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6000 THE YEAR

ABOUT CITY PARK

How It Is Being Used and Abuse—Building Still Uncertain

At the Commercial Club meeting Wednesday evening, J. E. Norton, treasurer of the Highway Celebration committee, submitted a financial report for the committee, as follows: Total receipts, including subscriptions and dance receipts \$2305.90 Expenditures \$1681.22

Balance on hand \$624.68 There are a few small bills yet to pay out of this balance, but the amount to be turned into the Coos Pavilion fund will be at least \$500. The committee was extended a vote of thanks for their good work and the results attained.

A resolution was adopted urging all Coquille citizens to attend the Fourth of July celebration at Myrtle Point. J. A. Lamb, as member of the Park Commission, stated that he had had an application from a man who wanted to put up a tent and live in the myrtle grove through the summer. He had refused to give such permission and his action was unanimously upheld by the club, which holds that the park is for tourist accommodation and not for the purpose of helping anyone to escape paying rent.

The club agreed to donate up to \$25 in co-operation with other organizations, in providing funds for equipping the park with brick ovens for the accommodation of tourists. Some campers have already used the base of the myrtle trees as a building for their fires and if that practice should continue the grove would soon be ruined.

L. Turner reported that he had been approached by men who desired to know if the club would agree not to attempt the erection of the Coos Pavilion if a privately owned building of sufficient size was built, which would be available every year for corn show purposes. To hear the plans and details of this proposal the club agreed to meet these gentlemen next Wednesday evening and discuss the proposition with them, before coming to any decision.

With the vacation season at hand and everyone desirous of a little more leisure and one more free evening in the week, the club decided to adjourn regular meetings for three months, or until Oct. 5th, except at the call of the president when special need of a meeting should arise.

Consideration of the secretary's resignation, which was handed in that evening, was deferred until the October meeting.

Was Certainly Unfortunate

It is unfortunate that the managers of the Chautauquas coming into this section this summer should have hit upon the same week for the entertainments here and at Myrtle Point. Just who is responsible for this lapsing over we shall not here attempt to say but certainly neither the people here nor at Myrtle Point are responsible, and we hope to see no hard feeling between the citizens of these adjoining towns who have always maintained friendly relations, aroused because of the disposition of the managements of one or both of these Chautauquas. Let all of our people who can do so go up to Myrtle Point the first two days there, and we are assured the people there will reciprocate by coming down here the last two days here.

Might Have Been First

Mrs. Bertha J. Smith, the abstractor, of this city, has just passed up an opportunity for wide notoriety. When the regular jury panel was exhausted in the circuit court here yesterday Sheriff Ellingsen started out to draw a special venire and the County Clerk suggested that he summon some women. The first one he called was Mrs. Smith, but she declined to serve. Had she consented she might have been the first woman juror in Oregon under the new law.

Has His Hands Full

Although Justice Stanley is still on crutches, owing to that broken bone in his foot, what with filing labor liens by the score, sentencing moonshiners, making out "glory tickets" (marriage certificates) and other details of his growing legal business, he says he has had to work about sixteen hours a day during the past two weeks.

Tag Day Committee

The committee for Chautauqua Tag day will meet at the Setopal at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. The following have been selected for this work:

Adult Committee
Meadames C. J. Flaxman, J. E. Norton, E. E. Johnson, Ida Owens, J. A. Lamb, Edwin Ellingsen, V. I. Hamilton, Fred McNelly, E. Perry, T. B. Currie, C. A. Boyrie, Rex Dallas, Alfred Johnson, Tracy Leach, G. E. Low, Earl Leslie, John Miller, N. N. Neimann, Hal Fierco, Chas. Skeels, John Ross, C. E. Malkey, A. N. Gould, Mr. L. J. Cary, Mrs. Paul T. Ramsey and Mrs. L. F. Branstetter.

Students' Committee
Misses Katharine Hervey, Lundy Church, Rosanna Schroeder, Adrienne Hazard, Helen Sherwood, Fred Harlock, John Holman, Kenneth Kistner, Audrey Fraedrick, Levi Wilson.

A Fair Exchange

Myrtle Point people are asking the people of Coquille to visit their Chautauqua the first two days—July 10 and 11—before our Chautauqua opens; and promise to reciprocate by coming down here the last two days of ours—July 16 and 17—after theirs closes. That will certainly be neighborly on both sides.

ASKS CHANGE OF VENUE

In asking that Ex-Gov. West's suit for \$20,000 commission on the taxes and costs paid by the U. S. Treasury on the Southern Oregon lands reclaimed by the government, be dismissed, County Attorney Ben S. Fisher and John D. Goss presented the following points at a hearing before Judge Cole in chambers Monday:

First—That West's claim of contract was ultra vires, that the Coos county court could not delegate authority to anyone outside the county the right to fix the amount of allowance of a claim that the law specifies shall be fixed by the county court itself.

Second—That West's claim should have been brought up by writ of review in the county court itself after the allowance was fixed instead of by separate action in the circuit court.

Third—That the alleged contract is contrary to public policy—that it is not right for one set of public officials to hire a lobbyist at public expense to appear before another public body for public funds to be expended for the benefit of the public.

Fourth—That West's claim is illegal in that it alleges the fixing of a fee before the service was completely rendered.

Attorney Alfred A. Hampson, representing Gov. West, announced that if the case comes to trial before a jury he will ask for a change of venue, probably to Lane county. The ground will be that the taxpayers of Coos county have a financial interest in defeating West's claim, and so would unavoidably be prejudiced against his suit.

Went Through All Right

A. B. Dean says there has always been some question in his mind as to whether Coos county strawberries would stand shipment for any considerable distance, owing to the dampness of the climate. But that question was fully decided when several crates were sent to Brothers, Oregon, 65 miles beyond here. This made a journey of 625 miles before they reached the consumer, and they were reported to have arrived "in fine shape."

Free Information Bureau

Reuben H. Mast Jr. has opened a free information bureau in the small building across the street from the Baxter, where A. T. Morrison has his office. Someone will be on hand all day to answer telephone calls or give information regarding stage routes and service, railroad or boat schedules, condition of roads, or anything else about Coos county on which information may be desired.

Will Pay Fine of \$250

Justice Dodge, of Myrtle Point, fined Harold Schroeder \$250 and sentenced him to 30 days in jail when he was arrested for having six bottles of booze in his possession. The justice said he would reduce the jail sentence if the fine was paid.

Call on us for Stationery.

STILL AT BRIDGE ALMOST STARVED

Innes Houser Caught With the Goods and Fined \$500—Gets Six Months

Another moonshiner got his legs yesterday when Innes Houser, of Bridge, was arraigned before Justice Stanley here yesterday. He pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law and was sentenced to serve six months in jail and pay a \$500 fine.

The arrest was made by Constable Clifford Kern at 7:30 Wednesday evening. The still was found on a search warrant Justice Stanley was aroused from his slumbers at about 9:30 Sunday night.

It wasn't difficult to locate the copper still in thick brush on the creek near Bridge; but it was the man behind the gun Kern was after, rather than the three barrels of mash and the outfit that he found early in the game. Monday and Tuesday Constable Kern and his brother, Melvin Kern put in ostensibly fishing up and down the creek.

Tuesday afternoon they thought things were about ripe for catching their quarry and came down to Myrtle Point and got Marshall Redell, of that place, and Harry Morgan to go up to Bridge with them.

A gallon jar of moonshine was captured with Houser and the still, and the outfit brought down to add to Sheriff Ellingsen's museum. Times seem to be dark days for the fellows who are trying to get away money by monkeying with the dry law.

Made a Water Haul

Sheriff Ellingsen, Deputy Sheriff Malehorn and Constable Goshorn have been out in the Tammie country this week hunting moonshiners, but came back yesterday without any of the breed. They did, however, find a five gallon jug partly filled with corn liquor and parts of two stills, both of which appeared to have been abandoned for lack of water to run them. There are many indications that the moonshine business has seen its best days in Coos county.

Wm. Zinner at the Warlines insurance one of good entertainment at Liberty Theatre. See the program on page three.

Greek Leger Brought In After Four Days' Fast—Case a Sad One

Marshall Redell, of Myrtle Point, at five o'clock yesterday afternoon brought back the leper, Angelos Mitrou, who escaped from his cottage at the county poor farm last Friday afternoon.

Redell found him sitting beside the highway two miles this side of Myrtle Point shouting for help. He had been without food for four days and was pretty nearly all in.

His case is, indeed, a sad one. His wife and children are in Greece and he is hearing nothing from them. He has nothing in his own language to read—nothing in the world to do except to sit and brood upon his unfortunate condition and speculate how long it will be before the disease reaches some vital part and the end comes. Let the reader imagine for a moment how he would feel or what he could do to relieve the monotony of a living death if he were in Mitrou's place.

Probably he will try to escape again, but his venture this time has resulted in a way to make it probable that if he should wander far or get lost in the forest he would probably soon perish from starvation.

We have no idea what can be done for him. The government certainly can't get any one to take him back to Greece on shipboard; and life is not much better than torment to him here. It's a problem almost as old as humanity. Christ healed a leper in his day who was making his home among the tents.

Should Be Fined

The auto camper, who has no more consideration for the hospitality of the city than to build a fire against the base of a myrtlewood tree ought to be fined himself in short order. Evidently we need a city ordinance providing heavy fines for injuring those splendid myrtlewood trees the city has been at so much expense in trying to preserve for the generations to come.

Vulcanizing and battery service at Graham's Garage.

Roadport-Roseburg Road

The first step in the construction of the Roseburg-Roadport highway was taken this week when the Douglas county court ordered the survey of the Roadport-Brandy bar section, says a Roseburg dispatch. The road when finished will follow down the Umpqua river and will give a connecting road to the Roadport section, which is now completely isolated from the county seat because of the lack of a suitable highway.

There is a question as to whether the road from Scottsburg to Brandy bar is to be built on the north or the south side of the river, and that piece of road will not be built until the matter is investigated more thoroughly.

Old Pioneer Passes

George W. Stevenson, one of the pioneers of this section, died at his home here at 1:15 yesterday afternoon, of tuberculosis. His age was 82 years, five months and 15 days. He had been helpless for six or eight months and was being cared for by Amos Hatcher. Florence John, a niece from Grants Pass, came here three months ago and has been with him ever since.

The funeral services will be held at the Ellingsen chapel at two o'clock tomorrow, (Saturday), afternoon, and the interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

PEART BROS. WILL PLANK

Mayor Hamilton and Councilman McLeod were the only absentees Monday evening when the city council met in adjourned session.

The bid of Peart Bros. for planking, curbing and sidewalks, was found to be the lowest by Engineer Gould and the contract was awarded them for \$7757.92. Jas. L. Stevens was next lowest at \$7242.43.

The above amount added to H. W. Payne's contract for the grading on there—\$21,297.13—makes the total cost of the improvement in the north end of the city, \$19,748.11.

The request of Merritt Brewer for damages on account of the extension of the Rink creek pipe line for half a mile up the gulch was referred to the water committee with power to act.

Johnson & Weekly, Roseburg stage men, having failed to comply with the city ordinances requiring the payment of a license fee for operating over the streets of Coquille, Marshal Hollenbeck was ordered to enforce the ordinance, the result being elsewhere detailed.

The council spent considerable time talking over city affairs, but no other business was transacted.

Doesn't Want to Pay

Harley Johnson, of the Johnson-Weekly stage line running between Coos Bay and Roseburg, was taken before Recorder Lawrence Wednesday evening for operating for-hire cars through Coquille without a license. Some weeks ago the council passed an ordinance granting this line a franchise to operate over the streets of Coquille at an annual license fee of \$50. No payment had been made and Wednesday Marshal Hollenbeck notified Johnson to appear that evening. He did so but said he wanted to fight the case as he thought the fee excessive.

The Recorder set July 7 as the time for hearing the case. In the meantime if this company operates cars for hire he will be subject to arrest for each day that they operate. It was said that passengers were being carried free yesterday to get around the ordinance until the case is settled.

Train Service Here

District Passenger Agent J. L. Sparks gives notice that on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, extra cars will be attached to all trains between here and Myrtle Point to accommodate those desiring to celebrate at Myrtle Point. Monday evening, the afternoon train will be held at Myrtle Point until 5:45 to give the crowd time to see the day's program.

Sperry Shut Up 7 Days

In a carload of Sperry flour received at the warehouse at the depot this morning a cat was found which had been sealed up seven days with nothing to drink and nothing but flour to eat. The cat has been rechristened Sperry and will hereafter find plenty of employment in keeping the building free of rats and mice.

DROPS DEAD HERE

Mark Morris Suddenly Stricken—Was An Old Resident

Wednesday evening Mark Morris, a well known carpenter, died suddenly of heart failure while walking along the road beyond Cedar Point, about 7:30. He was walking with Nannie McAdams at the time, and a little before complained of not feeling well. The illness was of very short duration as he ate a hearty supper at 6 o'clock.

The funeral service took place at 2 p. m. this afternoon at the Ellingsen chapel, and the interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

He was born in Fayette county, Iowa, April 16, 1865, and was two months over 45 years of age. He was one of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. William Morris, and came to Coos county with them in Dec. 1872. They first settled on the bay at Empire, but remained there only a few months before coming to the Coquille valley, where Mark has since lived.

His father at one time owned and operated the mill two or three miles up the river from this city, which was one of the first sawmills on the river and was later purchased by Alfred Johnson, Sr., and known as the Johnson mill.

Mr. Morris' father, mother, one sister and three brothers passed on before him. Two sisters and one brother survive him, Mrs. Jane Gilman and Mrs. Judith Collier, of Coquille, and Alfred Morris, of Bandon. Other relatives are Annie Wimer and family, of Coquille, Leo Morris and mother, of Bandon, and Mrs. Lucy Cook, of Marshfield, an aunt, and her son, George.

Mark Morris was a good citizen, a kind neighbor and eminently a friendly man. We never heard an unkind word about him spoken by any one and we are sure he will be sincerely mourned by every one who knew him.

Trade At Home

We sincerely hope that the people of Coquille will not forget their home industries in patronizing those in the same line at the Bay, which take the view that their trade radius has been extended by the opening of the new highway. If a Coquille industry is compelled to go out of business because our people are giving their work to a Marshfield house in the same line, which is persistently soliciting it, our city will be very much the loser.

While it is, of course, impossible for business men either here or at the Bay to sell goods from wagons at the other end of the line, under the existing ordinance, there has unfortunately no way been found to prevent those of one town from taking orders in other territory. Whether an ordinance could be enacted that would put an end to such trespassing we are not certain.

At any rate our people ought to have enough home pride to patronize home establishments, instead of starving them by giving their work to solicitors from the Bay. In the end neither town can make anything by trying to siphon work from the other.

If our people want to take their business to the Bay or Bay people want to come here to get work done, that is all right, but the soliciting game ought to be frowned upon in the interest of our city.

Allegany Road Good

Reports received by the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce are to the effect that the Allegany road is in good condition and tourists who are coming into this section are being told to come in by way of Drain and Allegany instead of over the Coos Bay wagon road. It costs \$5.50 and \$5.50 to have the auto brought from Allegany to Marshfield on a scow, according to the size of the auto.

R. A. Wernick vs. R. K. Booth

The suit of R. A. Wernick, as receiver of the Coquille Lumber Mills, against the R. K. Booth Shingle Co., is for \$15,382.17 balance claimed to be due by the Shingle company for material furnished it by the Coquille Lumber Mills.

On July 5th and 6th the Liberty Theatre presents Robert W. Chamber's greatest novel, "The Fighting Chance." See the program on page three.

Chautauqua Program Here

Following is the six day program of the Westco Chautauqua to be held here Tuesday, July 12, to Sunday, July 17. It is full of splendid numbers and attractions and every session will be worth while. Tickets are \$2.50, plus 25c war tax for adults. The ticket selling committee has designated next Thursday and Friday as Tag Day when they expect to tag every one in town with a sign, "I have bought my Chautauqua ticket," or something to that effect.

AFTERNOON, TUESDAY, JULY 12
Introduction of Superintendent Chairman Local Committee
Get Acquainted Talk Superintendent
Chautauqua How-do-you-do Ye Olde New England Choir
Admission 40c

EVENING
Songs of Four Centuries Ye Olde New England Choir
A beautifully costumed pageant of American Music
Admission 55c

AFTERNOON, WEDNESDAY, JULY 13
Dramatic Readings, Songs and Whistling Solos.....Dixie Doll and Company
Lecture—"The New Near East" Wm. E. Thompson
Admission 40c

EVENING
An Hour in Movie Land Dixie Doll and Company
Address—"Fiddles and Fortunes" Thornton Mills
Eight year old Movie Marvel at Chautauqua
Admission 55c

AFTERNOON, THURSDAY, JULY 14
Artists' Recital Christian Mathisen and Assisting Artists
Admission 40c

EVENING
Popular Concert Christian Mathisen and Assisting Artists
Lecture Oration—"Taste the Apple" Dr. James Hardin Smith
A great artist and a powerful orator
Admission 55c

AFTERNOON, FRIDAY, JULY 15
Musical Oddities and Ragtime Rhapsodies Bland's Orchestral Band
Health Lecture Beatrice Eves Haskett
Admission 55c

EVENING
All-Star Descriptive Concert Bland's Orchestral Band
Including the thrilling "Battle of the Marne" with electrical effects
Admission \$1.10

AFTERNOON, SATURDAY, JULY 16
Popular Science Demonstration Glenn Morris & Company
Mother Gooses and Other Rhymes Georgens Paulsen, the Story Lady
Admission 40c

EVENING
Wonders of Electricity Glenn Morris & Company
Humorous Lecture—"Simon Says Wig-Wag" Booth Lowry
An evening of instruction and entertainment
Admission 55c

AFTERNOON, SUNDAY, JULY 17
Camp Meeting Songs and Negro Male Dues The Virginians
Lecture—"A Voice from the Underworld" Warden Botkin
Admission 55c

EVENING
Junior Pageant By Our Kids Jubilee Joy Festival The Virginians
Humorous Musical farwell to Chautauqua