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TAX TO BE SAME

Coos County to Raise Same Amount as For Two Years Past

The budget committee for the county, which has been in session the past week, finished a tentative outline for next year's budget on Wednesday, and sometime next week will meet again, after Accountant Wann has put it in shape, to finally approve it and order it published. The time for hearing taxpayers' objections will be set for a date toward the middle of December, about two weeks earlier than usual.

Dorsey Kreitzer was chosen as chairman of the budget committee, M. O. Hawkins as secretary, and Russell Demest, Judge Wade and Commissioners H. G. Kern and John Youham were the other members.

The tentative budget as adopted provides for raising practically the same amount by taxation as has been raised the last two years. The base tax, or amount raised for general purposes, has been \$378,524.44, and it will not vary greatly from that in this year's budget. This base tax is the amount to which the 6 per cent limitation applies and has nothing to do with fixed items, such as bond issues, which must be paid irrespective of the limitation law.

The one item which might increase this year's budget slightly over last year's is that of a payment on the \$150,000 worth of bonds, voted in 1921 and issued last spring. The payment of these bonds must begin in two years after issuance and they run for seven years, but last year \$10,000 was levied for a sinking fund for the first \$150,000 issue of the 1921 authorization of \$300,000, and the committee contemplates levying a like sum for the payment which must be made in 1934, thereby reducing by that much the amount to be levied next year.

The budget next year will contain the same amount of bonds which must be made to pay on Coos county's road bonds. Of the \$932,000 worth of bonds issued in 1916, \$72,400 has been paid and this budget will contain an item of \$86,300 for next year's payment, leaving seven years more in which Coos county will be paying on road bond issues, providing no more bonds are issued.

And, of course, after next year's maximum the taxes for roads will grow less each year as the interest payments decrease.

Wonderful Weather

During the past week Southwestern Oregon enjoyed four days of wonderful Indian summer weather, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Of course it couldn't last, and it is well that it couldn't, else all the migratory population of the United States would be heading straight for the Oregon coast. Sunday morning's papers gave it as the weather bureau's forecast that we should have rain again by the middle of the week; and after Wednesday's clouded skies, it began yesterday in earnest and gave us such a downpour by evening as seemed to indicate a determination to redeem the webfoot reputation of the state and make it emphatically evident that winter was here in earnest. Nothing like an eastern winter, though, for it was an honest-to-goodness Chinook, with balmy air that softened the butter for this morning's breakfast as if it had been a summer day. The lawn mower is needed again, too, as it is at intervals all winter in this favored section.

An Early Day Relic

E. P. Mast last week brought in from his home at McKinley a relic of pioneer days and presented it to John E. Ross, of the Farmers & Merchants Bank. It is a hand-made rocking chair which has been in the Mast family since 1872, when it was made by John Fox. The letter did a considerable business at the time in the manufacture of furniture by hand. The old rope seat and the thin rockers are the same now that Mr. Fox put in forty-nine years ago.

Coquille School Census

School Clerk O. C. Stanford recently completed the school enumeration in District No. 8. The total census is 622, which is five more than it was a year ago. Of these 290 are boys and 342 are girls.

District 18 Road Election

On the last page of to-day's issue will be found the formal call for a district road meeting in District No. 18 at the old Arago school house in District No. 18 on Monday, the 27th day of November at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

District No. 18 extends down the south side of the Coquille river from Arago to Lampe a distance of about fifteen miles, and includes Fishtrap, Roy school district, Riverton, Lampe and all the territory along the river and back into the foothills. It is the home of the Sentinel correspondent, who has recently contributed some piquant articles in regard to road conditions along the river.

The "special and additional tax," which it is proposed to levy in that district three days before Thanksgiving is one that will strike every taxpayer in the district and we feel sure that most of those who fail to attend it at Arago on the afternoon of the 27th will feel anything but thankful for their remissness.

If a large amount of money is voted there for a road in which residents of the district are not interested, they may feel like kicking themselves around the block when they learn what has been done, but that won't put any spilled milk back in the can.

SECRETARIES OF STATE MET

Mrs. Anna M. Johnson submitted a figure to the Commercial Club Wednesday evening on her two lots a block north of the S. M. Naylor store as a site for a hotel. The price at which she offered the lots was \$3,000. There is \$917 street improvement taxes due on the place. The letter was filed for future reference but an action was taken on the proposal.

Secretary L. C. Newman, who returned last Sunday from the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce secretaries at Portland last week, gave a detailed account of the association meeting. He said there were 26 secretaries in attendance and that they had a very interesting and instructive session.

The subject of tourist auto parks came in for the most discussion and a plan was outlined for standardizing such parks all over the state.

Fred Lorenz, of this city, and president of the U. of O. Chamber of Commerce, made a very interesting address, in which he touched strongly on the fact that young men who attend the higher institutions of learning and then go back home are given such scant courtesy by the "home guard," and it is not until they get into new fields that they ever have a chance to demonstrate what is in them. There is a great deal in what Fred said that applies to every town and many a city loses the best kind of assistance through ignoring its young men.

A Gorgeous Sunset

We witnessed a gorgeous sunset spectacle here last Saturday evening, the whole western sky to the height of about ten degrees being ablaze with curled crimson reflected from a low lying bank of fog at the coast, which was not so dense but that the sun's rays penetrated it. It was entirely unique in one respect, its upper border of dark purple making as even a line across the sky as if it had been levelled with line and plummet. It is many years since anything like this has been seen in Coquille before; though an illumined fog bank with its upper line perfectly horizontal is not unprecedented.

Island Possibly Sunk

A Santiago, Chile, press dispatch published yesterday states that rumors were persistent that Easter Island, off the South Chilean coast, having an area of fifty square miles and a population of 1250, completely disappeared in the recent earthquake. The report was unconfirmed, and many government officials declared it untrue.

Picked Up Deserter

Monday evening about five o'clock Sheriff Ellingsen picked up the 22-year old Jap, who deserted the ship, Kaiky Mars at Marshfield that morning. The captain of the ship had offered \$25 for his capture. The vessel is under bond to prevent foreigners escaping the immigration regulations.

THE NEWS IS SOLD RULING BARS JAPS

New Company Takes Over the Marshfield Plant - Have Strike

The Southwestern Oregon Daily News was sold by the receiver, W. L. Carver, at public auction over at Marshfield last Friday afternoon. Only one bid was submitted, it being by the Coos County Publishing Co., through its attorney, A. K. Peck. The amount bid was \$7500.

The company is composed of between three and four hundred Coos county citizens and it is intended to continue the publication as The Daily News, with W. L. Carver as manager.

An attempt to stop its publication was made Saturday night by the four men working on the paper—G. W. Briggs, H. C. Tripp, M. F. Hoff and Joseph Lapp—who notified Mr. Carver that unless their back wages were paid—amounts due prior to Mr. Carver's receivership—they would strike. The new manager offered to pay them each \$100 on those old accounts at the rate of \$10 a week but this was not satisfactory to them and Monday they failed to show up. By securing the county for printers, Mr. Carver got out the Monday edition under difficulties, and in the meantime took up the matter with national typographical headquarters. Tuesday morning the quartet received instruction from union officials to get back on the job and about ten o'clock they did so.

Just what the financial indebtedness of the new company is, the Sentinel does not know, but the receiver's sale wipes out a great many claims, leaving only mortgage on the plant, taxes and some other items to be paid by the new organization.

Shriners' Program

The following is the program for tomorrow's festivities at Marshfield when Al Kadar Temple of the Mystic Shrine will be down from Portland to conduct the novitiate across the hot sands.

- 8:45 a. m.—Portland train arrives.
- 10:00 a. m.—Business meeting.
- Ladies headquarters, Chandler Hotel.
- 10:00 a. m.—Trip for Ladies over Highway.
- 12:00 m.—Ladies luncheon at Hotel North Bend.
- 1:30 p. m.—Shrine street parade.
- 3:00 p. m.—Degree, 1st section.
- 5:30 p. m.—Shrine dinner, (Armory).
- 7:30 p. m.—Degree, second section.
- 7 p. m.—Concert for Ladies at Namerif Theatre.
- 10:00 p. m.—Shrine Ball, (Armory), Shriners and Ladies. Strictly informal.

Got Goods, No Funds

Deputy Sheriff Malborn is holding a check for \$18 and looking for the boy who signed it last Tuesday. It was given by a young fellow about 18 years, to Geo. A. Robinson for a pair of shoes, two suits of underwear and some socks, and the name he signed to it was Clarence Young. The check was on the Farmers & Merchants Bank and yesterday came back to Mr. Robinson endorsed "no account." Mr. Robinson said the boy had a book under his arm and he thought the lad was a school boy, who lived here in town.

Foundations Are In

Arthur Ellingsen has had a crew of men busy the past week pouring concrete for the foundation walls of the hotel tile building he is going to erect on the north and east sides of the Farmers & Merchants Bank building. Mr. Ellingsen is financing the job himself as J. D. Graham, who was mentioned previously as the contractor, was compelled to forego handling the job on account of his health.

13 Hours From Portland

B. A. Robert, of Fairview, who bought the Barker place there a couple of years ago, made a quick trip down from Portland last Thursday. At 6:30 a. m. he was eating breakfast in the Rose City and at 7:30 that evening he was eating supper at his home in Fairview. The only bad place he found for the entire distance was at the Schroeder place between here and Myrtle Point.

Supreme Court Decides They Are Not Eligible to Citizenship

Two decisions that will go far toward checking the "yellow peril" were handed down by the United States supreme court Monday.

The court ruled that Japanese are not eligible to citizenship under the American naturalization laws in one decision, and in the other denied the right of Japanese aliens to incorporate a real estate holding company to buy and own real estate in this country.

The decisions are expected to have a marked effect on the relations between the state department and the Japanese foreign office, it was admitted in official circles. It is an historical fact that Japan has always protested that, with her, racial equality is a "question of national honor." It is believed possible she will ask that the Japanese-American treaty of amity and commerce, which expires next year, be terminated.

Both decisions were handed down by Justice Sutherland, the new member of the court from Utah.

There was no dissenting opinion in either case.

Justice Sutherland first took up the case of Takao Ozawa upon appeal from the United States circuit court of appeals for the ninth circuit. The plaintiff, who was born in Japan of Japanese parentage, but who had been educated in this country, applied to federal authorities for naturalization. This was refused on the ground that American naturalization laws did not recognize Japanese aliens as eligible for naturalization and citizenship. He appealed to the circuit court of appeals, which affirmed the ruling of the district court, and in turn appealed to the supreme court, which affirmed the court of appeals.

Ozawa contended he was entitled to American citizenship as a descendant of the white tribe of Aizu. He started his fight for citizenship several years ago in Hawaii, but was defeated in the courts there, and also in the higher courts in California. Ozawa has lived in Hawaii since his childhood, and was educated in the American schools there. His children, now attending American schools, are being brought up as American citizens.

Yamashita presented an argument similar to that of Ozawa. He appealed to the supreme court when the courts of the state of Washington denied him the privilege of incorporating a real estate company because of his ineligibility to citizenship.

Dam Nearly Done

In conversation with A. B. Gidley, contractor on the Rink creek dam, the first of the week, he stated that the dam would be up to the water line in two or three days and that a week or a little more of fair weather would enable them to finish it. City Engineer Gould said the dirt had reached the 386-foot level Wednesday evening, with nine more feet of tapering earth to go. The weather this fall has certainly been favorable for prosecuting the work to the limit, and it would have been finished before this had not the necessity arisen for installing the drainage tunnels which were not provided for in the original plans. Eight teams are now being used on the job.

Good News for Coquille

We learn of a letter having just been received here from the wife of Gus Peterson, formerly engineer at the Sitka Mills, in which she states that the family expect to return here very shortly; and that the mill is to be entirely remodelled and put in operation again. This is in the nature of confirmation of rumors in circulation here during the past month that the new owners of that mill are expecting to reopen it soon.

To Resume Work Soon

A shipment of plaster was expected at the Bay either yesterday or today and it is thought that the work of plastering the new Masonic Temple can be begun next week. As it looks now it will be impossible for Chadwick Lodge to dedicate the temple before the first of the year, and St. John's Day—Dec. 27—will be celebrated with Star and Masonic installation in the Odd Fellows' hall.

Salvation Army Lecture

There will be a free, illustrated lecture at the Liberty Theatre Sunday at 2:30 p. m. with good singing and good music. It will be entertaining and educational, interesting and inspiring. Come and hear it and see it.

You believe that the Salvation Army did a good work during the World war? Come, see, and hear what they are doing today. And you will be convinced that they are now doing a work that is as essential, if not more needful than the work that was done in Seventeen and Eighteen.

Envoys Jesse E. Inman, a veteran of the Sioux War in the '70's and the oldest enlisted man in the late world war, will deliver the lecture. Come and hear him.

Practice Shoot Sunday

The Coquille Rod & Gun Club will initiate their new grounds Sunday with a practice shoot. Several of the Shriners from Portland who will be down at the Bay tomorrow for the ceremonial, will remain over for the shoot, and about twenty-five visitors are expected, including sportsmen from the Bay. A week from Sunday the club will have a big turkey shoot which will be open to all who desire to participate.

IS ON RECORD FOR HIGHWAY

To those who fear that Governor-elect Pierce may interfere with the completion of the Roosevelt Highway in Coos county, and especially with the Coquille-Bandon section, it is desirable to quote what Mr. Pierce said as a candidate at Bandon about two months ago. He said: "I favor the closing up of all gaps in the state highways, such as the road from Coquille to Bandon, and the extension of the Roosevelt Highway north from Coos Bay as rapidly as it can be done without bond issues."

This committee has been a supporter of the most necessary of Coos county road projects and all the highway commission he may appoint will undoubtedly agree with him on road matters, there should be little question of the grading and surfacing of this important Roosevelt Highway link in the near future.

Will Go to Meeting

J. E. Norton intends leaving by Monday evening's train for Portland to attend the session of the State Highway Commission there next week. J. C. Kendall, another member of the Coos County Good Roads Association committee, will go out Sunday. Judge Wade will not be able to go out this time.

An account of the delay in securing the right of way for the Bandon highway from the bridge to the foothills beyond Fat Elk, so contract can be let for the grading at this season, but it is hoped to have it lined up so a contract can be let the middle of December.

The committee will endeavor to have entered in the highway commission's records that Coos county has expended \$150,000 north of the Bay and that the state will expend a like amount on the 50-50 basis.

Christmas Seal Drive

"Christmas Seal" drive will be conducted by twenty representative young people appointed by the Sunday Schools of the town.

People of the community are asked to encourage these young people, when they call at the homes, although in some cases they may not be in a position to subscribe. The city will be divided into twenty districts so that each district will be canvassed by one representative only—avoiding duplicate calls.

The collectors will be working under the authority and directions of the Coquille division of Coos County Health Ass'n.

400 More Pupils

Superintendent Mulkey estimates that there will be 400 more pupils in the public schools of Coos county this school year than the previous one. He says that every town which has reported shows an increase.

A small blaze at the residence of Mrs. C. A. McAdams just across the river caused an alarm of fire Sunday noon, just as the church services closed, but the people who started across to see the fire learned it was out before they got over the bridge.

MANY LIVES LOST

Tidal Wave and Earthquake on Coast of Chili Is Fatal to 1500

The most sensational news this week has been the story of the earthquake and tidal wave on the coast of Chili, which overwhelmed and destroyed several small towns and caused the loss of 1500 lives. The instability of some portions of the western coast of North and South America has been frequently demonstrated, but during the century and over since the settlement of the Pacific northwest there has been no severe convulsion of the coast north of California—something for which we have reason to be profoundly thankful.

Two or three years ago some rattle-heads tried to frighten us with the prediction that a tidal wave would strike this portion of the Oregon coast and whole cities and communities would be wiped out, and created some uneasiness among a few of our people. Here in Coquille, however, the foothills of the coast range are too much in evidence for anybody to be scared by tidal wave bugaboos, however, much of a menace they may be down in South America, where the story is now current that a well known island has sunk beneath the waves. This recalls the story told us up in the Puget Sound country on our first visit there 15 years ago. The San Francisco catastrophe was very fresh in the public mind then; and in sailing past a small uninhabited island in the San Juan archipelago we were told the story was current there in April, 1906, that it had disappeared beneath the waves when San Francisco's buildings were toppling. People reported searching for the island and being unable to find it but, like many other things thought to be lost, it was found again.

CHAS. HALL SET COMMISSIONER

According to Portland rumors Senator Chas. Hall, of Marshfield, is very likely to be one of the members of the new board of highway commissioners, which Gov. Pierce is expected to appoint as soon as he takes charge of the executive business of the state in January. The other members of the commission are expected to be C. E. Spence, of Clackamas, so long master of the state game, and William Polman, of Baker, a republican banker and cattleman, who was one of Mr. Pierce's most earnest supporters this fall.

Mill Out of Logs

The Johnson mill here has been out of logs all the week, the plant closing down at four o'clock last Monday afternoon. All the booms along the river are empty and unless the pressure rain continues long enough to bring the millions of feet of logs up on the East and North Forks out, there is no telling when the mill can start running again. A freshet would be an excellent thing for Coquille now.

Tearing Down the Baxter

Ed Cunningham began last Friday to tear down the Baxter hotel building on a contract he made with Jas. W. Laird, before the matter of selling the site was put up to the present option holders by Mr. Laird. He is tearing the structure down for the lumber there is in it and burning all the rubbish.

First Killing Frost

The first killing frost of the season here in Coquille came Monday morning and more or less ice was in evidence at the same time. A follow-up was noted Tuesday, indicating that rain might be expected soon, even without the weather bureau's predictions.

Myrtle Point Bootlegger

Guy Bunn, pool hall operator at Myrtle Point, was fined \$400 this week by Justice Dodge for having liquor in his possession. Marshal Redell searched his place and found nine quarts of booze. He paid \$500 and was given ten days to raise the balance.

Don't forget the Presbyterian Fair to be held in Goulds' Hall Friday, Dec. 26, beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.