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NEW CITY DADS

Mayor Johnson and Councilmen Opperman and Chaney Take Their Seats

After an absence of four years from the mayoralty chair, E. E. Johnson again took up the reins as head of the city government, which he had laid down when Dr. V. L. Hamilton was elected in 1920. In 1922 the latter was succeeded by S. M. Nosler, who has now turned the gavel back to Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson served four years during his previous incumbency of office and is well posted on all phases of city business.

So it was a familiar scene to habitués of the council chamber, when Mayor Johnson gave one rap of the gavel and said, "Call the roll Mr. Recorder."

There were, however, two new voices which answered to the roll call—E. G. Opperman and Geo. H. Chaney. C. C. Farr, a member of the last council by appointment, is a member of the new by election.

C. L. Willey and C. J. Fuhrman are the hold-over members, along with Paul T. Ramsey, who was appointed just before election last November. Mr. Fuhrman, being out of town, was the only absentee Monday evening.

The new council took hold of its official duties with a snap and interest that augurs well for the political activity of the city during the next two years.

Mayor Johnson outlined his idea as to combining two offices in one appointment for the efficient handling of the police and water business of the city, which was that the water superintendent should be deputy marshal and that the assistant water superintendent should be deputy police chief.

For the present, while there is plenty of water, he would have the streets hosed about once a month and the approach of the dry season would be time enough to employ a street sweeper, or "white wings."

The plan was approved by the councilmen. Before announcing appointments for the several city positions, a resolution was adopted fixing the same salaries as have been paid for the various services rendered in recent years.

The list of those appointed and confirmed, and their salaries, follows: City Attorney—J. J. Stanley, \$60 a month. City Treasurer—O. C. Sanford, \$350 a year, of which \$250 is from the general fund and \$100 from the water fund.

Recorder's salary—\$125 a month, \$75 from the water and \$50 from the general fund. City Engineer—E. L. Vinton, \$8 per day of eight hours for time employed.

Marshal—B. L. Hollenbeck, \$125 a month. Water Supt. and Deputy Marshal—S. V. Epperson, \$125 a month. Asst. Water Supt. and Street Commissioner—Frank Dungey, \$125 a month.

City Health Officer—Dr. J. A. Burkett, for services rendered not less than \$10 a month. Fire Chief—J. E. Perrott, \$5 a month.

The following were the council committees appointed by the mayor, and confirmed and in passing it can be stated that the mayor expects much of the city's business to be passed upon by the various committees and thus relieve the council proceedings of much of the matters of minor importance:

Streets—Chaney, Ramsey, Farr. Finance—Fuhrman, Chaney, Opperman. Fire—Farr, Opperman, Ramsey. Water—Willey, Farr, Fuhrman. Lights—Opperman, Willey, Fuhrman.

Ordinance—Ramsey, Chaney, Willey. On motion of Mr. Chaney, E. G. Opperman was elected chairman of the board which carries with it the duties of mayor when the chief executive is absent from the city.

When the mayor asked which newspaper should be named as the official organ for the city, it was suggested there might be some choice in the matter if the Sunday Morning Star could be induced to move its plant here from the Bay! In answer, Mayor Johnson promptly declared carried a motion, which had not been made, naming the Sentinel. The bond of J. S. Lawrence, as recorder, in the amount of \$1,000, with L. H. Hazard and Geo. T. Moulton as

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Alex Sandon Passes Away

Alex Sandon, who was fatally injured at the big mill of the Coos Bay Lumber Co., at Marshfield, last Monday, died at six o'clock last evening at Mercy Hospital in North Bend. Although an operation on his skull was performed Wednesday, the doctors expressed no hope at that time that he might recover.

The funeral services will be held in the Ellingson Chapel here at two o'clock Sunday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. M. F. Hill.

Mr. Sandon was injured while at work on a platform. He was driving above his head with a sledge hammer, which caught on the belt from an overhanging pulley. At the same time the elevator started, throwing him over backward. He struck on his head and shoulders on a pile of lumber 12 feet below, fracturing his skull.

He never really regained consciousness after the accident, being delirious whenever he partly came into a conscious state.

The deceased was born in Wisconsin and was 52 years of age. He was married and had four children—Ted aged 17; Jerry, 13; Irene, 10; and Blanche, 6. They lived on a small ranch on Sanford Heights, about a quarter of a mile off the highway, and south of the S. A. Malehorn home.

Besides his wife and children he leaves an aged mother of 88 years, who lived with him, a sister near Spokane, a brother, Paul, living in Astoria, and a brother, Michael, of Corvallis. All of them were summoned and were here when the end came.

Everything possible was done for his relief, and Mrs. Sandon spent the whole time at his bedside, but the end could not be delayed.

He had been employed at the Smith mill for the past twelve years, except for a year or more when he was employed at the Coos Bay mill. The family has lived in and near Coquille for the past seven or eight years.

IS BOOSTING COOS CHEESE

John E. Ross, of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, gave a very interesting talk on cheese at the Chamber of Commerce banquet Wednesday evening, during which he told of what was being done to boost the product, which won first prize at the state fair and at Portland last year.

Mr. Ross said he was almost daily receiving letters from individuals and concerns, who were interested. Some of the people desired to locate in this section and others wanted to know where they could obtain cheese made in Coos county.

For advertising purposes, he said, a bunch of cardboard containers, for three and five pound cheeses, had been secured, and were being used in distributing samples.

He urged, and most logically, that the best way to secure the same price for the Coos product as other sections enjoy, is to put it up in small attractive packages, rather than to sell it by the ton in bulk, so to speak.

Another effective piece of advertising which has been agreed to, is that all the diners on three railroads entering Portland will, during the month of March, serve Coos county cheese on their bills of fare. The benefits to be derived from this month's intensive advancing of this delicious viand can hardly be over-estimated.

Mr. Ross says that he is also working on a plan to have the same diners feature all Coquille valley vegetables, which can be secured for the same period.

Coos Bay Highway Open

Traffic was resumed under handicap on the Roseburg highway Tuesday, when workmen of the highway department aided in pushing cars through the slides at Sugar Loaf mountain. The slides consisted chiefly of mud this time and workmen helped the waiting motorists through once each hour.

Anniversary Number Assured

Enough interest has been shown in the publication of the Sentinel's anniversary number, the latter part of this month, to make it practically sure that it will appear the latter part of this month—probably Jan. 23. Mr. Mull has been receiving very satisfactory reception in his calls on the business men.

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HEALTH REPORT THE BEST YET

Work Done by Coos County Chamber of Commerce Dinner Wednesday Full of Pep And Song

The first meeting of the year of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, held in the hotel Wednesday evening, was one of the most enthusiastic ever held here. Manager Compton had prepared an excellent dinner for the members and over fifty sat down in the main dining room.

This attendance was in large part due to the efforts of the committee—C. C. Archibald and S. M. Nosler—who canvassed the town that morning, and there were some men present who had never been in the hotel before nor had attended a meeting of the club for over two years.

One of the features which did more to put life and a feeling of good fellowship into the meeting than anything else was the singing of the Corned Canaries. It was announced that due to the absence of one of their number—F. G. Leslie—everyone would be expected to join in the singing to take his place, and typed copies of the songs were distributed.

One song they repeated many times went like this, with substitution in the first line to fit the individual: Howdy Do, President Lamb, Howdy Do; Is there anything that we can do for you? We'll stand by you to a man; Howdy Do, President Lamb, Howdy Do.

Every time anyone arose to make any remarks he was greeted by the Canaries in this manner, and for a time it got the goats of those present and there was more hesitancy in addressing the club than in such occasions.

Those Canaries are one of Coquille's most pleasing entertainers and there is no city anywhere that can boast of any more excellent bunch of singers. One citizen says that he has heard over the radio most of the famous quartettes on the coast, and not yet has one appeared which can compare to this aggregation which consists of J. L. Smith, C. S. Bergner, Geo. Taylor, C. C. Archibald, F. G. Leslie, A. A. Selander, J. F. Cramer, E. D. Webb and Aaron Wilson.

J. A. Lamb, president of the chamber, started the word fest in a felicitous manner and he was followed by many others. J. E. Norton offered a suggestion for changes in the routine of handling the chamber's work, which were favorably commented on by J. E. Ross, O. C. Sanford, S. M. Nosler and others. This plan is to enlarge the board of directors from five to ten, let them hold weekly luncheons at the hotel as at present, and once a month hold a big dinner meeting for the entire membership. At these meetings the Canaries will be present and if some outside speaker can be secured it will add to the evening's program.

Another idea was that the fifty cents a month dues, heretofore the rule, do not provide sufficient funds for carrying on the chamber's work, and Mr. Norton's suggestion was that a committee be named to prepare a budget of annual subscriptions to the club from all business houses, professional men, etc., and then ascertain if the subscribers would agree to the amounts tentatively set down.

A. N. Gould was chairman of the committee named to handle this detail and his preliminary budget totalled \$1500 yesterday. The idea of a paid secretary for part time was also mentioned by Mr. Norton. This idea was expanded and gone into detail on by G. Russel Morgan, who urged that some one be secured for secretary this year who could devote some time to the duties and who should be paid \$20 or \$25 a month.

He then introduced A. K. Pearson, who has just retired as secretary of the chamber of Commerce at Marshfield. Mr. Pearson had just happened in to the hotel but he kindly consented to make a few remarks on the necessity of a paid secretary for conducting the chamber's business—at least for part time. One idea he stressed that a paid secretary would need to attend to was in connection with Portland Chamber's land settlement campaign. At present there are no listings of property around Coquille on file at Portland, and that or-

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Basketball This Evening

This evening, at eight o'clock, the first game of the Coos County High School Basketball League will be played on the local gym floor, the Marshfield five being Coquille's opponents.

The first game of the season is always a most uncertain affair to predict; and Coach Leslie has been quoted in a Bay paper as holding a gloomy view of the team's chances this year. He is right, too, that Coquille's chances are hampered by the lack of a sure-fire shooter. None of the boys seem willing to devote the hours and hours of practice necessary to attain accuracy in this offensive department. But fans who have watched the practice held almost nightly declare that Brick has a bunch of ten men who are as powerful defensively as the team was last year, and perhaps a little more so. Small scores were the rule last year, showing good defensive strength.

Tuesday evening a practice game was played here with the Venable and Box Factory team at Marshfield and the high school boys were victors 27 to 6 or 26 to 7.

Tonight will witness their first test under real fire and give some idea as to whether Coquille can entertain hopes of winning the championship in basketball and in football the same year.

There are nine players on the squad now and most of them will get a chance to show their stuff tonight. Brick expects to start the game with Lester Wilson and Art Pulford, forwards; Harold Simmons at center; Earl Rice, captain, and Layton Nosler as guards. The substitutes are Hadley Curtis, Royce Richmond, Wilford Laird and James Galbraith.

The game will start at eight o'clock. There will be no girls' game.

F. & M. BANK HAS GOOD YEAR

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank was held at the bank last evening and resulted in the re-election of the four directors—J. E. Ross, J. E. Norton, C. J. Fuhrman and J. W. Miller.

The report by the bank official conveyed the information that the institution has resources of a quarter of a million, that it shows a loss of only \$5,000 from the last report published in October, and that the bank is in the most prosperous condition it has ever been.

A satisfactory dividend was declared and the surplus fund was increased. Another point worthy of mention is that the interior has been re-decorated during the past year, and that the safest and best type of vault door manufactured was installed in 1924. This has resulted in an increased demand for safety deposit boxes, so that more are needed to accommodate a waiting list.

At the directors' meeting which followed the old officials were re-elected and two new ones added to the list. Those chosen were: J. E. Norton, president; C. J. Fuhrman, vice president; J. E. Ross, cashier; Edna Robison, assistant cashier; W. S. Sickels, assistant cashier.

Miss Robison has been with the Farmers & Merchants for four years and the advancement comes as a well-earned recognition for services well and faithfully performed. Mr. Sickels, although he has been with the bank but a few months has so impressed his sterling worth on not only the officials, but also the patrons of the bank that the directors were greatly pleased to give him this deserved recognition.

He has had banking experience previously and was for years an auditor with one of the largest public service corporations in Kansas.

Beddingfield Takes Office

Monday District Attorney Ben Fisher turned over the work of his office to J. B. Beddingfield, of Bandon, County Clerk A. B. (Pat) Collier turned over that office to his former assistant, R. R. (Pete) Watson, and Matt Klockars succeeded E. H. Kern as county commissioner.

A peculiar thing about this week's storm was that the barometer was well above 30 points, even the days when it was raining every hour or so.

ASK ROAD WORK

Fairview and McKinley Want Rock Crusher Installed on the North Fork

There were large delegations in attendance at the county court session Wednesday from Fairview and McKinley, asking that a different rock be used on the roads of that section from what was used last year. Two or three miles of the road the other side of Fairview mountain have been planked this year, the rock put on there having been practically worthless.

The delegations were also remonstrating against the new market road, which the court has caused to be surveyed and laid out from the Matthews place at Fairview down the North Fork to Lee. The court has already allowed W. O. Matthews \$500 for the land required, for expense of moving silo and building and for building fences, and approved the viewers' recommendation that the county build the fences through the Webb Mast and Hervey places, and it is probable that they will overrule the remonstrance.

According to Judge Mast the principal object in laying out this 3.4 miles of market road is to provide an outlet from a rock quarry, which the county expects to establish a couple of miles below the Matthews place. The rock at that point is excellent for road building, testing 5.12 per cent abrasion. The Sugarloaf rock test 6.26 per cent and that used on the Bandon road much higher.

Judge Mast also says that Lee will be only eleven miles from Coquille by the new route, when the road is finished, while it is 14 miles from Lee to Coquille over Shuck mountain, and he feels that the Lee, McKinley and other sections of that district will be better served by the new road than they are now.

The Fairview delegation asked the court to investigate a rock outcrop 1 1/2 miles above the cross roads towards Sumner, while W. H. Bunch was recommending the use of a rock across the river from the quarry the court wishes to establish. The McKinley people were asking authority to handle their project themselves, buying a \$1,000 rock crusher and putting their road in condition for winter travel. Under the market road law the state will only permit the use of market road funds under the supervision of the county court, so that the court cannot turn the entire spending of the funds over to District No. 13, even should it desire to.

Roadmaster Gilbert is going out to the North Fork Monday to investigate the rocks suggested and confer with the people there as to which of the three would be the most suitable for road building.

Another road, which the county court is preparing to lay out is one for the elimination of Cooper bridge, which is growing old and becoming dangerous. It would require \$30,000 or more to build a new bridge there, so the court has started proceedings for a road around Bald Hill to a connection with the Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway at the railroad crossing this side of Myrtle Point. About half the distance is already rocky and it would require the improvement of a mile and a half link to provide an outlet for the people of the valley near Cooper bridge, when the latter is abandoned.

Going to the Legislature

Arthur A. Selander, of this city, has been appointed by Senator Chas. Hall as clerk of the senate roads committee, of which he will be chairman in the 1925 legislative assembly, which will convene next Monday. Mr. Selander expects to leave Sunday for Salem to be on hand at the opening of the session.

Hon. Dal M. King, of Myrtle Point, expects to leave at the same time to represent Coos county in the house of representatives. Hon. S. P. Peirce, of Curry county, will be the other Coos representative, his district comprising both counties.

Will Make Cheese Here

A matter which will receive more extended notice in the Sentinel next week is the fact that J. H. McCloskey is preparing to make cheese this year at the Coquille Valley Creamery. He manufactures it now at his Lee plant but will resume its manufacture here this spring.