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## THE WATER RATES

Minimum Remains \$1.50 per Month. Slight Increase in Commercial Rates

At the adjourned session of the city council last Monday evening a new schedule of rates was adopted as charges for the use of city water. The new schedule was not adopted until after full consideration had been given the subject by the councilmen, and while they admit that the new rates may not be equitable in every single instance, they feel that it is an improvement on the former rate, in that it will product from \$150 to \$200 more revenue a month, and that injustice has been done to no one.

The greatest changes were in the case of apartment houses. In these every family will now be required to pay the minimum of \$150 per month and a single meter for a whole apartment is no longer the rule.

The meter rate for commercial users was raised slightly but is still less than the rates paid over at the Bay.

It is not the council's intention to buy nor install any more meters except in case where it is evident that an excess of water is being used. Nor will the meters be read hereafter to fix the charge for residence users, but the \$1.50 minimum will be the rule.

The following is a copy of the resolution adopted by the council Monday night fixing the new rates:

Be it resolved that monthly rates for use of water from the City Water System from and after Feb. 1, 1925, shall be as follows:

Each family using water in Coquille shall pay the minimum charge of \$1.50 per month for householders use, up to 4,000 gallons and all above that amount at regular meter rates, but not including irrigation or watering lawns. This charge shall be made whether the family lives in apartments, flats, cottages, tents, excepting only the auto park. For irrigation or watering lawns, a minimum charge of \$1.00 per month shall be made when used during June, July, August and September, except when modified or rescinded entirely or in part by Water Committee, and not otherwise. All householders are required to notify water office when they start to use water for irrigation during the four months mentioned, and this charge shall continue until notification is given of discontinuance. Irrigation to be limited to two hours per day.

Persons failing to notify water office will be assessed double charge for the first month's use of water for irrigation or for watering lawns.

All business houses not otherwise specifically mentioned using city water shall pay \$1.50 per month minimum.

Commercial users, manufacturing plants, Garages, Creameries, Ice Plants, Laundries, Court House, and users of water outside the City Limits shall be metered and charged for as follows:

Minimum rate \$1.50, without Toilet and bath; \$2.25 with toilet and bath.  
1st 1500 gals. 5c per 100 gals.  
Next 2500 gals. 3c per 100 gals.  
Next 3500 gals. 2c per 100 gals.  
Next 130,000 gal. 1-1-2c per 100 gal.  
Anything over 130,000 gals. 1c per 100 gals.

The Water Committee shall, at any time when in their judgment an excess of water is being used over the amount being paid for on the minimum flat rate, install meter at the cost of the user and if found to be using in excess of four thousand gallons per month shall be charged meter rate.

The water committee may make a flat rate for the Coquille schools of \$125.00 per year.

Hotels and rooming houses shall pay a minimum at the rate of 25c per room, whether occupied regularly or not so long as they are maintained for this purpose, plus \$1.50 per month for dining rooms or restaurants.

All accounts are due for water on or before the 10th of each month and if delinquent for 10 days, service will be disconnected. Water will again be served upon payment of amount due plus charge for disconnecting and connecting again.

Any store or other occupancy not being served by city water but using

city water in any quantity from any faucet in the City water system shall be charged the minimum of \$1.50 per month. Office buildings, 25 cents per occupancy.

In case of emergency the Water Committee shall have power to limit or prohibit sprinkling or irrigation in its discretion.

### Beginners to Start Monday

Everything will be in readiness Monday morning for the beginning of school in the basement of the M. E. Church South where Miss Vina Cronk will have the class of 24 or 25 who are just entering school.

The plumbing and toilets will be finished by tomorrow night and all the alterations will be made. Tables and benches, rather than seats and desks will be used in this primary room.

Miss Jessie Cypher, of North Plain, Ore., has been secured to teach the second grade and she will have the room in which Miss Cronk has been teaching. She came in last Saturday, and entered upon her duties Monday morning. She is a graduate of the State Normal, with seven years of teaching experience.

## A GOOD WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. George S. Robison died at her home in the Roy district about two miles up the river at 7 o'clock Sunday morning at the age of 48 years, 9 months and 29 days, after an illness of about six weeks, which terminated in a fatal attack of typhoid fever.

Her funeral services took place at the Ellingson funeral parlors at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon conducted by Rev. C. S. Bergner, of the Presbyterian church, under the auspices of Beulah Chapter, O. E. S., of which she was a member; and the interment was in the Massene Cemetery.

Mary Ellen Roy was a native of the Roy district across the river, her father being J. L. Roy, for whom the district was named. He died in 1918 at the age of 85 years. Her mother passed away five years earlier. Miss Roy was born March 26, 1876, and April 4, 1897 was united in marriage to George S. Robison, who survives her. They have had only one child, Edna A., who, since graduating in our city schools several years ago, has been an employee of the Farmers and Merchants Bank here.

Mrs. Robison is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Arthur Ellingson, of this city, and a brother, J. B. Roy, of Santa Rosa, California, who is 70 years of age.

Mrs. Robison was universally respected and loved by a wide circle of friends and her passing in the prime of life brings sorrow to all who knew her. She was one of God's good women, a faithful wife and a devoted mother.

### Thousands of Logs Come Out

Yesterday the North and East Forks were practically cleaned of logs, the big drive bringing everything down as far as Gravel Ford, but from there to the mouth of the North Fork the river is bank full of logs.

E. E. Johnson says that the loggers will be up against it unless they can get permission to swing a cross boom across the main river at Norway for by summer it will be impossible to get these millions of feet out of the North Fork.

An effort is to be made to secure the consent and permission to do this from the Panter steamboat people, the Port of Coquille River, and the war department. If the logs can be released and run into the Coquille where they can be used as needed it will be the means of turning into cash approximately \$300,000 worth, which might otherwise have to wait until next winter to come out.

### Road Bond Case Argued

C. R. Wade, of Bandon, was in town yesterday morning, on his return from Salem, where on Tuesday he argued the friendly suit brought to test the validity of Coos county's last bond authorization—the \$400,000 issue voted last summer.

"It is one case I would like to lose," was Mr. Wade's comment. He represented the Coos County Good Roads Association, which brought the suit. He anticipates that the decision will be rendered by the court next Tuesday.

## DUCK BANQUET ON HONEYMOON

Ninety People Enjoyed Duck Club's Hospitality Last Friday Evening

The third annual banquet of the Coquille Rod & Gun Club and the Fat Elk Duck Club was held in the Hotel Coquille last Friday evening. About ninety of the members and their guests were present.

It would be difficult to conceive a more elaborate and delicious banquet than that served by Lefe Compton last Friday. The duck, as well as every item on the menu, was cooked to a turn and were thoroughly enjoyed. There were no tedious lapses between courses, the highly efficient corps of waitresses performing their duties with dispatch.

Following is the menu: Ripe Olives, Hearts of Celery, Teal Cock Tail, a la Blue Wing Olympia Oyster Cocktail a la Blue Bill, Widgeon Consomme, Canvas Back Chinook Baked Salmon, a la Julienne, Spoon Bill Salad with Whipped Cream Shovelier, North Alaskan Mallard, Perfection Roast, Stuffed with Long Bill Jack Snipe, Baked Potato, Mackerel Opening, Butter Dressing, a la Sprig Golden Red Head on Cob Hot Mud Hen Pie Black Coffee and Cream

Music was furnished throughout the banquet and the program, which followed by Miss Muriel Simpson, H. S. Norton and Kenneth Staninger. Here again was the entertainment offered, a pleasure to the guests, and the orchestra was warmly applauded for each number.

A. J. Sherwood was toastmaster during the ninety minutes of humor and wit that followed the ministrations to the inner man, and never has he presided in the difficult position with more felicity, his remarks being apropos and his thrusts keen and penetrating.

Before introducing the speakers of the evening he explained that the toastmaster should be immune from any personal allusion, fixing the maximum penalty—six months and \$500—punishment for violation of the rule. J. A. Lamb was the only speaker with sufficient temerity to call forth the sentence.

In introducing the speakers, Mr. Sherwood stated that the tables were graced that evening with the presence of several movie stars and as he called the names of Mary Pickford, Charley Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks, Gloria Swanson, and others of the Hollywood celebrities, one by one the following Grn Club members arose, and later responded to the call for a talk on the subject assigned. Some followed the line marked out for them while others were like the preacher who took a text and straightway departed therefrom. The speakers were:

C. A. Rietman—"How he tells the age of a duck by its teeth."

Arthur Ellingson—"Why he specializes on Canvasbacks and the size of shot."

George Johnson—"The art of duck calling with several illustrations."

Ira Johnson—"The advantages and disadvantages of hip boots and waders."

F. C. Hudson—"How to draw plans for a perfect duck boat."

Arthur Fish—"The philosophy of morning and evening shooting."

M. J. Hartson—"How long after sundown is it before the sun goes down."

Ray Miller—"Will explain the Super X method of picking ducks."

Henry Hess—"Mid winter wad, neck deep, its action and reaction."

Frank Greenough—"Sprigs. How come the length of their necks and a truthful explanation of how he lost his souwester, not the explanation he gave his wife."

George Lorenz—"By what method he figures the bag limit."

A. N. Gould—"How he holds on Green Winged teal with logarithmic certainty."

Alfred Johnson—"A true bear story."

J. A. Lamb—"The trials and tribulations of a duck hunter."

Ray Long—"Temperature regulation by word of mouth."

J. W. Miller—"Four A. M."

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Two Bootleggers Claimed They Didn't Want to Be Separated

R. A. and Ruth Wells were each sentenced to six months in the county jail here by Justice J. J. Stanley yesterday and fined \$500 apiece—the limit allowed for a first offense.

Wells pleaded guilty Tuesday afternoon to transporting liquor but the lady claimed she was only accompanying her husband. However, when she came to trial yesterday the judge found her guilty and expressed regret that he could not send them both to the pen.

Mrs. Wells had a .45 calibre gat on her lap when arrested in their car on the North Bend road, and Wells tried to bribe the officers with the \$400 in cash he was carrying. In sentencing the two Judge Stanley recommended that they be taken before the grand jury next month, one for carrying the weapon, the other for attempted bribery, and District Attorney Beddingfield said he would prefer the charges.

The arrest of this couple and the capture of eight or ten cases of liquor occurred at the point where the Conglue logging road crosses the North Bank highway, and was made by Sheriff Ellingsen, Deputy Malehorn and Traffic Officer Williams.

The night before they had remained in Coquille and delivered some liquor around town. Marshal Hollenbeck had been requested by the sheriff to watch for a blue Buick roadster, bearing a 1924 California license tag and when he spotted the car Wells was driving he recognized it. The bootlegger was evidently suspicious, however, for he moved the car three times, after having first spotted it in Graham's Garage. The last time was while the marshal was trying to telephone the sheriff and he lost track of it.

Next morning, however, the officers were on the alert and when the car left, going toward Marshfield they followed.

When asked for a key to unlock the rear compartment, Wells said he had lost it, but the woman moved about 30 steps away and remarked, "I've got it and I'd like to see you get it."

By use of a screw driver the officers uncovered the booze, but they also found bottles in the pockets of the car and in the grips of its occupants.

It was reported that the stuff was high grade Canadian whiskey, but Dr. J. A. Burket, who made a test of it, said it was made from wood alcohol. Wells and the woman claim to have been married on the third of last September, his brother and a woman being witness, at Tia Juana, but a hunting license issued to her last fall was in another name.

This was in the nature of a honeymoon trip, they said. But they also said this was their third trip in here from San Francisco. The first trip they sold out; the second trip they were the victims of hi-jackers at the Bay and lost everything so that they had to borrow money to get back home.

This trip they wanted to reach Bandon, and from a remark made by the woman, had taken the North Bank road to deliver a \$25 cargo en route.

They are both between 25 and 30 years of age, the woman being quite good looking. She said her parents lived in Kellogg, Idaho.

### Our Thanks to the Times

The Sentinel is under obligations to the Coos Bay Times for the use of several cuts appearing in this Anniversary Edition, which appeared in their larger 72-page Christmas edition last month. This credit is given in lieu of a credit line under each cut which was unintentionally omitted as the pages of the special section were being printed.

### Band Concert Here Sunday

A Symphony Concert will be rendered by the Coos Bay Concert Band at the Liberty Theatre here Sunday at 2:30 p. m. An unusually good program has been prepared, the concert to be in eight numbers. One of the features is a baritone solo by Tracy A. Leach. Admission will be 25 and 10 cents.

Calling Cards, 10¢ for \$1.50.

### Basketball Here Tonight--7:30

North Bend is Coquille's opponent tonight and the game will be the first championship affair played in the new community building. North Bend has been unfortunate in getting started this year, but the teams from that high school are always dangerous and a good game is expected.

There will also be a girls' game this evening between the Coquille and North Bend High School sextettes.

From now on all local games will be played in the down town hall, so that visitors will have no complaint to make that they are handicapped by the small playing area.

The Oerding Mfg. Co., which had the contract for furnishing the bleacher seats are finishing today the job of getting them set up. Melvin Kern was in charge of the manufacture and he has labored long hours and incessantly that the seats might be ready at the time promised.

The other games scheduled for tonight are Myrtle Point at Marshfield, and Coos River at Bandon. Tomorrow night Arago plays at Powers and one of the county's three undefeated quintets is due to lose its perfect record.

## SENTINEL IS 20 YEARS OLD

The Sentinel had expected to have something to say in its anniversary edition about the early history of this paper, but found its efforts unavailing for a thorough search of the files fails to produce any copies earlier than 1910. This was five years after its salutary issue, which occurred early in January, 1905.

The paper was started by Orval Dodge, as the Coquille Valley Sentinel, although the equipment had been used to publish "The Recall," which a man by the name of Ingalls edited.

Mr. Dodge sold the Sentinel to J. C. Savage, either in 1909 or 1910, who published it until Jan. 1, 1913. At that time Lew A. Cates, who had previously purchased the Herald, bought a half interest in the Sentinel and became its editor and publisher.

After a year here Mr. Cates, who was of a roving disposition, disposed of his interest in both papers to the present owner.

The Herald was continued under lease, first to Percy C. Levar, and after his death to J. C. Savage, until Sept. 1, 1917, at which time it was consolidated with the Sentinel, and its equipment either sold or installed in the Sentinel office.

For the past twelve years the Sentinel has occupied its present corner, but it is hoped that within a year it will move to a permanent location in a home of its own. The building now rented by the Sentinel is to give way before the progressive spirit which is moving Coquille so rapidly forward, and a concrete building is to take its place.

The new Sentinel home will be located on what is known as the old Masonic lot, across the street north of the Liberty Theatre, which was purchased last spring for this purpose.

### Motor to Increase Output

E. E. Johnson has ordered a 300 h. p. motor for the mill here, delivery on which is expected within sixty days. It is another step in the complete electrifying of the local plant and is expected to speed it up to the point where 100,000 feet can be cut a day instead of 80,000 feet.

The motor will be used on the headrig, the main saw of the mill, and will have power sufficient to drive the saws through the largest logs without slowing operations down, as is now the case with steam power.

Steam will still be used at the plant, but the motor will relieve the boiler and engine to a large degree.

Mr. Johnson is also planning on installing a dry kiln before a great while.

### Each Had an Alias

Donn Stonebraker, alias Don Vollmer, and Hilda Jensen, alias Mrs. W. F. Reeves, are the names as they appear on the register at the sheriff's office, of a man and woman, who are being held in default of \$1000 bonds, for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. They were bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace Maybee at North Bend.

## C. C. SECRETARY

Rev. C. S. Bergner Chosen For That Office by Chamber of Commerce Directors

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce, in regular weekly session at the Hotel Coquille Wednesday evening, chose Rev. C. S. Bergner, pastor of the Presbyterian church, as secretary. There were five applications for the position, all of them well qualified to handle that difficult position, but after a discussion including salary and other considerations, the choice unanimously centered on Mr. Bergner.

Mr. Bergner has agreed to a six months' trial of the position at a part time salary of \$25 a month, the organization to provide a typewriter and office room. After that it will be decided whether the time necessary to take care of the Chamber's activities is deserving of a larger salary.

Mr. Bergner is one of the live wires of Coquille, who had special training in chamber of commerce work before he entered the ministry, and the directors feel confident that he will prove the man for the place.

Chas. T. Skeels, acting as club president for the first time, announced the following standing committees for the year:

Finance—O. C. Sanford, C. C. Farr, C. A. Reitman.

Industrial—Jno. E. Ross, A. O. Walker, J. W. Miller.

Highways—J. E. Norton, A. T. Morrison, J. P. Beyers.

Membership and Entertainment—Fred Wimer, F. G. Leslie, A. A. Selander.

Building—C. C. Archibald, S. M. Nosler, N. C. Kelley.

Trade Extension—J. A. Lamb, J. L. Smith, J. L. Stevens.

Publicity—H. A. Young, H. M. Ansler, E. D. Webb.

Legislation—E. H. Hazard, J. J. Stanley, C. J. Fuhrman.

Solicitation—A. N. Gould, Fred Lorenz, G. Russell Morgan.

Other committees will be named later.

The subject of cheese, which is one of the matters the club intends to devote some attention to this year, was discussed at considerable length. The organization intends boosting that product to its utmost this year.

While these weekly Wednesday evening dinners are attended by all the directors, they are open to everyone, whether a member of the chamber or not, who has any matter whatsoever to bring before the club.

### What the Sheriffs Discussed

Deputy Sheriff S. A. Malehorn returned Sunday from attending the state sheriff's association in Portland last week. He also attended the conference held by Dr. Linville, federal prohibition law enforcement officer, at which all phases of prohibition law enforcement were discussed.

One of the subjects which came up for the greatest discussion was the Supreme court decision in the McDaniels case from Benton county. McDaniels was searched before being arrested and without the formality of a search warrant and the court held that the arresting officer exceeded his authority in searching him. He could, however, have been arrested for drunkenness, which would have put the officers entirely within their rights in searching him.

Many suggestions for ascertaining whether a suspected bootlegger had liquor on his person were made by the officers present at the meeting.

Mr. Malehorn says also that a bill has been introduced in the legislature, which will practically do away with all dance halls outside of incorporated cities, unless they comply strictly and literally with the law in all particulars, and will also affect every dance hall in the state, wherever located. This provision will forbid any girl under 16 from being present at a public dance after nine o'clock unless she is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

### Dance Hall Licenses Granted

The county court has issued dance hall licenses this month to the following persons:

Geo. W. Cox, for hall three miles south of Bandon.

Alton Clausen, at Riverton.

Anna C. Drake, at Powers.