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GETTING TO BONE

Budget Committee Is Reducing County Expenses Wherever Possible

The budget committee consisting of three members of the county with Russell Dement, Dorsey and Henry Sengstacken as members met here Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon for a three days' session adjourned last night until Saturday morning. They have completed the tentative budget for the year 1922 as far as the fund is concerned, though, of course, any item may be changed before the committee completes its work. Saturday morning they proposed to begin work on the road fund.

No appropriation has been made for the O. A. C. extension work, for the public health nurse's work. The budget stands as now when the county will dispense the services of C. C. Farr as county agent, Miss Louise Riddle as demonstration agent and Miss Beth Campbell as county nurse.

It is informed, too, that in the opinion of the clerical force in the county whose salaries are not fixed, there has been a general reduction. Even in the case of the demonstrators, who are to do the field work, the pay has been cut from \$5 to \$4.

Unquestionably, in consonance with the reduction now in progress in all the wages paid by the county, the salaries of the Sentinel like a good step to cut out the health work of the O. A. C. extension work and the county agents—more especially the former. It would be the same line to dismantle and reduce our state asylums and hospitals which have always been regarded as the sign posts of an advancing civilization.

Special Session on the 19th

Elects has called a special session of the legislature for Monday, Dec. 19, in the evident hope that the bill will finish the work mapped out for it to do within a week, in time for everybody to get home by Christmas. We fear he will be disappointed. Still considering the way he has vetoed on things that he has wanted to see taken up at the special session last winter, there isn't much likelihood to wander off into the field of general legislation this year.

Three matters in which legislation is deemed necessary now are: 1. To amend the constitution to give the first is to call a special election at the time of the primary next summer to vote on the question of bonding the state for \$3,000,000 to aid the Portland fair.

The second is to regulate commercial vehicles on the state highways, to speed, charges, etc.

The third is to regulate tractors in use on the paved highways of the state, both as to speed and as to load.

Japan Spills the Beans

The latest news is that the Japanese government has instructed its representatives at the Washington conference to stand pat on a 70 per cent power, even if it breaks up the conference. If she does this it means the conference will accomplish nothing and that both Great Britain and the United States will continue to race for armament simply to keep up with Japan, which evidently has the Kaiser idea that it can whip Great Britain and is dead set on war. Great Britain is not with her and her is the only consolation likely to get out of the conference. And another war appears to be in the near future.

Will Save Fifty Million

The railroad shop rules on the railroads which made it necessary to employ men to do the work of two men, repairs to locomotives, have been abolished. This will save the fifty millions a year that have been paying to men to do the work of two. It looks as if the reduced cost of the railroads are having their effect reflected in low wages and diminished cost of living. Whether they get the ten per cent further reduction in wages or not.

Drowning at the Bay

Ludwig Matson, of Marshfield, walked off a floating dock there Wednesday night into eternity. He was a produce and meat dealer and was intending to take the seven o'clock boat to his home at Eastside but missed it. Then he got his eye on Charles Spooner and his launch, and thinking he might be going his way tried to talk with him as he walked along the outer edge of the dock. The launch was going north and Matson was walking the same way intent on getting in touch with Spooner, so he did not notice he was nearing the end of the dock until he plunged headlong into the waters of the bay.

Weighted with an overcoat and rubber boots and with the tide ebbing swiftly Matson had but a slim chance for his life and he sank within 35 yards of where he fell into the bay. Spooner got his launch to the landing in two or three minutes, and plunged into the water to rescue Matson, but he latter had disappeared before he could reach him.

Matson was 47 years old and leaves a wife and six children.

STANLEY TIES FOUR KNOTS

Justice Stanley says the marrying business appears to be promoted by stormy weather, on the theory we suppose, that a hearthstone and fireside of one's own seem more desirable when the winds are howling and rain is driving across the fields in gusty sheets.

Each of the worst two days of this stormy week has brought two couples to the shelter of his office to unite their fortunes. Tuesday it was Clyde E. Stearnes and Nellie McAdams, of Bandon, and then Kent Landers and Ada Sanders, of Marshfield, who got honeymoon tickets.

Yesterday gave us a fiercer storm and two very diverse couples presented themselves as candidates for conjugal felicity. The first were Amos Carson and Hattie Norton, of Bandon, he aged 72 and she 71. Still the bride stoutly insisted, even though confessing to more than three score and ten, that they were not old, the other that she was 71 years young, and she didn't believe in getting old.

The second couple ran to the other extreme. Levi Gant and Oma Hubbard, of Powers, confessed to 25 and 16 years respectively, the bride being one of "Old Mother Hubbard's" youngest descendants.

It's getting near Christmas now and Judge Stanley is willing to chance a few more stormy days meantime.

Tex Vernon Out on Bond

Tex Vernon, one of the Lakeside men put in jail here last week for threatening boys accused of stealing a still there, and using firearms to scare them into making a confession, has secured the \$1000 bail required in his case. His bondsmen are Peter Menegat and H. W. Wilkins. The latter is reported to be operating a still just over the line in Douglas county.

One of the sheriff's force says that if the grand jury will indict and conviction is secured when Tex Vernon and Jack Morgan are tried, the moon-shining business around Lakeside will practically cease. There are others engaged in it, but those two were the ringleaders.

River at Flood Stage

The warm rains of the past week, which brought whatever snow there was in the mountains out, have kept the river at flood stage and this morning the waters were up this side of the railroad trestle at the city dock and all over the flats to the south. The road between here and Myrtle Point was under water yesterday and but for the cessation of rain this morning that section would have been cut off by both rail and road. There was over a foot raise last night.

Pacific Ocean Falling

A pretty fair percentage of the Pacific ocean deluged us in the form of rain during yesterday's Chinook, which certainly was coming but not foremost some of the time. Winter seems to have arrived in good earnest as winter goes here; but it certainly hasn't been cold. At night we slept for at least twice this week under exactly the same coverings we did last July, and a good deal warmer than the night we were up on Mt. Ranier.

The Sentinel and the Oregon Farmer can still be obtained for \$2.15 for one year.

ALL FOR LEAGUE PROSPECTS GOOD

Dairymen at Langlois Line Up Strong Against Disbanding It.

Langlois, Ore., Nov. 30.

At a meeting held on this date at the Woodman Hall a motion was made and seconded that Fred Hofessa act as chairman and A. P. Sweet was elected as secretary. A motion was made by Will Russell and seconded by J. A. Cox that if the vote of Dec. 5th carry in favor of the League, that the directors be instructed to amend the by-laws: 1st, that each zone become self-managing with K. C. Elridge at our head and we have our own zone manager under Elridge, and a board of Coos and Curry county directors to work in conjunction with our zone manager.

Second, if possible for directors of our present league, be instructed to discharge this executive board which has from all accounts run this league to suit themselves, over the directors and all other officials and members' heads.

This above motion was carried by a unanimous vote of this Langlois, Denmark district of northern Curry county.

A motion was made and seconded that all members at this meeting in favor of liquidation vote, which showed over 90 per cent in favor of holding together, and against liquidation. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Signed Fred Hofessa, chairman; A. P. Sweet, secretary.

Road Taxes Voted

Of the fifteen road districts, which held elections last Saturday to vote on the question of levying a special road tax, thirteen have reported to the county clerk's office, all having voted the tax. Bullards and Four Mile are the two which have not yet reported. The following are the districts and the amounts they voted:

- 1—Larson Slough, \$1,189.80.
- 2—Kent Slough, 10 mills.
- 3—Allegany, \$801.06.
- 4—Allegany, \$4,000.00.
- 5—Cooston, \$329.45.
- 6—South Slough, \$6,508.75.
- 7—Summer, \$6,508.75.
- 8—Coos River, \$12,114.04.
- 9—Fairview, \$9,500.00.
- 10—Lee McKinley, \$3,000.00.
- 11—Lakeside, 5 mills.
- 12—Bridge, \$9,100.00.
- 13—Eastside, \$2,048.00.

Just what will be done by the county court with the Kent Slough and Lakeside vote is uncertain, for the districts are required by law to vote the amount of tax to be levied and not on the rate.

Very Narrow Escape

E. R. Peterson and L. E. Brown, of Marshfield, had a narrow escape just before noon yesterday. They were driving in Mr. Brown's Ford to Coquille and as they passed Cedar Point they heard a tearing noise, which sounded as though it was a curtain on the back of the car. Looking back Mr. Peterson saw an electric line pole, which had fallen, bare, missing their car and which burst into flames instantly. As soon as this news was brought to the Power company's office, the information was sent to Marshfield and a crew started out at once to repair the damage. Mr. Page was in Marshfield at the time and the local crew was all out of town so that repair was delayed somewhat while the Marshfield linemen drove over here. The juice was off about three hours.

Red Cross Gets 215

Mrs. Ida K. Owen says that in the recent Red Cross drive 215 members were secured here. She also requests us to announce that white seals have been left for sale both at Bonnie Walker's and with Edna Harlocker at the Mountain States Power company; also at the Fuhrman and Hudson drug stores. All who are willing to contribute to a good cause are asked to get them there.

Doctors Meet

The Coos county doctors met at Marshfield Tuesday and enjoyed a duck banquet at the Chandler. Among the speakers was Dr. C. J. McCusker, of Portland, president of the state association of medicals. Drs. G. Earl Low, of this city, and W. L. Pemberton, of Myrtle Point, were the only representatives from the Coquille valley.

Uncle Sam Will Help Build the Roosevelt Highway

"The building of the Roosevelt Highway from Astoria down the coast to the California line is much nearer to realization than most people imagine," said J. E. Norton this morning. He was Coquille's sole representative at the meeting of the Roosevelt Highway Memorial Association yesterday, where representatives from all up and down the coast met to lay plans for making this huge project, which a year ago was considered a dream on the part of B. F. Jones, of Toledo, an actuality.

Of the \$75,000,000 appropriated for road building by Congress, Oregon's share, on the basis of 7 per cent of the roads in the state, will be \$2,555,000. This will more than match the \$2,500,000 voted by the people of the state last year on a 50-50 basis for the Roosevelt Highway. There is about one-third of this amount now available and all of it will be early next year.

Of course this two and a half million will not all be spent on the coast road, but if the disarmament plan goes through, there will be huge appropriations made for road building by congress out of the funds saved by not building battleships; and it is the optimistic opinion of the Roosevelt Highway boosters that this road will be finished in five years.

The State Highway Commission has designated the Pacific Highway, the Columbia Highway, the Old Oregon Trail and the Roosevelt Highway as the main arteries of travel in the state, the primary highways which are of first importance. Their combined length is just sufficient to permit Oregon to take advantage of the government requirements.

Sixty per cent of the money spent by the government must be on these main highways, and more may be. With the adoption of these four main lines, two of which are already constructed, the government is by law required to finish all of them before it undertakes any new work.

While the State Highway Commission has authority to designate the location of roads within the state, the Secretary of the Interior at Washington is the official with whom rests the decision as to what surface shall be placed on these roads, and in view of the military importance of the coast highway it is probable that a thick concrete surface will be what is adopted. The government requirements are for an 18-foot surface, instead of 16 as are all the other highways in the state.

While eastern Oregon will receive her share of government funds for the building of the Oregon Trail, there seems to be no question but that future appropriations will be sufficient to complete both projects.

The government is directly interested in this coast highway, aside from the military importance of such a road. The work done by the state and counties in building roads has enhanced the value of the timber in the government reserves in this state, and this coast line will furnish outlets for still more of its timber. A memorial to congress citing these two reasons was prepared yesterday.

The Highway Commission has three crews at work locating the Roosevelt Highway now, and it is intended to keep them on the job until the work is completed.

The following is a telegram received yesterday from the chairman of the commission, R. A. Booth, who was ill and unable to attend the meeting:

"I regret exceedingly my inability to be with you and join in working out further plans for the construction of the coast highway that will mean so much to our citizens, residents of the coast counties and to the public and the people of the state generally.

"It is the plan of the highway commission to keep the three locating crews now on the line continuously at work until the remainder of the line is definitely located.

"With the other members of the commission I am keenly interested in furthering the work of construction and as opportunity offers I will be glad to meet and counsel with you independent of special federal action. Some progress must be made each year until the whole job is finished.

"The Roosevelt highway has been selected by the Highway commission as part of the state system to hereafter receive federal aid under the new law."

There were about fifty in attendance at the meeting yesterday. One of the plans adopted was the organization of a Coast District Association within the Roosevelt Highway Association, which would consist of seven members, one from each county, to keep in touch with the Highway Commission and congress, seeing that this project is not forgotten.

This afternoon another meeting is to be held and at its conclusion the delegates will be brought this way on a tour of inspection.

A smoker was held last evening at the Millicoma Club in Marshfield for the visitors.

Puts \$400,000 on the Rolls

Deputy Assessor A. A. Selander made the statement here Wednesday morning before the Budget committee that the work done by the assessor's advisory board here in the past few years had resulted in putting \$400,000 more in land values on the county tax roll.

COQUILLE TEAM WINS

The football game last Sunday between the Marshfield and Coquille Independents was one of the best games seen here in years, and resulted in a victory for Coquille. Had it not been for a blocked punt early in the first quarter it would probably have been another 0-0 game as it was at the Bay. However, when the Bay's goal was threatened and the attempt to kick out of danger was blocked, it gave Coquille an opportunity to score, which opportunity was quickly seized by Brick Leslie when he dropped back for a place kick, the ball sailing true between the goal posts. Score, Coquille 3, Marshfield 0.

From that time on the playing was fairly even, although the locals outplayed the visitors all the way, and kept the ball in Marshfield territory most of the time. Only ten minute quarters were played and this prevented a touchdown for Coquille, for in the last five minutes Coquille was hammering the Marshfield line hard, making from one to five yards on every down, and when the whistle blew time they were about five yards from the Marshfield line.

It would be difficult to report who were the brightest stars on either team. Archibald and Leslie and Keltner were the greatest line buckers and made several first downs by their tremendous plunging. Stanley at end was one of those who broke up many a Marshfield play by his unerring trick of getting the man with the ball.

There were two casualties. Stutsman, of the visitors, had the point broken off his shoulder blade, and Pete Miller had two ribs broken.

Marshfield's attempt to assemble a fast team by bringing three of the best high school players along was abortive for these fast young men could neither get their passes to working successfully nor could they circle the ends for gains.

The following is the Marshfield lineup as the men went on the field: Ned Patterson, L. H.; Gregg, R. H.; Guy Stutsman, Q. B.; Cosman, F. B.; Don Allen, R. E.; Les Sauer, L. E.; Max Kruger, C.; Bob Kruger, R. T.; Leo La Chapelle, R. G.; Henry Leococ, L. T.; Cub Johnson, L. G.

Coquille's line-up was: Philip Johnson, C.; Bill Howell, L. G.; W. L. Norton, R. G.; Pete Miller and Happy Smith, L. T.; Gregg, R. T.; Cliff Kern, R. E.; John Stanley, L. E.; Roy Watson, Q.; Keltner, L. H.; Brick Leslie, R. H.; Archibald, F. B.

There was a good crowd out for the game, considering the weather, and after paying rent for the field and other expenses, Manager Jas. W. Laird presented the High School with \$25.

On Again, Off Again

With the night train from Portland to Marshfield, it is a case of "on again, off again, gone again." Wednesday it was restored and last night it was cancelled owing to the severe storm prevailing. It is promised it shall be restored again as soon as the weather and the condition of the track will permit.

The Single Mill Sale

The sheriff's sale of the property of the Booth Shingle Mill, which was to have been held here Wednesday was postponed until Wednesday of next week, Dec. 7. There are reports that most of the movable property at the mill has been stolen.

WAS A SKIN GAME

Black Sand Mining Scheme Used to Catch Suckers

Fred Voit in a suit filed in the circuit court here against Robert Ferguson alleges that the defendant secured money from him fraudulently. In the bill filed it is stated that the plaintiff paid to the defendant \$850, which was to be used by the defendant to develop the Eagle Mine Syndicate which was alleged to be located in Coos county and that it was promised that if the mine was not developed the money would be returned. It is now stated that the mine was never developed and that the money has not been returned and was secured by fraudulent representatives. The plaintiff sues for \$850 and also for \$72 which he claims is due him for labor.

The Bandon World quotes Fred Voit, the plaintiff in this case, as stating that Ferguson had collected approximately \$8,000 in Portland, largely from people of small means, with the understanding that the Eagle Mines Syndicate would purchase and operate Eagle mine for \$25,000.

At 250 Madison St., Portland, Ferguson operated a small gold saving machine as a demonstration to show the richness of the sand taken from the mine his company was to purchase. The demonstration induced many to invest, according to Voit. Actual gold and platinum was extracted from the sand before the eyes of the prospective investors, but, Voit says after coming to Bullards to work in the mine for the company he has discovered what he believes to be a fraud. He put in 26 days labor at the mine for which he was not paid. He has attached property of the syndicate and when the case comes up for trial there are apt to be some interesting developments.

Six Killed; 22 Hurt

The aftermath of that big storm in the Columbia gorge came at midnight Wednesday when two O. W. R. & N. trains each going thirty miles an hour met head on near Cello, and six people were killed and 22 injured in the collision. Safety first was forgotten when train No. 17 was speeding westward to make up lost time and train No. 12 east bound, which had gone from Portland to Cello over the North Bank track because the line on the south bank of the river is still blocked, not having been opened since the big snow. Though the unused road is double tracked only one track was in use connecting the U. P. line with the Columbia bridge near Cello. The trains in both directions have to use this bridge and connecting track between the north and south bank lines, and if they are to maintain their time tables, of course, have to make up some time there. Instead of the extraordinary precautions which such conditions would seem to have demanded there must have been extraordinary recklessness—just like the Japanese are indulging in now.

Water Main Breaks

The break in the water main last Friday was up in the gulch in the east part of town just south of First street. Water Superintendent Epperson got busy and repaired it but it broke again about eleven o'clock that night. The line was laid at a very poor angle in the first place and the earth had settled allowing the line to twist at the joints. He had to put in a new casting to put the line on such a curve as would hold and he says there are many such places between the reservoir and town where breaks are likely to occur any time.

To keep the town as well supplied with water as it was, he ran 1200 feet of fire hose from the Dutch John dam to a hydrant near W. W. Gage's residence, and pumped from Dutch John directly into the mains, leaving the gate to the reservoir open so that if the mains got full the water could be forced up into the reservoir. The centrifugal pump at Dutch John would not operate if the pipes were full and the water in the mains was backing up against the pump.

Junk Sale of Lands

The Sheriff's "Junk Sale," as it is called, of a job lot of lands and town lots taken for taxes will take place at the court house here Saturday of next week at ten o'clock in the morning. He has some fine bargains to offer.