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COUNTY BUDGET

As Approved by the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission

The 1924 budget for Coos county and the report of the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission was filed with County Clerk Bunch on Tuesday. The appropriations budgeted for the ferries of the county, which the commission had tentatively cut out last week, were restored and placed in the following budget which has been formally approved and adopted by the commission.

Estimated Expenditures

Justice Courts	\$ 1,800.00
Juvenile Court	2,650.00
Circuit Court	5,000.00
County Court	3,800.00
District Attorney's office	1,170.00
Spec. counsel and legal fees	1,000.00
Sheriff's office	16,640.00
Jail	4,619.00
Conveying prisoners	50.00
Coroner	100.00
County Clerk's office	10,290.00
County Treasurer's office	2,735.00
Assessor's office	8,870.00
County Health Unit	4,420.00
Vital Statistics	125.00
Herd & Meat Inspector	3,000.00
Dairy Inspector	600.00
Sealer Weights and Measures	303.40
Livestock Indemnity	500.00
Scalp Bounty, Hunter and Trapper	1,600.00
Forestry Department	375.00
Tax Rebates	500.00
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Establishing owners	25.00
Fair Appropriations	1,000.00
County Farm	9,035.00
Other Indigents	7,400.00
Dependent Mothers	8,350.00
Inane and Feeble-minded	600.00
Indigent Soldiers	2,300.00
Elections and Registrations	7,850.00
Statutory Audit and Accounting	900.00
Publishing and Advertising	1,800.00
School Superintendent's office	4,250.00
Institute Fund	400.00
General School Fund	86,000.00
School Library	850.00
Elementary School Fund	86,000.00
High School Tuition	20,000.00
District Deficiencies	2,500.00
Court House-Hall of Records	
Janitor's salary	360.00
Fuel, Water, Lights	700.00
Janitor's supplies	150.00
Maintenance	130.00
Court House, old building	2,700.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,975.00
Statutory Cash payments	141,275.00
County Court and Viewing	500.00
Surveyor's office (contingent)	300.00
Roadmaster's office	8,310.00
Traffic Officer	2,400.00
Right of Ways and Fencing	18,000.00
Fifty-Fifty projects	6,000.00
Ferries and oquille Bridge Operations	
Marshfield-Eastaide Ferry	6,500.00
Glasgow Ferry	8,000.00
Riverton Ferry	900.00
Bullard's Ferry	3,500.00
Coquille Bridge Operation	1,500.00
General Road Expense	
Publishing Notices	200.00
Repair and Transfer of Plant	10,000.00
Motor Vehicle License	33.00
Lumber for general use	500.00
Purchase of Gravel Deposit	7,350.00
Machinery and Equipment	2,000.00
New Grades and Construction	40,200.00
Bridges	9,895.00
Maintenance	10,500.00
Interest on Road Warrants	3,000.00
Interest on Road Bonds	28,325.00
Road Bond Sinking Fund	86,200.00
One Mill Road Levy (70-30)	24,000.00
Market Road State Tax	24,000.00
Market Road State Surplus	8,000.00
Market Road, County to match	32,000.00
State of Oregon-Coquille Paving	1,149.04
Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission	
Salary of Clerks	2,500.00
Supplies and Postage	800.00
Travelling Expenses	200.00
Telephone	50.00
Emergency Fund	12,000.00
Grand Total	\$770,819.94
Estimated Budget of Revenues	
General Fund	\$55,200.00
General Road Fund	26,182.65
Market Road Fund Surplus	8,000.00
Road Bond Sinking Fund	11,436.54
From Kinney Lands Contract	15,000.00
Total	\$115,819.19
Less 1922 closeout	\$24,972.67
Net Revenues	\$90,846.52

Hotel Nearing Completion

Heat was turned on from the boilers in the new hotel yesterday, on the second and third floor, and without a pound of steam showing on the pressure gauge every radiator on those two floors got hot and the workmen enjoyed the change in temperature. It will be necessary to have the heat most of the time now to get the building dried out before it is occupied.

When the fire was built Wednesday it would do nothing but smoke and even a kerosene-saturated sack of shavings went out when dropped down the chimney from the roof, and the draft seemed to be down, instead of up. By yesterday morning, however, the dead air had been forced out and there was no trouble keeping a roaring fire.

C. L. Willey is nearing the end of installation of both room and lavatory fixtures in the hotel, and more and more it is giving the impression of being one of the most attractive and comfortable hostleries in southwestern Oregon.

It seems doubtful now that the workmen will be through with the final touches on the building so that opened by Jan. 15, but it shouldn't be more than two weeks later.

Life Compton stated Monday that the furnishings would be here and ready to install just as soon as the building was turned over to him.

SELLS FORD AUTO AGENCY

A. O. Walker announced this morning that he had made a deal for the sale of the local Ford agency to Messrs. Oscar Gjolovesen and C. A. Baer, of Marshfield. The deal also includes the sale of the machine shop in the Highway Garage and a lease on that building.

The purchasers are live wires who intend to establish a completely equipped Ford plant here, using all the space in the 100x100 building for Ford show room, Ford storage and Ford repairs. They do not intend to utilize any space for public storage. The purchase of the agency and the improvements they expect to make in the business will represent an investment of nearly \$25,000.

The transfer will not take place until the end of the year.

Mr. Walker says he has no complaint to make of his relations with the Ford people and he has sold 190 of their cars during the year. But the combined service station, Ford, machine shop and garage business is too confining and he desires to enjoy a little more leisure.

More than that he figures that the service station will develop into a much larger business than it is even now and he wants to devote his time to that end.

As a first step he plans to build several buildings on the lot the company owns and the one recently leased from Mrs. Taylor Dement. One of these will be a small rest room, another a battery shop, vulcanizing, solid tire press, and everything found anywhere in an up-to-date automobile service station.

Frank Tension, as soon as he returns from San Diego, where he was called on account of his son's injuries, will move the frame building now alongside the service station, and Mr. Walker expects to have his new buildings up by April.

Arrested for Bank Robbers

Two hoboes were picked up Wednesday evening near the Sitka mill on the supposition that they might be the Florence bank robbers. Deputy Sheriff Bert Smith, Marshal Leach, Frank Dungey, Lee Goodman and T. A. Walker made the arrest. The two were confined in the city jail for a couple of hours and then released, Deputy Smith notifying Night Officer Hollenbeck that they were not the men wanted.

They had been down there Tuesday night and Wednesday evening when they built a fire there the mill watchman, P. E. Drane, notified the sheriff's office.

Funeral Services Saturday

The funeral services for the late D. P. Strang were held at the Ellingson Chapel last Saturday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. Mr. Iverson, of Myrtle Point. There was a large attendance of friends and neighbors, who desired to pay this last tribute of respect to one whom they had known so long. There was a profusion of floral offerings.

The interment was in the Soldiers' plot at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

NEW BUILDINGS

Many Are Being Planned for Next Year and More Yet to Be Announced

The first of this week J. D. Graham & Sons purchased of Mrs. Hattie I. Bledsoe the lot, 65x100 feet, adjoining their Front street garage on the east. It is their intention to erect thereon a building covering the entire lot, two stories in height. This new building will be devoted entirely to garage and storage, and will relieve somewhat the congestion sure to follow the closing of the Highway Garage as a public storage for autos, as elsewhere announced in this issue.

Mr. Graham could not announce just when active building operations will begin, but he does not expect to be delayed more than a month in starting the work. Access to the second floor will be secured by an inclined driveway, or ramp as it is called in department stores.

From present indications the year 1924 will be a busier and more prosperous year in Coquille than even in 1923 has been.

S. M. Nosler Will Build

Another building planned for next year is the 50x100 that S. M. Nosler expects to build on the corner east of the postoffice. He has practically decided to do it the coming summer. There will be two store fronts on First street, each 25 feet wide and 50 deep. This part of the building will be one story but the rear 50x50, facing on Hall street will be two story and contain eight apartments on the two floors.

The Coast Auto Lines have practically decided to make Coquille its permanent headquarters and it would not be surprising if they erected a large garage, machine shop and depot the coming year.

Gardner and Wimers Also

Wimer Bros. last week purchased the south lot 50x100 of the hundred feet square which C. W. Gardner purchased of Geo. A. Robinson a few weeks ago. These are the lots at the east end of the First street paving where the street jogs.

The Wimer Bros. intended building a 40x90 sheet iron blacksmith shop there next summer and Mr. Gardner is planning to erect a machine shop structure of the same dimensions on the other lot.

Wickham Lot Is Sold

Mrs. Sarah Wickham this week sold to Archie O. Walker and associates the lot west of the First National Bank on which her hotel stood before the fire, March 17, 1918. What is going to be erected there has not been announced, but without doubt it will mean further improvement of Coquille's business section.

Mrs. Jessie Richardson came down from Portland last Friday for a visit with home folks.

Busy Corner to Build Concrete

Still another fireproof building to go up in Coquille the coming year is the one-story concrete building which the Coquille Mercantile Co. is expecting to put up for the Busy Corner on their present site.

Three Counties Fight the Law

Klamath is the third county to come forward with a mandamus action against the county tax supervising and conservation commission because of items eliminated from the county budget, says a Salem press dispatch. The complaint will be heard at the same time as complaints from Yamhill and Umatilla counties, December 21. The government is interested and will make appearance, as among the items eliminated was one providing for a tax levy to pay interest on irrigation district bonds.

Tom Tension's Accident

Details of the accident which the Sentinel mentioned last week, in which Tom Tension was seriously injured, have reached here. He was on a telephone pole which fell with him and as a result he lost an eye, had an arm, leg and several ribs broken, and was so severely injured that he will probably be a cripple for life. The letter stated that his condition was serious but that he would probably recover.

For rent—Bedroom and sitting room, with stove, and connecting bath. Call at this office.

WIN BOTH GAMES

Coquille High School Teams Win From Arago High Last Night

Coquille High won both basketball games last evening, at the high school gym here, from Arago High. The girls game was won 18 to 10, while the boys had to play an extra five minutes, the result being four all at the end of the fourth quarter. The final score was 8 to 7. The Arago quintet had previously won from Myrtle Point 21 to 12, and the practice game last night shows the locals as pretty strong on the defense at least.

The Arago girls started out like a whirlwind and scored three field goals early in the first quarter, and also converted one free throw. But that ended their counting until the last quarter, when they made three more.

Clarabelle Mintonye and Katherine Peart were easily the stars for Coquille, the former throwing all of Coquille's field goals. She is as good a player as has been seen on the local floor in years and would make any of the boys hustle to beat her out for a place on their team. Katherine was just a jump ahead of the Arago girls all the way and it was due to her clever playing that Clarabelle had so many opportunities to throw for the basket.

All the rest of the girls played a snappy game and all are entitled to credit for the exhibition. The line-ups, including substitutes, were: Arago—Mary Gastner, Velda Schroeder, guards; Hazel Newton, jumping center; Thelma Schroeder, running center; Roberta Doyle, Christina Vetter and Alice Newton, forwards.

Coquille—Gertrude Mintonye and Dena Ellingson, guards; Brice Flitcroft, jumping center; Myrtle Olsen and Katherine Peart, running center; Clarabelle Mintonye, Dulce Jorgensen and Alice Collier, forwards.

The boys game was a hard fought affair and rough for a few moments until Keith Leslie took the referee job and put a stop to the roughing.

The Arago boys are a fast bunch and have the faculty of eluding their opponents in passing the ball, and of breaking up many of their opponents' passes. It was in this department that Arago outshone Coquille. The locals seemed to be just a step slow in stopping Arago's passing. In the throwing of baskets both fives were somewhat weak, but the most glaring defect on Coquille's part was the continuous and never successful long shots, from the middle of the floor or back of it. Good team work in passing, getting the ball near the basket before attempting to score, will pile up many more points than the accidental success of a long throw.

Coach Leslie tried out a lot of his squad and all seemed to work well. With another two weeks' hard practice they should be able to give any high school team in the county a battle.

The line-up last night was:

Arago
Guards—Robison and Miller.
Center—Collier.
Forwards—Farrier and Doyle.
Coquille
Guards—Nosler, W. Laird, Robinson, Walker.
Center—Rice and Young.
Forwards—E. Laird, Levi Wilson, Powder.
Farrier and Doyle for the visitors each scored a field basket. For Coquille, Wilson threw two, Rice one, and he also converted both of Coquille's successful free throws.

To Spend Holidays at Frisco

J. L. Smith and family started yesterday for San Francisco, to spend the holidays with his brother, H. D. Smith, and his mother, Mrs. Margaret Smith, who is now visiting there. At Roseburg he expected to meet his brother, S. V. Smith and family, of Corvallis. They are both making this holiday trip by auto, and expect to be back in time for the children to resume school work as soon as the holiday vacation is over. J. L., although handicapped by a broken arm, put in the day before he started in getting a carload of Jersey heifers, which he has sold to a party at Bliss, Idaho, ready for shipment, as soon as the result of the tuberculin treatment given them is known.

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Gets A Life Sentence

After being out 45 minutes last Saturday morning, the jury in the Alton Covell case brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree, with a recommendation that he be confined in the penitentiary for life.

The jury, in arriving at the verdict, first took a vote on the question of sanity. All voted that the boy was sane. The next vote was on guilt of first degree murder and all voted the boy was guilty. When a vote was taken as to whether there should be a recommendation, all voted to recommend life imprisonment instead of hanging.

Judge Kendall, in his instructions to the jury, spent over an hour, going into the details of the trial, instructing them as to which of several verdicts they could bring in and reviewing the case from a judicial standpoint.

He told them that in Oregon feeble-mindedness was not a defense for murder, but that it could be considered by the jury as contributing to the mental condition of the defendant or as a step leading to insanity, which is a legal defense.

On Tuesday Judge Kendall sentenced young Covell to be "confined in the penitentiary for the remainder of his natural life."

Thus closed the second trial resulting in conviction for the murder committed last Labor Day, and which has cost Coos county thousands of dollars and much notoriety.

INTEREST IN BOY SCOUTS

The sentiment expressed by the citizens in attendance at Commercial Club Wednesday evening was that Coquille is not ready yet to participate in an extensive program for Boy Scout supervision and executive work as is contemplated by the attempt to raise \$6,000 for the work in Coos and western Douglas counties.

As chairman of the local Boy Scout committee, Rev. C. S. Bergner, had secured a copy of the budget which would provide that the greater part of the \$6,000 go as salary to the executive, travelling and office expenses, etc. He stated that while he was heart and soul with the Boy Scout movement he believed that if Coquille could raise \$600 or \$700 for Scouting it should be applied more directly to providing Scout equipment, a place to meet and where basketball could be played during the winter, and for preparing a camp nearby where outings could be held during the summer.

"A building where the boys can meet twice a week, play basket ball and keep their equipment locked up is the first essential for the local Scouts," was Mr. Bergner's declaration. It was then decided that a joint meeting of the Scouts and as many business and professional men as could be persuaded to attend should be held at the city hall at 7:30 p. m., on Tuesday, Jan. 8, where plans might be formulated for raising funds and putting the Scout movement on a solid basis.

The training of the boys for citizenship and leadership is one of the most important duties the men of this city, state and nation, owe their country and it is hoped a good attendance will be present for the Jan. 8th meeting.

To Finish Coal Bank Bridge

A part of the approach to the new Coal Bank Slough bridge, on the highway at Marshfield is within the city limits of that town, and no provision had been made by the county for connecting this bridge with the causeway running from Broadway out to the Veneer plant.

The citizens of Marshfield began last week to wish that the bridge be promptly finished, so Ben Chandler came over to ask the county court to have the connection made and the bridge opened as soon as possible. The court thereupon instructed Roadmaster E. L. Robinson to buy the lumber and have the approach built and to present a bill for it to the city of Marshfield.

Confirmation Class

During the annual visit of the Right Rev. Bishop Sumner D. D. to the Missions of the Coos Bay District under the Rev. A. W. Bell, he administered the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation to the following John Angus Gamble, Joseph Alden Harvillie, Alton Ellsworth Harris (a veteran of Chateau Thierry) and Katherine Elizabeth Wilson and Margaret Alexandra Bell.

HEIRS ASK FOR IT

John Bilek's Estate Had Escheated to the State—May Result in a Suit

In May, 1918, an Austrian by the name of John Bilek, who had been making his home at the L. A. Lawhorn ranch near McKinley, off and on for a couple of years, left this county and went up to Wahkiakum county in Washington, where he was killed Sept. 27, of that year. He was a high climber in the woods and a tree fell with him.

Before he left Mr. Lawhorn suggested that he should make a will so that he (Lawhorn) would know what to do with the funds which Bilek was leaving in his hands and to which he was monthly adding from his wages. It amounted to over a thousand dollars.

"You and Mrs. Lawhorn keep it," was Bilek's reply. But Mr. Lawhorn would not have it that way and talked him out of leaving it to charity. Bilek had left a sister and a brother in the old country, but at that time was unable to locate them and thought they were dead.

At Mr. Lawhorn's insistence he wrote a statement that his estate should be divided between this brother and sister, Joseph and Francisca Bilek, and Mr. Lawhorn and wife witnessed it. They kept the will and also deeds of property Bilek owned in Austria.

After Bilek's death Mr. Lawhorn tried twice to get in touch with the heirs by letter, but the first was returned and on account of the unsettled conditions after the war he was never able to send them their money.

The wife of a man named Yuseck wrote to Mr. Lawhorn from Eureka, Calif., that if he would send her the money she would see that the heirs received it, but he didn't fall for that kind of a game.

Finally, after Mr. Lawhorn had acted as administrator and wound up the affairs of the estate, he paid the balance of \$1137.47 over to the State Treasurer, under the law that property of intestate residents escheats to the state.

That closed the matter until last month when the Czechoslovakia consul at Omaha, Nebr., Stanley Serpan, wrote to Judge R. H. Mast, asking that the will be produced in probate court and that the State of Oregon and Mr. Lawhorn give an accounting of the funds, and that the proceeds be transmitted to the heirs named in the will.

Yesterday Mr. Lawhorn was in town to file the will with the probate court and give such information as he possessed. On the request of the consul, J. J. Stanley was appointed administrator, and the next step will be the demand on the State Treasurer for the funds turned over to him by Mr. Lawhorn.

Whether the state will contest the case or will refund the money without suit cannot be stated now, but the will has been accepted by the probate court as genuine, and an effort will be made to recover from the state.

Mr. Lawhorn says he has the deeds to the property in the old country in his possession and if the claimants can prove that they are the rightful heirs he is ready to turn the papers over to him. They were received by Bilek from his mother's estate.

Mr. Lawhorn hunted all over Coos county and tried forty Austrians before he found one who could read the will and that one could not read all of it.

Stratton Pays \$30 Fine

D. D. Stratton, who has been in jail here since Nov. 25, was taken before Justice Stanley Tuesday and pleaded guilty to the charge of operating a motor car without a driver's license. He was fined \$30.

Stratton is the man who was driving the Chevrolet when it went off the grade at the Schroeder place on the Myrtle Point road, on Nov. 24, killing Joe Zachary.

The grand jury had returned not a true bill when Stratton was before them, charged with involuntary manslaughter, and the officers had no evidence on which they felt that a conviction could be secured, for either driving while intoxicated or reckless driving, and this \$30 fine is the extent of his punishment for that terrible piece of recklessness.

Dishes for gifts from 10c up at the Variety Shop.