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TO HAVE CO. AGENT

Budget as Finally Adopted Provides for That Service in 1925

The public hearing before the final adoption of the county budget for 1925 was held in the county court room Tuesday and was attended by a large number of persons.

The principal subject which attracted interest was the county agent question. Petitions had been received from Myrtle Point, Bridge and the McKinley sections, asking the court not to make an appropriation for this important feature of county activity, and the opposition to the plan was led by T. M. Stover, Chas. W. Dye and C. F. Gilroy, of the Myrtle Point section.

The Marshfield, North Bend and Bandon Chambers of Commerce all had representatives present to urge the appropriation.

The Coquille Chamber has twice adopted resolutions favorable to the county agent program, but it was not represented at the meeting.

Others who spoke favorably were E. H. Harnden, H. E. Hess and W. E. Cross, of Coquille; the Brownson brothers, of Bridge, Ivy Condron, of Coos River; J. B. Moomaw and Olaf Aasen, of Arago; Frank Bullard, Jan. T. Jenkins, Joe Nulf and John Devreux, of the lower river; and C. M. Connor and E. R. Peterson, from north of the Bay.

Wm. L. Teutsch, field representative of the Agricultural College in county agent work, on request made a short talk outlining the work being done by county agents in this state. As has been repeated many times here the chief duties of a county agent are to disseminate information gathered from the experiences of farmers and ranchers all over the state, with the agricultural college as a clearing house for the reports.

The assumption of testing associations in Coos county alone will be worth more to the dairymen in increased prices secured for their products and stock than the cost to the county will amount to.

Mr. Teutsch said that with Coos county included there are now 25 counties in the state where a county agent is employed. There are 2200 in the United States.

He also says that the college will some time this month submit to the Coos county court the names and records of a list of men whom it is believed are well qualified for the position. They want to send some one here who will co-operate in every way with the agricultural interests of the county and assist in the development of Coos.

The action taken Tuesday is a long step in the direction of progress, and a distinct promise of larger financial returns to the dairymen through the manufacture of cheese.

Jewelry Store Robbed

Some time between eleven o'clock last Friday night and one o'clock Saturday morning, a thief entered the jewelry store of W. H. Schroeder & Son and stole all the money there was in the safe—somewhere around \$1,000, Leslie Schroeder says.

Entrance was effected through the coal chute in the front walk, the tracks leading through the coal bin and up the steps to the cellar door, which was taken off its hinges.

The safe was not locked, that being one of the things Leslie was to attend to on his return from Marshfield and he got back shortly before one o'clock. Nothing except the money has been missed.

The stolen funds were the receipts of the Wednesday and Friday sales, which had been made up for deposit Friday afternoon, but a press of business kept the Schroeders busy until after the banks closed.

No trace of the perpetrator of the robbery has been discovered.

Dr. V. L. Hamilton Here

Dr. V. L. Hamilton came in from The Dalles last Monday morning to join Mrs. Hamilton and son, Earl, who drove in a week previous. They left today in their sedan for home. The doctor had a photograph of his new hospital at The Dalles, which he says has been so crowded that he has let the contract for another unit, which will be started in the spring. A third unit is contemplated later, which will make the hospital resemble a huge letter H.

New City Government

Next Monday evening after the old council has disposed of all unfinished business, Mayor-elect E. E. Johnson and Councilmen-elect C. C. Farr, E. G. Opperman and Geo. H. Chaney will be sworn in and join the hold-over members—C. J. Fuhrman, C. L. Willey and Paul T. Ramsey—in conducting city business.

The new mayor has not announced who will be named to fill the appointive offices, although it is stated that there will be no day marshal. Two men will be named to handle the city's water system and one of them will be given police powers—but not the title. It is also the plan to hire some one for the express purpose of keeping the streets clean.

A Good Year in Coquille

Taking inventories of stock has been the order of the day in most of the Coquille business houses the past week, and while they were practically all closed for New Year's yesterday, in some cases the entire force was busy behind locked doors checking up the goods on hand.

Last year was a very good year in Coquille and had the latter half kept pace with the first half, the year 1924 would probably have excelled 1923. But it is doubtful if many houses in Oregon can report as does the Hub at Myrtle Point, a clear gain in 1924 over the amount of business done in 1923.

ANOTHER LOCAL BOOTLEGGER

Tuesday evening Marshal Hollenbeck secured a search warrant for the rooms of a man who has been here for a few months past and called "Scotty." When he, in company with Constable Lawrence, searched the room at a local rooming house, they only found a gallon jug with a little moonshine in the bottom, but returned later and found three bottles of booze besides capturing him with some in his car and a bottle in his pocket.

Wednesday afternoon, after consulting an attorney, he pleaded guilty to possession of liquor before Justice Stanley and was sentenced to 60 days in jail and fined \$250.

He says his real name is J. J. Coffin, Scott being his stepfather's name. Scotty has been peddling liquor for a month, according to the police, and had frequently tried to make a dicker with Mr. Hollenbeck, offering to act as a stoolpigeon to catch bootleggers.

The car, which he was driving was reclaimed by the White-Burr Motor Co. Wednesday morning, "Scotty" having been a couple of months delinquent on his payments. He had stood Mr. Burr off a couple of times with fake stories about sending a draft in payment, once showing him a draft for \$25 which he cashed at a local bank the next day.

Death of Former Residents

Mrs. S. V. Epperson received a letter this week from Miss Flora E. Burns, stating that her mother, Mrs. W. G. Ackerman, and her stepfather both passed away in November at Salem. The Ackermans were residents of Coquille for a couple of years, leaving here about twelve years ago when he sold the Coquille Herald to Lew A. Cates.

Mr. Ackerman suffered a stroke of paralysis October 19, and died Nov. 4. His wife died suddenly just two weeks later.

One Serving Out Fine

Marshal Hollenbeck ordered a couple of drunks to appear before Recorder Lawrence Tuesday. They reported Tuesday morning and declared they were not drunk when picked up. Recorder Lawrence set their trials for three o'clock that afternoon, but only one showed up—Walter Smith—and he was overseas again. "Twenty-five dollars," was the assessment levied, and as he didn't have it, he is serving it out in jail at \$2 per. The other, John Snodgrass evidently left town, for he hasn't been seen since.

Coos Schools Show Increase

Coos county schools showed an increase in attendance last year over the 1923 record, of 785, according to a report by School Superintendent Mulkey. In 1923 there were 8906 students and in 1924, 9481.

Eighth grade graduates were 425 in 1924, an increase of 124, and high school graduates increased 38, being 175 last year.

FOUR SCORE AND 8 SPECIAL NUMBER

Mrs. Calista Simpson Passes to Her Reward at An Advanced Age

Mrs. Calista Simpson passed peacefully away in this city last Saturday morning, Dec. 27th, at four o'clock in her eighty-ninth year. Despite her years, she had been in exceptionally good health up to within the past six weeks. Heart failure was the cause of her death.

Brief funeral services, conducted by the local Christian Science Society, were held at the Ellingson chapel Monday afternoon at two o'clock and a concluding service in the family chapel of the Portland crematorium, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 30th.

Callista Ashby was born in Ohio, June 20th, 1836. In her young girlhood her parents moved to Illinois, and later to Iowa. Her first marriage was to Harvey Jellie, who died within a few years after their marriage. In 1858 she married Robert Gibson Simpson, a native of New York City. They moved to St. Louis, where they resided until 1861, when they returned to Iowa, later removing to New York City, where they made their home until 1876, when they again came to Iowa. In 1889 they came to Oregon. Mr. Simpson died in 1900. For more than thirty-two years Mrs. Simpson made her home in Albany, Ore. She came to Coquille to reside in July, 1922.

Mrs. Simpson was a devoted church member and a life long Christian, having found the Master an abiding friend. Being dead, she yet speaks in the memory of the testimony she gave to her Savior through a long life of faithful service.

She was the mother of nine children, four of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. Clara Smith, of Carlton, Minn.; Mrs. Mary J. Achenbach, of Seattle; John A. Simpson, of New York City; and Arthur L. Simpson, of Coquille, the last named being at her bedside when the final summons came. She also leaves thirteen grand children, thirteen great grand children and one great great grandchild.

Mrs. Simpson was a remarkable woman and had lived a very active life. Until a few hours before her death, she had been up and around and aside from a slight heart trouble, retained all her mental and physical powers to a wonderful degree. She was a devoted mother and a loyal friend and there are hundreds of old friends in the Willamette valley, near Albany, who will mourn her passing.

During the past year she had made 47 sofa-pillow-tops, which she had sent to friends and relatives all over the country and when the last acknowledgement of receipt came she seemed to feel ready for the end whenever it came. A premonition of the approaching dissolution must have been with her for she did not want to wait until Christmas to send the keepsakes.

Willamette Quartette Here

A large audience heard the program given by the quartette of Willamette University New Year's Eve in the Southern Methodist Church. There was not a dull moment in the entire evening's entertainment, and frequent encores demonstrated the appreciation of the audience. All the numbers were splendidly given, though the negro spirituals were perhaps the most enthusiastically received. Mr. Waltz gave several piano solos and readings of real merit. He is the author of two of the readings given. Mr. Joe Nee sang three Scotch songs with fine effect. The other solo numbers were of high merit, and the skits and comedy numbers delighted the audience. All in all the program was a great success, reflecting credit upon the Quartette and Willamette University.

Pearce, Covell Cases Up

Sometimes one feels inclined to believe that it is next to impossible to hang a murder in this state, no matter how fendish the crime he commits. It is now over two years since L. W. Pearce murdered his wife in the south end of this county at their home on Catching creek, and we now learn an appeal to the Supreme court is to be argued in the case the 20th of this month. The Bandon astrologist, Arthur Covell will have the case against him for the unprovoked murder of his sister-in-law reviewed by the same court January 13.

Sentinel to Issue Anniversary Edition Latter Part of This Month

The middle of this month the Coquille Valley Sentinel will have completed twenty years of existence—it will be of age.

To commemorate so important an event and at the same time to show to the world at large, our neighbors and ourselves, what the Coquille valley is and has to offer in the way of advantages and opportunities, it has been decided by the management to issue an "Anniversary" Number. At the present writing it is expected to issue the special feature number on Jan. 23d.

Mr. J. C. Mull, a writer of large experience along this line, has been secured to attend to the great amount of extra work required to publish an edition of this character. It will be illustrated with a variety of views and will set forth the attractions, growth and projects which will soon develop. Mr. Mull will be here Monday, Jan. 5, to begin preparing data for this Anniversary edition.

Jim Davis Released

Jim Davis, colored, was taken in custody last Saturday by Constable E. H. Kern on warrants charging him with assault with intent to commit rape and with threat to commit murder. His neighbors, in the north part of the city, Mr. and Mrs. E. Morgan, were the complaining witnesses.

His hearing was held before Justice J. J. Stanley this morning and resulted in his being released on both charges. The evidence by the witnesses was that he had not laid hands on her, except to take her by the hand. There was also considerable doubt in the judge's mind that Davis had threatened to kill Morgan and his wife, although Davis admitted having warned them to stay off his land.

We Are Proud of It

The final touch was given to the dining room at the Hotel Coquille this week when the linoleum was varnished and the woodwork given a final coat of enamel. With the restful, tinted walls, handsome draperies, shining silver, snappy table linen and a general atmosphere of home, the dining room presents the last word in attractiveness and service.

It is being appreciated by the local people, too, that Coquille has something to be proud of in its hotel, for there were more local residents in the dining room yesterday for their New Year's dinner than have ever been present during the past year, except on special occasions.

Funds for School Districts

On report of County School Superintendent Mulkey that the levies for school purposes were insufficient in eleven districts the county court has ordered that the following districts be paid the amount mentioned out of the county's general fund:

- Pleasant Point—\$167.50.
- Haynes Slough—\$192.50.
- Floras Creek—\$306.40.
- Shiloh—\$299.05.
- Bancroft—253.
- Willanch—\$466.60.
- South Slough—\$386.50.
- Bear Creek—\$371.15.
- Alder Crest—\$279.70.
- Glenn Junction—\$461.60.
- West Allegany—\$452.50.

Another Fine Picture

Not only Manager Lefe Compton, of the Hotel Coquille, but also the people of the city are appreciative of the beautiful picture the Southern Pacific Railway Co. has just presented to the hotel. It is a view of the resort at Paso Robles, California, and adds a splendid charm to the decorations of the dining room, where it is hung.

It is a fit companion to that wonderful picture of Crater Lake, also presented by the Southern Pacific, which adorns the south wall of the lobby.

Start Regular Bandon Run

Farr & Elwood have purchased a ton and a half Graham Bros. truck of the Coquille Service Station and intend inaugurating a general transfer business with it. They expect to maintain a regular schedule to Bandon, making at least one trip a day.

Make Fruit Evaporator

W. H. Wimer this morning brought to the Sentinel office a few samples of evaporated apples, the first to be dried on a machine which he and his brother, E. A. Wimer, have made this winter. The apples from which these samples were made were the poorest of fruit, which dropped from the trees, and yet they make an attractive and toothsome article of food. Nothing is done to the fruit, except to draw all moisture from it and after being soaked in clear water it returns to its original flavor and lusciousness. Not only apples, but vegetables of all kinds can be treated in this "Perfection Evaporator" and absolutely kept from freezing—although that feature is not so necessary in this favored clime.

Mr. Messrs. Wimer own the right to manufacture this machine and if it should be desired by fruit growers, even those with small orchards, they will start manufacturing them. It is possible that quite an industry in this line will be developed in southwestern Oregon.

Log Jam in River

Logs from the Middle Fork formed a jam at Johnson's Mill early this week when booms on opposite sides of the river narrowed the channel. It is reported to be a quarter of a mile in length with several hundred logs hung up there.

\$1700 BUDGETED FOR ALL FAIRS

The directors and officials of the Coos & Curry County Fair Ass'n of Myrtle Point were in attendance at the budget hearing here Tuesday to present the county's proposed budget for the coming year.

Last year the county court budgeted \$600 for that purpose, besides which between \$1200 and \$1300 was turned over to them by the county treasurer. This fund was the amount forwarded from the state treasurer and was the amount realized from the one-twentieth of a mill tax, which the state levies and returns to the counties which hold county fairs.

After carefully examining the statutes, Judge Mast informed the visitors what the law provides as to appropriating for fairs. A county fair—one which the county names the board of directors for and supervises—can receive not to exceed \$2,000 from the general fund.

For fairs agricultural or stock exhibits, conducted by corporations or private associations the county can budget not to exceed \$500.

It is in the latter class the county court holds that the Myrtle Point fair belong, and he has a verbal opinion from former District Attorney Fisher supporting this contention.

With all these facts in mind, the budget committee has placed \$1700 for fairs in the budget for 1925, including the \$1200 or \$1300, which will come from the state tax and it is left to the county court to spend the money according to the statute—for state fair, county fair, or other agricultural, poultry and stock fairs and exhibits, as it sees fit.

Judge Mast made it clear to the visitors that the games of chance usually conducted by the concessioners were not conducive to the educational advantages of school children, who are admitted free to the fair one day each year.

No Appliance Today

The clerks in the sheriff's office were singing Wednesday, "Yes, we have no appliance today," which meant that T. H. (Appliance) Culbertson had been released from custody. He had served four months in jail, the sentence imposed by Justice Dodge last September on a liquor charge, and had paid \$100 of his fine. The \$150 balance is to be paid in \$25 monthly installments.

East and West Both Win

The east and west divided honors in the two football classics played in California yesterday. The outstanding Notre Dame eleven defeated the Stanford Cardinals 27 to 10 at Pasadena, while the California Bears were winners over the University of Pennsylvania, 10 to 0 at Berkeley. A game between California and Notre Dame would greatly interest all fans everywhere.

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

NEW TERMS JAN. 5

Recently Elected County Officials to Take Office Next Monday

The only change which will take place in the court house next Monday when the officers elected in November take their oaths of office, will be in the county clerk's office, Robt. R. Watson succeeding A. B. Collier, who has made a very efficient official, both as chief deputy and as clerk.

Mr. Watson has named A. H. (Gus) Bender to be chief deputy county clerk and has retained the other members of the force who have served for the past few months or more, as follows:

Bookkeeper—Jno. W. Leneve.
Deputy—Mrs. Maxine Kistner.
Recording clerk—Miss Mary Griner.

Clerk—Miss Maude Pierson. In the county court there will also be a new face, Matt H. Klockars succeeding Henry G. Kern, both of them residents of North Bend.

Mr. Kern has made a good record as county commissioner during his five or six years' incumbency and he is succeeded by a man who knows contracting and road building and has a good knowledge of business affairs. With the two hold-over members of the court—Judge R. H. Mast and Commissioner W. W. Gage—the county's affairs will receive the same careful attention that they have in the past and without any loss of time while the new court is getting on to the ropes.

Still other changes in office, where the incumbent does not spend all his time in the court house are in the office of district attorney and county surveyor. For the former, J. B. Beddingfield, of Bandon, succeeds Ben Fisher, and for surveyor, E. H. Kern takes the place of Chas. McCulloch.

Dr. Phil J. Keiser, of North Bend, will succeed Fred Wilson as county coroner.

Dal M. King, of Myrtle Point, will be a new face in the Coos county delegation to the legislature, succeeding Tom T. Bennett, of Marshfield.

The officials who have been re-elected are State Senator Chas. Hal, Assessor J. P. Beyers, Sheriff E. P. Ellingsen, Treasurer T. M. Dimmick, School Superintendent C. E. Mulkey and Judge Jno. C. Kendall.

Bound Over to Grand Jury

The case of the two Broadbent girls, Ada and Alice Gibbs, who were returned here from San Francisco by juvenile officers, came up in Justice Stanley's court here last Saturday, when their uncle, Silas Gibbs, waived examination and signed a confession admitting that he had contributed to the delinquency of both of them.

He was bound over to the grand jury, which meets in February, and his bond was fixed at \$2,000. He made no effort to secure bondsmen, two friends agreeing to settle up his logging and business interests for him.

The older girl told the judge that she was as much to blame as her uncle, who is 50 years old.

The girls have been sent to the Louise Home in Portland.

Deaths at County Farm

Lorenzo D. Cole, 87 years of age, died at the county farm Monday from pneumonia. He has lived in the county for the past twelve years and has been at the farm six years. He has a son, Will Cole, who lives on Haynes Inlet.

Another death occurred there last Friday when an Italian, Poilagrino Guigetti, died of heart disease.

Chas. Norris, another of the very old inmates at the county infirmary, passed away there yesterday, death being due to heart trouble. He was 84 years of age and had been a resident on Coos Bay for 50 years. He had been at the farm four years.

So far as known he leaves no relatives except a nephew at Marshfield. Interment was in the county's burial plot at the farm.

Two Diphtheria Cases

County Health Officer J. A. Burket reports a case of diphtheria in the Roy district across the river. Rita Hurdley, ten years old, is the name of the girl who has it. Dr. Burket was over there last week and took throat cultures from all the children in that section. There is also one case in Marshfield.