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COUNTY COURT

Starts Action on Several Roads for This Summer's Work

The county court was in session here Tuesday with all three members present.

The following allowances and increases from the dependent mothers and other indigents fund was ordered: Ole Chard increased from \$15 to \$30 a month; Anna Johnston, of Marshfield, \$10 a month; Ida Billings, of Myrtle Point, \$7.50 monthly for six months; Carl Webber, of Delmar, \$5 a month for transportation of sister to school. The applications for allowances of Bryant Robinson, Powers; Homer Davis, Bandon; Louis Jones, Coquille; and Joe Collier were denied.

Archie Philip was paid \$140 as settlement in full for all claims against the county, he having paid a year's taxes on land deeded to the county. He was also allowed 75 cents a rod for building a fence along county road.

Additional allowances for damages on Myrtle Point-Bridge highway were made as follows: C. H. Britton, \$75; P. W. Laird, \$50; M. R. Lee, \$4.25; R. Braden, \$10; L. D. Belieu, \$27.00; Edna and Henry Bryant, \$29.

The bonds of Peart Bros. for grading the Fishtrap-Lampa road, and of A. B. Gidley for the Kentuck Slough dike, were approved.

That roadmaster was ordered to complete the survey of the road between the Gravel Ford bridge and the Gravel Ford postoffice.

A meeting of the citizens of Fairview and the county court was called for 10 a. m. Wednesday, May 17, to determine the relocation of the mountain section of the Coquille-Fairview road.

The court issued calls for bids for the construction of a draw bridge on Upper Larson Slough; and for a two-mile section of the North Bank road, at the end of the Pymals contract, near the Clausen home. The latter job is for clearing and grading.

A call for a meeting of the qualified voters in Road District No. 22, at lower Two Mile schoolhouse, is called for Saturday, May 13, at 2 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to decide how the special road tax, \$1920, voted in November, 1920, shall be spent. Errors in the proceedings at that time and since have prevented the court using the road funds in that district for any purpose.

A resolution was adopted requesting the roadmaster to furnish data on the construction of the Coos river road between the forks and Daniels creek. With the available funds on hand, it is expected to do considerable grading on that section this year. Between Eastside and the forks the road is under contract.

"Hall for Governor" Club

The "Hall for Governor" club was organized here last Friday evening by the election of the following officers:

President—C. T. Skeels.
Treasurer—L. L. Turner.
Secretary—Ray Jeub.

W. U. Douglas, L. L. Thomas and Fred Smith were over from Marshfield to assist in the organization of the club and they made interesting talks telling of the encouraging report received from over the state.

One of the first acts of the club was the hanging of a banner inscribed "Hall for Governor" across the street between the Farmers & Merchants Bank building and the Baxter hotel next morning.

The Commercial Club Wednesday evening passed resolutions strongly endorsing Mr. Hall's candidacy for governor and recommending him to the people of the state as a man well qualified for the position.

Oregon Export Co. Troubles

Sheriff Ellingsen was over at the Bay yesterday trying to serve papers on E. Lothard McClure, who is trustee for the labor claims against the Oregon Export Co. McClure was in Portland. The attachment is filed by Dr. Geo. E. Dix and is for \$692. It is very likely that attachments will be placed on the plant today and that the creditors will take charge of the mill. The attachment on the funds in the bank disclosed that the company's balance there was \$8.37.

Offices to Be Filled

The county clerk's office is preparing to send out to the judges and clerks the notices required to be posted in each precinct. The offices for which candidates are to be nominated are:

Representative in Congress, first congressional district, Governor, state treasurer, three justices of the supreme court, superintendent of public instruction, commissioner of bureau of labor statistics and factory inspector, public service commissioner, three judges of second judicial district, representative for both the fifth and sixth legislative districts, county judge, county commissioner, constables, two commissioners Port of Coos Bay, three for Port of Bandon, and three for Port of Coquille river.

Besides there is a Justice of the Peace to elect in the following districts: North Bend, Gravel Ford, Bandon, Riverton, Lakeside, Allegany and Bridge.

Registration Closes April 18

The registration books at the county clerk's office will close next Tuesday, April 18, at 5 p. m. and all those who wish to vote at the coming primary election should see that their names are written there at once.

"FATTY" IS SET FREE

A verdict of acquittal was returned by a jury at San Francisco Wednesday in the third trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge growing out of the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, motion-picture actress. The jury was out six minutes. The verdict was by acclamation, the deliberation taking less than a minute. The additional time was consumed by details, says a press dispatch.

The following statement signed by all the jurors after the announcement of the verdict is characterized as "one of the most remarkable statements ever emanating from a jury."

"Acquittal is not enough for Roscoe Arbuckle. We feel that a great injustice has been done him. We feel also that it was only our plain duty to give him this exoneration under the evidence, for there was not the slightest proof advanced to connect him in any way with the commission of the crime.

"He was manly throughout the case and told a straightforward story on the witness stand, which we all believed.

"The happening at the hotel was an unfortunate affair for which Arbuckle, who, so the evidence shows, was not the host at the party, was in no way responsible.

"We wish him success and hope the American people will take the judgment of 14 men and women who have sat for 31 days listening to the evidence, that Roscoe Arbuckle is entirely innocent and free from blame."

While freed from the graver charge, the following San Francisco dispatch of yesterday indicates that Fatty has to own up to a lesser one:

United States District Attorney Williams said Thursday after a conference with Defense Counsel Gavin McNab that he understood Arbuckle would plead guilty to the federal charge of unlawful possession of liquor. The maximum penalty for such an offense is a fine of \$500.

Twin Brothers in Jail

Last Friday we noted the arrest of Lloyd McGowan, of Haynes Inlet, and his confinement in the county jail to serve out a fine imposed for fighting. Yesterday his twin brother, Lyle, was brought over from the bay by the sheriff on a larceny charge. He and another boy stole a gun belonging to W. J. Conrad, which was afterwards stolen from them. He also stole a sewing machine alone and other articles. Besides that he is in trouble with a girl over there. The two young men are 18 years of age.

Relief Still Carries the Milk

The John-Wildi did not start making regular trips to Bandon last Monday and it is not probable that it will start before May 1. At present the Relief and the Norma are carrying all the milk to the condensary, about 400 cans on Wednesday, and as long as the milk can be handled that way the larger boat will only make trips down to carry in-coming freight. The Relief is now bringing about 15 cans of cream daily from the condensary to the creamery here.

WATER SYSTEM THE COAST ROAD

Council Makes Contract With Consulting Engineers for the Improvement.

R. E. Koon, consulting engineer of the firm of Stevens & Coon, at Portland, came down last Monday morning to make a personal inspection and examination of the proposed water supply project at the head of Rink creek. That day he spent with City Engineer Gould going over the data which the latter has been collecting the past year as to daily flow of the stream, watershed, borings for foundations rock at the proposed dam, etc.

Tuesday afternoon a party composed of Mr. Koon, Mayor Hamilton, City Engineer Gould, Water Superintendent Epperson and Councilmen Battey and Simpson took a hike up the water line to the site of the proposed dam, and they also inspected the headwaters of Rink creek.

That evening a special meeting of the council was called to confer with Mr. Koon on this very important question. At that time the consulting engineer informed the members that his observations that afternoon led him to approve and endorse the suggestions made by city engineer for the water project.

The plans outlined in the Sentinel last week, which were furnished by Mr. Koon, were gone over again and additional information given. It is now proposed to make the dam high enough to impound water at a forty foot level, with a sufficiently large spillway to preclude the possibility of the reservoir ever overflowing the embankment.

The purpose of the concrete core is not to act as a bulkhead for holding the water in storage, but to prevent digger squirrels and other boring animals from making holes through the earth dam. This pile of dirt will be from 200 to 250 feet through at the bottom and on a one to two slope on one side, and a one to three on the other, tapering up to a ten or twelve feet thickness at the top. It will extend 150 feet across the canyon.

After discussing the matter quite thoroughly with Mr. Koon the council authorized the mayor and recorder to enter into a contract with Stevens & Coon for the supervision of the entire project. A provision, however, was made that if, when the plans, specifications and estimates for the work were prepared, the council deemed the expense to be greater than the city's financial condition would warrant, the contract with Stevens & Coon may be terminated on the payment of \$150 plus the expenses of trips down here.

Mr. Koon left Wednesday evening with all the data and in a short time is to forward his estimate of the cost of such a dam, the clearing and grading of the reservoir site and plans and specifications for the whole job.

To Have Radio Station

Several young business men in Coquille are planning to establish a radio receiving station across Front street by means of which they can take advantage of the Oregonian's broadcasting service. They have taken the matter up with the Portland paper and expect to order a good receiving outfit, costing \$350 or \$400. Besides the concerts and special features, which are proving so popular all over the United States now, they will receive reports on the important days' news almost as soon as it happens, baseball, football, racing and all sporting events. The receiving station will be in the Coquille Hardware store.

Port of Bandon Met

T. P. Hanly, of Lampa, and Jas. Walstrom, of Bandon, were here Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Port of Bandon. The two Coquille members, E. E. Johnson and J. E. Norton were also present. Nothing outside of routine business—allowing bills and considering communications—was attended to. The completion of the bar project is expected this year.

Word was received here yesterday of the death of E. H. Scranton at Myrtle Point. The cause of his death was not learned. Mr. Scanton was a resident of Coquille for many years being rector boss of the S. P. here. He has resided in Myrtle Point for the past two years.

An Appreciation of the Highway Between Here and San Francisco.

The following article on the coast highway from San Francisco to the Coquille valley was written by a man, of whom Charles M. Parker, of Bridge, who sends us the article, says: "Mr. Frayer has a remarkable traveling experience. He was with the Thomas A. Edison company for six years during which time he combed the whole U. S. from coast to coast. He has motored thousands of miles since on business and pleasure trips. At one time he was required to map a thousand miles of road and a prominent magazine was glad to have an article he wrote up on that experience. He has always had a mania for visiting the natural wonders of the country. He can describe nearly every remarkable waterfall, mountain, or landscape he has seen with photographic exactness."

The Coast Highway from San Francisco to Bandon connecting with our new Marshfield-Roseburg highway offers the most attractive route for motor travel from Portland to San Francisco. In fact, it is doubtful if there is to be found any highway to equal its scenic beauty on this continent or any other. My travels have taken me into all corners of the United States and parts of Canada, yet nowhere have I seen such a vast combination of forest, ocean, lagoon, river, and mountain as this route offers. To my mind it will be the main artery from north to south when its features become known to the motoring public and its natural summer and winter advantage will, if for no other reason, divert the travel through Coos county. Winter means a snow blockade near Shasta and summer the intense heat of the Sacramento Valley to be endured if the Pacific highway over the Sierracous is travelled, while the Coast route, when completed, will be free from snow as only low altitude passes are used and summer simply means a touch of cool ocean breezes for several hundred miles through green forests and fertile river valleys.

Let us briefly touch the high spots from San Francisco to Coos county or rather to Roseburg. Leaving the San Francisco ferry at Sausalito a run is made through the hills of Marin county via Santa Rosa, through Sannoma county to Willits in Mendocino county, a vineyard and orchard country for 150 miles. Just north of Willits a woodland camp is located. You are now in the unfenced open. On through Cummings to Garberville over the pass into the Eel River Valley, a ribbon of silver far below set in a road sweep of forest green, but as you reach the valley, unless you are without a sign of feeling, you stop and marvel at the giant redwoods, the world's oldest living things, as they stand in cathedral-like groves, through which you can drive in near twilight, the sunlight merely filtering through here and there on a brushless carpet of redwood needles.

Spend a night here if you are prepared to camp. There are fifty miles of redwood bordered highway along Eel River to select from. Continuing north into Eureka, Humboldt's wide-awake county seat, then for Crescent City and Del Norte county, while the redwoods are not left behind for they are with you to the Oregon line. You now pass along the lagoon country. Between the highway and the ocean are miles and miles of freshwater lakes surrounded by wooded hills while the landside hills are a riot of laurel and other blossoms until past mid-summer. These lagoons resemble the Inside Passage to Alaska. Through Orick to Requa at the mouth of Klasmath River is another forest drive. At Requa the sportsman can realize his wildest hope while the salmon are running. So on to Crescent City, north through the Smith River country you pass into Oregon near Brookings and set your course for Gold Beach in Curry county at the mouth of Rogue River. It is here that you rise to the greatest panoramic view of the Pacific ocean, being most of the time in open parks or prairies as they are known in Coos county. Ferrying the Rogue River a run is made to Port Orford near Cape Blanco, the most westerly point in the United States.

This district is largely a game sanctuary and deer, wild pigeons and

other birds and animals are often seen. Leaving Port Orford the highway is nearly level into Bandon at the mouth of the Coquille river. It is not all over yet. The trip on through Coquille and Myrtle Point to the beautiful middle fork of the Coquille river and through the low divide into Camas valley is reached via Bridge, then drop down into the Umpqua valley joining the Pacific highway at Dillard, only seventy-five miles from the Pacific and Bandon.

It takes little imagination to visualize the scene near at hand. Cars by the hundreds will daily pass through our doorway to the wonders held locked from the casual tourist by the absence of good roads. Yet it has not been impossible for the writer to have made the trip for three successive years. The caravan leaves a trail of gold. Be prepared to sincerely welcome the stranger. C. B. Frayer, Bridge, Ore.

Mill Started Again Wednesday

The blowing of the whistle at the Johnson mill was a welcome sound Wednesday morning, although the supply of logs on hand was only sufficient for a three days' run. It is hoped, however, to get more logs from the Fox boom on the North Fork and when the river falls it will be possible to bring up a raft or two from the lower river.

TRAVEL TO GOLD BEACH

The expense of a round trip from Gold Beach to Coquille now, without spending any more time than necessary, is twenty dollars, says a gentleman who just came up from there. The distance is about 80 miles. With ordinary travelling facilities this trip ought to be made for half that and no doubt will be as soon as we have improved roads all the way. Just what it costs us to leave our highways unimproved is made very evident by this statement. Of course when, if ever, we get direct rail communication and no hotel bills have to be paid en route, the fare will be not much more than \$6. What poor roads and lack of transportation facilities cost any country in direct cash as well as in retarding development makes a staggering total. In this connection we recall the statement Chairman Booth, of the state highway commission, made here a year ago at the road celebration. He declared that good highways absolutely cost the people nothing—that they were certain to pay for themselves by reducing the cost of travel and transportation. In the long run no doubt this is true, but those who have to put up the initial cost of the roads are not always the ones who reap the benefit. If they were, all that would be necessary would be to find a way to finance those undertakings. Well, we can look forward to the future more hopefully than we ever have before. There will probably be an improved road to Gold Beach before the term of the governor we are to elect this fall expires, that is by 1927.

Few Candidates Have Filed

The time for filing for nomination for county offices will expire next Wednesday evening, April 19, at 5 o'clock. So far there seems to have been a great lack of interest by prospective candidates in getting their petitions filed but this matter will probably be attended to before Wednesday. The following are those who have asked to have their names placed on the republican ticket:

For County Judge—W. C. Chase.
For Commissioner Port of Coos Bay—A. O. Rogers and A. H. Powers.
For Constable District No. 2, Marshfield—P. W. Goodman.
For Precinct Committeeman—Chas. St. Denis, in No. 1, Lakeside; Claude Nasburg, No. 18, Marshfield; John C. Kendall, No. 20, Marshfield.

Paroled Boy in Toils Again

Jim Ellis, who was out on parole from a sentence of six months in jail imposed by Justice Stanley for having liquor in his possession a short time ago, was picked up dead drunk over at Marshfield Saturday and brought over by Sheriff Ellingsen Saturday and lodged in jail. He will be kept there until Judge Coke returns and decides on the revocation of his parole.

CONTRACT IS LET

Masons to Build a Temple This Summer on Moulton Street

Last Monday afternoon the trustees of Chadwick Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M., signed a contract with J. D. Graham for the construction of a hollow tile Masonic Temple to be built on the west side of Moulton street just south of the T bridge. The building is to be 46x80, and will cost \$10,000. Work on the foundation will start at once, but the erection of the building cannot begin much before July 1, when the tile can be delivered. Final completion is expected by Oct. 1. Financing of the building was accomplished by the sale of interest-bearing bonds within the membership of the order.

More Delinquent Than Ever

The force in the tax collection department of the sheriff's office have been strenuously trying to get the last day tax remittances checked and the receipts made out but are still several days short of their goal. They have made out 4500 receipts and there remain at least 2500 yet to make. They cannot even make an estimate of what was paid in by April 5, but A. O. Walker thinks it will be over \$600,000. This means that less than half the total taxes have been paid, and as a great many taxpayers paid in full for the year, there are a great many who paid nothing. In fact, Mr. Walker says that there are more individuals delinquent on their taxes this spring than ever before.

Banquet to Be April 26

The get-together supper which the Commercial Club is going to give has been set for the evening of Wednesday, April 26, and all business men and others, whether members of the club or not, are invited to attend. It is the program as outlined to not only have a number of short, snappy talks interspersed through the meal, but to follow it with a program of music and readings, making it an entertaining affair. The price will be one dollar per plate and tickets will be on sale next week. Further announcements will be made later.

Commission Meets Today

J. E. Norton and County Judge C. R. Wade started yesterday morning for Portland to attend the meeting of the state Highway Commission to be held at Portland today. John C. Kendall, of Marshfield, also went up, he and Mr. Norton representing the county Good Roads Association. As we had intimated, the proposal of the commission to meet the county 50-50 in work on the road from here to Bandon this year is contingent upon their ability to use the \$2,500,000 voted for the Roosevelt highway for general road work in the state.

Chautauqua July 7-11

Paul T. Ramsey is in receipt of a letter from the Cadmean Chautauqua stating that the five days course Coquille will enjoy this summer will be held July 7-9-10-11. In order that the proper organization may be perfected to put the Chautauqua over this year, it has been decided to start early and a meeting of all the guarantors will be held week after next to plan the campaign and elect officers. The date will be announced next week.

Still Hope for Federal Aid

That there is still more of a possibility of obtaining federal aid for the Roosevelt highway is indicated by the following statement made yesterday by congressman Hawley: "I had a conference today with the chief of the bureau of public roads who states that the situation is favorable to the Roosevelt highway as a road of primary importance and the engineers of the bureau are considering it from this standpoint."

Board of Equalization to Meet

Remember that meeting of the Board of Equalization at the court house, Wednesday next, April 19, to compare the valuations of different kinds of property and secure equalizations in valuation before the rolls are written. This is a meeting in which all taxpayers must be interested.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.