club, at Pullman, Wash., earlier in the year, the O. A. C. glee club was nicknamed "The Smiling Chanters" by popular sentiment. Every act on the program carried a laugh bomb, rocking the house with tremors of joy.

The personnel of the club is T. E. Hampton, C. C. Condit, K. E. Hamblen, C. W. Bemis, H. C. Ohm, H. C. Goodale, C. M. Parsons, C. F. Dunn, E. H. Brayton, H. Rands, A. C. Brandes, V. O. Hesse, J. F. Roehr, A. R. Kirkham, S. Tulley, C. M. Countryman, R. J. Hillstrom, R. L. Strong, E. L. Kimball and M. R. Moe.

WHERE TO BUILD IT

While the Coquille river bridge is building here this summer, plans for the highway down the river to the Hathaway place, which have not been included in any project so far, will have to be matured and work begun. Between these points there lie two and a half miles of river bottom subject to overflow every winter and usually several times during the winter, which can in no way be evaded.

A dyke along the river bank has been suggested as one plan to obviate the difficulty; but no dyke could be built that would withstand the strain of the flood waters accumulating behind it and a road, part dyke and part trestle, is the best that can be suggested.

Even then comes the question whether to build directly along the river bank or to cross the lowlands a quarter of a mile back from the river. The former plan would involve the building of a double row of piling, and the pumping of a vast amount of sand from the river to fill in behind them, or acquiring additional land for a roadway on the other side by purchasing a strip from the owners of the abutting property—that strip being now occupied by houses, barns and outbuildings, at an expense probably prohibitive.

The plan to run the road a quarter of a mile back from the river, building a dyke with frequent long trestles, or making it all a trestle from the start seems from all angles the cheaper and most practical one. We understand, though, that this problem will be discussed at an early meeting of our commercial club, and we hope then to have more light on a difficult subject.

While the road up the river from Lampa is under construction the old road over the hill to Fishtrap, which has been made a market road, will make an available detour, both for travel to this city by way of Fishtrap, and an even shorter one for Myrtle Point and Roseburg. Below Lampa no detour is possible but considerable work was done there last summer, and it may be possible to finish the work with little interruption to travel. Of the \$56,000 set aside from our first road bond issue of \$362,000 for the Coquille-Bandon road, \$30,000 still remains unspent, and that will furnish funds to make a start in the work, of which most of the rest will fall to the state on our 50-50 arrangement as to funds.

Work on this road, it seems, ought to go on along with the bridge building this summer at as nearly an even pace as possible.

Road Under Bad Star

The clerk of the weather appears to have it in for the Coquille-Marshfield paving. No sooner does it brighten up and promise set fair than the Scandia people are Johnny-on-the-spot with concrete work, as they were last week. But Sunday's rain, followed by lots more Tuesday and another storm yesterday have put an embargo on the work that was going on famously at the rate of 300 feet a day; and now the beams are all split again. At the Bay end only a week's of dry weather is needed to finish the job, but not even the London Lloyds would hardly insure that at much less than one hundred per cent premium.

A SUDDEN DEATH

Mrs. C. W. Endicott Passes Away After Taking An Anesthetic at Hospital

Coquille citizens were shocked yesterday when word was telephoned from Myrtle Point that Mrs. C. W. Endicott had passed away at the Pemberton hospital there that morning. She had been taken up there last Thursday for a minor operation—hemorrhoids—and to have her tonsils removed, Dr. G. E. Low assisted by Dr. Lee Pemberton performing the operations. She had been recovering nicely and yesterday morning, Dr. Low, accompanied by Mr. Endicott, had gone up there to remove the stitches. As this a painful operation in a case of that kind, it was deemed advisable to administer an anesthetic to relieve her of as much suffering as possible but she had hardly succumbed to the effects of the anaesthesia when the heart stopped beating and all efforts to revive it were futile.

The funeral will be held at the Episcopal church here next Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. W. E. Couper conducting the services, and the interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Lettie Celestia Walker was born thirty-five years ago the 7th of next November at Fort Ransom, North Dakota, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Walker. Mrs. Walker, her mother, died about five years ago, in Fort Ransom, and for the past two or three years Mr. Walker and son, Tyler James, have made their home here with Mrs. Endicott.

In September, 1911, Miss Walker came here as a teacher in the Coquille public schools, and on June 18, 1912, she was united to Dr. C. W. Endicott in marriage. To this union two children, both boys, were born—Charles Walker, aged seven, and Stewart five years old.

Besides the near relatives mentioned, she leaves a sister, Mrs. C. W. Parker, of Lisbon, North Dakota, who has telegraphed that she will arrive here with her husband next Monday afternoon.

The stunned silence with which the report of her death was received in Coquille and the universal expressions of respect and love which have been heard indicate very clearly the esteem in which Mrs. Endicott was held in this community. A devoted wife and mother, her family always came first with her, and to the heart-stricken husband and children, as well as to the bereaved father and brother, the tenderest sympathies of all our citizens are extended in this hour of trial and tribulation.

Of a sunny and cheerful disposition, she made true friends of all who knew her, and her passing is a personal loss to scores and hundreds of those who had come to know her splendid personality and beautiful qualities of character.

She was a faithful member of the Episcopal church, which she joined in girlhood.

Ask For Park Commission

At a meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening the report of the Corn Pavilion committee was submitted by O. C. Sanford. The report recommended that a Park Commission of five be authorized by the city council in legal manner to have charge of the financing and construction of the pavilion and its management when completed. One member of this commission, according to the report, should be appointed by each of the following organizations—City Council, Commercial Club, Woman's Club, American Legion, and the Corn Show organization.

This report will be submitted to the council next Monday with a request for the adoption of an ordinance authorizing a park commission, as soon as possible so that the commission may be appointed and begin work at once.

The club authorized the payment of \$120 as Coquille's share of the expense of publishing the 30,000 issue of Coos county booklets, just received from the printer.

To Bring Con Wilson Back

Deputy Sheriff Malehorn started for Portland yesterday morning, with a bench warrant for the arrest of C. H. Wilson, known also as Con. Wilson on a charge of obtaining money by means of a bad check. He is expected home this afternoon as Wilson was in jail at Portland when he started.

Miss Kalbus Resigns

At the Farm Bureau meeting at Myrtle Point last Saturday Mrs. Jessie D. McComb announced the resignation of Miss Minnie Kalbus as home demonstration agent for Coos county. Mrs. McComb explained that Miss Kalbus was resigning entirely for personal reasons. It appears that she has in view a more satisfactory position with a life tenure, which will involve a change of name; and we are sure her hundreds of friends in this county who have learned to appreciate her splendid character and her exceptional qualifications as a leader in home demonstration work will unite with the Sentinel in regretting that she is to retire from this field and in wishing her all possible happiness and prosperity in the new home of which she is soon to become the queen. A better poised or a more even tempered young woman we have seldom met. During the two years in which she has been an inmate of the writer's home there have been clouds as well as sunshine in her life, but she has proved pure gold whatever the test.

Pure Bred Stock Sale

Word has been received by County Agent C. C. Farr that a carload of thoroughbred Herefords and Shorthorns will be shipped in here next week to be sold at auction. In this shipment will be twelve bulls and six heifers from the O. A. C. herds at Corvallis. Prof. Oliver, of O. A. C., will come down with them.

Dairy Specialist Here

H. R. Lochry, Dairy Manufacturing specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture with headquarters at Salt Lake City, Utah, is here to spend several weeks working with H. W. Thomas, the local Cheese Inspector, to do all that is possible to bring Coos and Curry cheese quality up to a point second to none. Mr. Lochry is one of the many specialists sent out by the government to assist co-operative cheese factories in bettering their products so that the greatest returns can be obtained for their merchandise.

Sheriff Goes to Seattle

Sheriff Ellingsen went up to Seattle, starting Sunday morning, with bench warrants for W. B. Jones, a Eugene attorney, and G. W. John, now in Seattle, both of whom are accused of obtaining money by means of bad checks in connection with a deal involving interest in a Riverton coal mine. The sheriff has been delayed awaiting a requisition from Gov. Olcott for John and it is not known how soon he will return.