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SEVEN FILINGS

For County Judge and Commissioner—Three From Coquille

The last two days before the closing of the time during which candidates for office may file brought out enough aspirants for office to insure a real campaign for the next month. On Tuesday Jas. Watson filed for the republican nomination for county judge. This action was not inspired by any desire of his to come back, but when delegation after delegation from the Bay country called on him at his ranch home on Isthmus Slough and urged him to run, and petitions with a similar request, containing hundreds of names, were presented to him, he gave his consent and formally entered the primary race. At least a third of those who signed the petitions were men who opposed him in the recall two years ago.

Mr. Watson's slogan which will appear on the ballot with his name is: "Economical, fair, honest administration of public affairs."

On Wednesday R. H. Mast, who had been intending to run as an independent candidate for county judge next fall, decided to enter the democratic primary and contest with John F. Hall the nomination for that office. His promise is to conduct the affairs of Coos county in a business like manner, get full value for every dollar of public money expended, reduction of taxes, and he promises to be on the job six days in the week.

For county commissioner W. L. Kistner, of this city, and W. T. Dement, of Myrtle Point, both filed on Wednesday for the republican nomination.

Mr. Kistner in his filing declaration promises to perform the duties of the office to the best of his ability, fairly and impartially and that he will use his best efforts to secure reduction of taxes in Coos county.

The following is the complete list of those who filed with the county clerk and whose names will appear on the primary ballot May 19:

Democratic

County Judge—R. H. Mast and John F. Hall.

Constable, district No. 2, Marshfield—Walter Richardson.

Republican

County Judge—Jas. Watson, W. C. Chase and Geo. P. Topping.

County Commissioner—W. L. Kistner and W. T. Dement.

Constable, Dist. No., Marshfield—P. W. Goodman.

Commissioner Port of Bandon (3 to nominate)—None.

Commissioner Port of Coos Bay (2 to nominate)—D. L. Buckingham, Arhlie Philip, A. H. Powers, A. O. Rogers.

Precinct Committeemen, No. 1, Lakeside Precinct—Chas. St. Dennis.

No. 10 North Bend North—C. E. Maybee.

No. 12 North Bend, Cen. No. 2—Peter Loggie.

No. 13 North Bend, South—Phil J. Keizer.

No. 14 Pony Slough—George Watkins.

No. 17—Marshfield North No. 1—Claud Nasburg.

No. 19—Marshfield Cen. No. 1—Carl W. Evertsen.

No. 20 Marshfield Cen. No. 2—John C. Kendall.

No. 21—Marshfield South No. 1—Earl W. Gates.

No. 22 Marshfield South No. 2—A. E. Adelsperger.

No. 47 Bandon Southeast—W. L. Mast.

No. 52 Four Mile—C. T. Blomenrother.

Commission Rejected the Bid

A wire from Portland announcing that the bids of the Warren Construction Company and A. F. Karr for macadamizing the 34 miles of the Roseburg road between Myrtle Point and Camas valley had been rejected by the state highway commission because they were too high, has been received. New bids were immediately asked for. Considerable disappointment is felt here as well as at Myrtle Point and vicinity because it had been hoped that the work could be started at once and advantage taken of all the good weather.

Myrtle Pointers Go South

C. H. Giles, of Myrtle Point, his wife and son, left for Eugene by today's train. He had previously shipped his car out there and will motor to Salem and Portland, where he has business to attend to, after which they will motor to California for a month's vacation. W. C. Fensler and wife and Harry Fensler and son are to join them on their southern trip in a car the former is just purchasing.

Shiners Are a Game Fish

Deputy Game Warden Arthur M. Fish was in town last Saturday and requested the Sentinel to inform the people of this section that "shiners" are a game fish and come under the operation of the law which limits the catch to 30 fish in one day. It is also unlawful to catch them under six inches in length. Prior to April 15 ten inches was the minimum length.

The confusion in opinions emanated from the fish commission's office at Salem, where some other kind of fish has been designated as shiner, but when Mr. Fish sent a dozen from this county in to the commission a few weeks ago the verdict was quickly reached that they were young salmon and come under the law's prohibition as to length and number that can be caught.

It will be well for fishermen, fish-women and fisherchildren to bear these things in mind—especially as to the number which can be caught in one day.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Coos County Oratorical and Declamation contest will be held in the Coquille high school auditorium, Friday evening, April 21st. The following declamations will be given:

"The Boy Orator of Zepata City"
Ruth Corey of Marshfield

"The Polish Boy"
Leora Waterman of Bandon.

"Bernardo del Carpio"
Virgie Hansen of Bridge

"The English Buccaneer"
Charlotte McMullen of North Bend

"King Robert of Sicily"
Ora Carter of Myrtle Point

"The Soldier's Reprieve"
Teresa Clinton of Coquille

The following orations will be given:

"Toussaint L'Ouverture"
William McArthur of Marshfield

"Spartacus to the Gladiators"
Emery LaTourrette of Bandon

"The New South"
Trygve Kjelland of North Bend

"Eulogy of Wendell Phillips"
Frederick McMullen of Myrtle Point

"Selections from Curtis' Oration at Concord"
Erroll Sloan of Coquille

Professor Clarence D. Thorpe, of the public speaking and debate department of the University of Oregon, will be the judge in both contests.

The North Bend High School Orchestra has consented to render several selections during the program. The orchestra is directed by Mr. Burnhardt.

Make It a Market Road

While on their trip out to Portland and back last week J. E. Norton took up with County Judge Wade the matter of a market road from the new bridge here up to Fishtrap and then across the foothills to the highway at Fat Elk, thus making a complete loop.

Judge Wade said it could be done if the taxpayers in that road district would vote a special tax this year, but he suggested that it be done early enough so that the county court could include in their budget next December the necessary market road millage. The county's co-operation with road districts has been based on much the same plan as the State Highway Commission's co-operation with counties, and the county court is willing to assist those districts which help themselves.

If the ranchers between the bridge and Fishtrap and those on the Fishtrap-Fat Elk road will get busy early this fall and prepare to meet the county by voting a special tax, the county court will undoubtedly declare those roads to be market roads, entitled to participate in the market road fund received from the state.

The commissioners agreed that the state should finance the job and if after checking up their part of the money spent they find that the county is short of a 50-50 split they will arrange for using some of the credit the county has elsewhere for work done. And the eight miles is to be surfaced this year.

Next to be considered was the road between here and Bandon. For this section the county has a credit of \$327,000—\$200,000 between Bandon and the Curry county line, \$80,000 on the bridge here, and the \$47,000 bonds voted several years ago for work between Coquille and Bandon, via Riverton. Of this latter amount \$17,000 is yet unspent.

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The first two routes had already been eliminated by the commission and they had under consideration the last three. "Will any one of these roads be acceptable to your people?" was asked of the delegation, whose response was, "Yes."

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TO SURFACE ROAD THIS YEAR

Commission Promises Coos Co. Representatives To Macadamize Myrtle Point Road and Locate Bandon Road.

The Coos county delegation, J. E. Norton, Jno. C. Kendall and Judge Wade, which went out to Portland last week to meet with the Highway Commission on Friday, were successful in getting what they went after with a single exception, that being state aid this year on the Coos Bay North section of the Roosevelt Highway; and they weren't turned down cold on that.

Their successes, though, were all along lines that are conceded all over the county to be the most important road matters which can come up this year—the improvement of the roads between Coquille and Myrtle Point, and between Coquille and the Curry county line. Of course, the section of the latter between Bandon and Curry county has been completed by the county, and was last year taken over by the commission as a state highway for maintenance.

The delegation was united on all questions that were discussed with the commission and this unanimity and the spirit of concession showed, had considerable weight with the highway commissioners.

The state board was told very plainly that Coos county had no money to spend on the Myrtle Point-Coquille section, but it was made plain that this road would be practically impassable next winter and unless it was surfaced in some manner the hundreds of thousands of dollars being spent between Roseburg and Myrtle Point would give no benefit to the larger part of Coos county.

The commissioners were old that this county had not received more than 16 or 17 miles of concrete pavement of the 20 miles authorized at the time of the first bond issue, and just here was shown the spirit with which the Coos county representatives entered the conference, for the commission is not disposed to take lightly any attempt to force the building of that three or four miles of pavement.

"But we don't want more concrete this year; we want a macadamized road all the way to Myrtle Point," was the tenor of the conclusion of their statement.

This struck a responsive chord with the commission and they agreed to call for bids for rocking the road between Coquille and Myrtle Point, in the same manner as the work in to Myrtle Point will be done this summer; and let the contract for it at their May meeting. This will be for the eight miles between the Hall street bridge here and the first railroad crossing this side of Myrtle Point. That last mile or so is in very good condition now and the engineer and commission have not yet decided how the main highway shall enter Myrtle Point.

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the commission brought out a two-page letter from the resident highway engineer, Mr. Chandler, in which he recommended either one of the two south bank routes being considered, with a further suggestion that as there was a bridge at Coquille, and none at Cedar Point, the Bandon-Coquille highway should start at the Coquille bridge.

The commissioners then went on to state that at their next meeting they would definitely locate his important link in the Coast highway and if possible do some work on it this year.

The importance of having a delegation present at the meetings of the Highway Commission was made very evident to those who went out. The commissioners were busy for more than a day opening a large number of bids on various jobs; they had to listen to delegations from all over the state and it is no wonder that even important matters like this Roosevelt Highway in Coos county are overlooked, when the commissioners are tired and want to close up their work and get home. Especially would they consider everything was satisfactory down here, when they were spending huge sums in improving the road between Roseburg and Myrtle Point, and no requests for further work were being made.

The Coos delegation was very fortunate in being present just at the time the commission stopped opening bids for the day, when no other delegation was present to claim attention, and they secured all the time they needed and satisfactory promises whose fulfillment will mean so much to the Coquille valley.

Coos county owes a debt of gratitude to the gentlemen of the delegation who gave their time for four days to attend the meeting, and Coquille owes much to Mr. Norton for the level-headed way in which he served the people of the Coquille valley.

Assessor J. P. Beyers furnishes us with the following summary showing the values of four different kinds of lands sold in this county the past year, the aggregate assessment of the same and the ratio the latter bears to the selling price.

The aggregate price at which farm lands were sold was \$183,250. This result was attained by taking the true sale price when given in the deed and the minimum price indicated by the stamps affixed to the deeds, where the selling price was nominal. The total assessment of the lands sold at that price was \$76,890, which is 49 per cent. of the selling price.

Timber lands changing hands during last year sold for \$25,700, and were assessed at \$13,535 or 53.8 per cent of the sales price.

Brush lands were sold to the amount of \$36,270, the assessment on the same being \$17,510 or 44.1 per cent of the first amount.

Acres in cities sold to the amount of \$29,950, the assessment of the tracts sold, being \$29,950, or a percentage of 48 per cent.

The average of these real estate percentages is just fifty per cent.

Two Prisoners Escape

Two of the county prisoners, Jeff Stevens and Dewey Jackson, who were working on the road across the river from Cedar Point, under Road Supervisor W. W. Rhule, took French leave yesterday afternoon about one o'clock and have not been seen since. Jackson was just incarcerated this week and had a 30-day sentence to serve and a fine, while Stevens had been in jail about a year and had practically two months yet to serve.

Break Ground for Masonic Hall

Ground was broken Tuesday morning for the new Masonic Temple to be built at the south end of the T bridge. Contractor Graham expects to get the foundation for the building in when the weather permits and the lumber out so that when the tile can be delivered the latter part of June everything will be in readiness to rush it to completion.

Banquet Here April 23

The committee having in charge the "Get-together" supper which the Coquille Commercial Club is planning, announced Wednesday evening the change of the date to Friday, April 23, in order not to conflict with other meetings. The banquet will be held in the Baxter Hotel dining room and Mrs. Baxter says she can arrange tables to seat over 100 if necessary. It is to be a strictly stag affair.

The landlady is making preparations to serve an excellent meal, characterizing it as a chicken dinner with trimmings.

The committee is arranging for 25 or 30 two-minute talks on subjects of importance to Coquille, after which an entertaining program of music and readings will be presented. Altogether it will be one of the most pleasing affairs of any the Commercial Club has sponsored.

TAXPAYERS MEET BOARD

The meeting at Assessor Beyers' office Wednesday, called by the Board of Equalization for the purpose of getting an expression as to the valuations of different classes of property, was attended by fifty or sixty people, who had a good deal to say about inequalities in assessment; but no action was taken in regard to any changes in the rates of assessment.

Some Lakeside people argued that they lived so far from roads and where even the cost of hauling from their ranches to the depot, or rather for the combined boat and wagon haul, was so high that their lands ought to have a much lower valuation than those where access to market was easy.

Among those present at the meeting were ranchers from various parts of the county, a couple of bankers, and three timbermen, but no merchants.

The following is a partial list: Dorsey Kreitzer, of the First National Bank of Coos Bay, and Oliver C. Sanford, of the First National Bank of Coquille.

Geo. R. Sailor, representing the Buehner Lumber Co. and A. H. Powers, of the Smith Powers, George Marshall, representing the Weyerhaeuser timber interest, came in on Thursday, a day late. C. L. Starr, of Portland, represented eastern timber owners.

The ranchers and farmers were: C. P. Coleman, Lakeside; C. C. Johnson and William Lindstrom, Willanch Slough; L. D. Smith, Coos River; George Ross, Catching Slough; Joe Flam and W. J. Hags, Bear Creek; H. A. Fish and Glenn Collier, Fish-trip; David Wallace, Ross Slough.

Banquet at Marshfield Tonight

The annual banquet of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce at 8:30 tonight will be held at the Armory, and a large attendance is expected from all parts of the county as a general invitation has been extended and there will be room for everybody.

The banquet will be served by the American Legion at \$1.25 per plate. John C. Kendall will act as toast master and the first speaker will be Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Oregonian, whose subject, "All for One and One for All," indicates that he expects Portland and the Coos Bay country to do team work in the future.

John D. Goss will speak on the harbor campaign of Coos Bay. Mr. Goss was one of the delegates who went to Washington to urge the needs of the harbor before congress and he will give details of the prospects of securing the federal aid which is sought.

Charles Hall, a former president of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce and also former president of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, will give a talk on the services a chamber of commerce can render to a community.

Yenji Takeda, Japanese consul at Portland, has not announced what his topic will be, but it is expected he will discuss Oriental trade. The other Japanese delegates, or guests, will be given opportunity to speak.

To Do More Work in Curry

At the meeting of the Highway Commission last week, at which County Judge Wood and a Curry county delegation were present, the commission ordered that bids be called for to start on a \$200,000 job across the mountains south of Gold Beach.

WIRELESS MUSIC

Sentinel Man Listens to California Concert and Seattle Dope

Monday evening the Sentinel man was one of a considerable party assembled at the Oeding home to listen to what came over the Radiophone, which Charles Oeding has installed there, nearly all the apparatus being of his own making. Some of the time there was so much static, or stationary electricity, in the air as to interfere with the ether waves, but we were able to hear enough to indicate what the wireless is doing to make a whispering gallery of the heavens.

At first it sounded as if some one was playing one of those bird records on a phonograph, the whistling being quite pronounced. Then there were occasional thumping sounds said to be due to picking up code messages.

But there was a concert that evening at Gridley, California, about thirty miles south of San Jose, which we heard quite distinctly, along with the introductions of the different performances.

We also got some music from Los Angeles and the latest baseball dope from Seattle, where the best sending station on the Pacific coast is located. The standing of the different leagues was announced as clearly and distinctly as if made by some one in the room in which we were sitting.

Listening to this we could well understand how a broadcasted speech might be heard as perfectly as if the orator stood on a platform in sight of the hearer.

Of course, when we were hearing the musical numbers at the Gridley concert we were under the same handicap as when attending a concert at the Liberty Theatre—could catch only an occasional word of the vocal selections—but we could not blame the ether for that because we have so little music in our make up that we are not able to distinguish one tune from another, unless it is "Marching Through Georgia" played by a brass band.

It has often been impressed upon us that we live in a world of sight rather than of sound and that this must seem like a very different universe to those whose tone sense is highly developed.

In their last analysis light and sound are both resolved into vibrations of the ether, the substance which fills all space but which no eye has ever seen; and when we learn that a ray of light cannot be produced unless the ether vibrates or pulsates, or better undulates like waves and in what are called "wave lengths" at the rate of hundreds of millions of times in a second, we are ready to believe, as is claimed, that neither space nor time actually exists, but are both merely limitations of our finite existence. To Him who created and who rules all worlds we are told that "a thousand years is as one day and one day as a thousand years," and such a thought could hardly have originated in a human brain.

The taxes paid in at the sheriff's office up to April 5 amounted to \$550,000, which is \$125,000 short of what should have been paid to make the first half. And according to A. O. Walker, this delinquency is practically all on the part of small taxpayers. All the big timber owners and large taxpayers in the county have paid, some of them in full for the year, which indicates that the small property owners have passed up their payments this spring in greater numbers than ever before.

The work of listing the taxpayers already made on the 1921 taxes is nearly complete and the books will be closed tonight.

Barricade Is Removed

The barricade which has been protecting the new pavement at the Sentinel corner was removed yesterday and now this most frequently used entrance to the city is open for traffic. It is a better job of concrete work, too, than was the original paving, and will last longer, although the whole street would be more permanent if it had an asphaltic covering.

The entire cost of repairing the intersection, including the removal of the old muck, was \$247.