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NOT TOO MUCH

County Court Opposed to More Than a \$600 Salary Raise for Officials

A great deal of discussion has been going on in Coos county since Dal King introduced the bill in the legislature to increase the salaries of county officers.

The county court has taken part in the controversy, and two of them—Judge Mast and Commissioner Gage—are opposed to a \$900 a year raise for the officials now receiving a salary of \$1800, and in a letter to Hon. S. P. Peirce yesterday, approve a raise of \$600 for clerk, assessor, school superintendent; \$100 for the sheriff and his actual expenses; \$300 for the county treasurer, \$400 for the county judge, and \$5 a day for the county commissioners.

Mr. Peirce is chairman of the committee on salaries in the House, and he is quoted by returned visitors at Salem that the King bill is too much of an increase.

The following is a copy of the count's communication to Mr. Peirce:

My dear Sir: In the above matter, Commissioner Gage asks for another re-hearing or discussion on this matter which has been precipitated by House Bill No. 76 by Rep. King, and the Court after due consideration taking into consideration our letters of January 29th and 30th, desires to make the following observations and statements:

As to Bill No. 76, this Court does not approve the said bill as presented to the Committee:

The following schedule of salaries is hereby submitted to your excellent committee for the various officers of this County:

County Clerk \$2400.00
County Assessor 2400.00
Sheriff 2700.00
(and actual expense)

Superintendent 2400.00
(and actual expense)

Treasurer 2100.00

County Judge 2400.00
(and actual expense)

Commissioners \$10.00 per day and expense.

The existing salaries are upon an old time schedule and are all about on the same par, hence we do not see the justice of the King bill in selecting out a certain few and leaving the others. If there is any increase it should be all along the line without any partiality shown.

We do not believe this in a propitious time to raise salaries, owing to the depressed condition of the farmer and the existing high taxes, and we believe the above list of salaries is as high as the taxpayer will approve at this time.

The items of "actual expense" is to cover travelling expense when away from home on County business, and we presume the bill could carry that expression, as the same clause is in effect in connection with the salary of the Commissioners now.

Trusting you will not consider us vacillating, we remain,

R. H. Mast, County Judge.
W. W. Gage, Commissioner.

Parke and Gordon to Manage It

The Daily News of Marshfield announced on Wednesday that its managing editor, C. W. Parke, and L. D. Gordon had purchased additional stock of the Coos County Publishing Co. It was a new issue of stock which they purchased, made necessary by the increased business which called for a larger capital stock. Messrs. Parke and Gordon will manage and publish the News, which has become one of the leading small city dailies in Oregon during the past few years.

To Help Out Soup Fund

The finances for serving the soup to the children at the Coquille Grade School will not cover the expenses. Mr. Gage has offered financial aid from the sale of tickets for Monday and Tuesday evening performances. The picture to be shown is David Belasco's "Daddies," a comedy that old and young will enjoy.

Dogs Must Be Kept Up

Marshal Hollenbeck requests the Sentinel to announce that with the approach of garden planting time, all dogs must be kept chained. Owners will be prosecuted if the animal is found on the streets without a lead chain.

Five Admitted to Citizenship

Naturalization Day was fittingly observed in Circuit Court here yesterday when G. Russell Morgan delivered a welcoming address to the five new citizens and on behalf of the Marshfield Elks lodge presented them each with an American flag.

Five of the six applicants were admitted, Sigurd Abrahamson, of North Bend, being the one to fail. His case was dismissed without prejudice.

The five admitted were: Ruby Yutsler, of Coquille. She was born in the state of Washington, but was compelled to take out papers following her marriage in 1920 to an alien.

Nils Rong, of Marshfield, native of Norway.

Ernest Joel Jarson, of Powers. Born in Sweden.

Anby Lee Weber, of Marshfield. Born in Texas, but also united in marriage to an alien.

Timothy John Sullivan, of Myrtle Point, a native of Canada.

May wheat has gone above \$2.00 a bushel in the past week, and its price is now said to be the highest for 50 years, outside of the extreme war prices four or five years ago.

RECEIPTS AT PARK SMALL

The Park Commission submitted to the city council last Monday evening the report of Fred Belloni, as custodian of the auto park for the 1924 season. It was a part of Mr. Belloni's lease from the city that such records should be kept.

His report showed that 546 autos were registered in the park last year, that there were 1609 guests, and 18 states were represented on the license tags, as follows: Colorado, Washington, California, Florida, Canada, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Hawaii, Montana, Nebraska, Arizona, Wisconsin, New York, Ohio and Minnesota.

Receipts by Mr. Belloni were \$630, and disbursements, \$277.74. This latter was spent for wood, \$90; lights, \$69.55; and showers and cement approach, \$118.19; leaving Mr. Belloni \$352.26 for his season's work.

With this sort of a showing the committee recommended that Mr. Belloni be retained in charge of the park for the 1925 season and that no charge be made for his lease again this year.

At the same time the Park Commission reported that the city budgeted \$300 for the year 1924, and that only \$50 of it had been drawn and \$30.75 spent.

Formerly the city has spent \$200 or \$300 a year or more on the park, and it will be money ahead to allow Mr. Belloni to conduct it even without a cent of revenue to the city from its operation.

Two More Buildings Probable

While there is as yet nothing definite for publication, the prospects for at least two new buildings going up this spring in the business section are very good. There may be, and probably will be, others erected to fill in the vacant spots, but there two look the most promising. One of them will cover three lots, 150x100 feet, and the other will be a good sized structure.

Log Booms Holding Well

The log booms up the river have been holding very well during the high water and not many have been going past this point. Several have caught on the city dock, the lower portion of which is some feet under water.

Again An Animal Trapper

Lans Laneve, who has been engaged in trapping near Langlois since he ended his duties as fire warden in Curry county, has been appointed predatory animal trapper for the Oregon state game commission and Sunday began his new work. He will make the territory from Langlois to Rogue river and aid in exterminating the cougars, coyotes and bobcats which raise havoc with the deer and other game. He is one of the most successful trapper in this section and sportsmen are elated over his assignment to the work.

On the fifth page of this issue will be found the sale advertisement of H. N. Lorenz, in which he is offering high grade merchandise at a considerable discount from regular prices.

NOT TILL SUNDAY IN COUNTY COURT

Will Trains Begin Running in the Coquille Valley Again

W. E. Bosserman, Southern Pacific agent here, says that there will probably be no trains over here until Sunday. A work train came over this morning and is at work repairing the roadbed near China Camp. It is estimated that it will require 50 carloads of gravel for ballast in that section.

The Coast Auto Lines company is running stages through to Bandon and Myrtle Point today, the waters having begun to recede a little.

For the second time this winter Coquille is cut off from all communication with the rest of the world, except by the highway to Marshfield. Trains have been annulled this side of Marshfield, the highway to Myrtle Point is under water in several places and this morning the dike, between the bridge and Fat Elk, was covered. At eight o'clock this morning the dike lacked but six inches of being submerged at the south end of the bridge.

The flood is still four feet short of reaching the mark set during the November high water, but it was still rising this morning. And with the almost continuous rain of the past week there is no prospect of immediate relief.

For a couple of days the railroad has been covered at the bridge this side of Myrtle Point, but up to yesterday afternoon the track was still a foot above the flood in the Cedar Point district. However, the track foreman reported that the wind was causing the waves to lap up under the ties, washing the earth away, and making it unsafe to run trains over it.

The Coast Auto Lines was transferring passengers across the bridge at Myrtle Point, but a late bus yesterday afternoon came all the way through.

Wednesday the dairymen across the river began moving their stock into the second story of their barns and with the ample warning there probably will not be a great deal of loss.

This morning the water was running up the road, alongside the McAdams place across the river, like a mill race.

Just what the rains and floods will do to the state and county roads is problematical, but a local representative of the State Highway Commission is quoted as saying that if it doesn't stop raining quickly there will be no road to Bandon.

The waves are running high across the river, some times a three foot wave washing along over a wide stretch where there is only eight or nine feet of water and this is what endangers the dike. It piles drift wood and debris along the embankment which would soon stop all traffic even though the road was above the flood.

Getz' Appointment Confirmed

H. C. Getz yesterday morning received his commission as postmaster of the Coquille office, his four-year term dating from December 13, when his appointment was approved. Prior to that time he had been Acting Postmaster under authority of the Postmaster General's appointment. His new commission bears the signature of the president.

The transfer of the office from the acting postmaster to the postmaster de facto requires just as much red tape and closing of books as though another individual was to take charge.

The Mill Is Shut Down

The E. E. Johnson mill here had to shut down Wednesday on account of high water. Some of their motors are beneath the floor level of the mill, but are placed so they can be quickly raised when the river gets too high. That is the condition now and it will continue until some time next week, at least.

A Lecture on Christian Science

Dr. John M. Tutt, of Kansas City, Mo., will deliver a free lecture on Christian Science in the Masonic Hall Friday evening, Feb. 13, at eight o'clock. The lecture is given by the local Christian Science Society and the public is invited to attend.

High School Debate, Feb. 13

Next Friday evening, Feb. 13, the annual Coos county high school debate will be held. Coquille's affirmative team, composed of Myrtle Clayton and Gene Laird, will debate with the North Bend negative team here, while the Coquille negative team will go to Bandon to meet the affirmative team there. Coquille's negative team is composed of Maxine Paulson and George Belloni. It is expected to have the debate here in one of the churches.

The question to be debated is, "Resolved that a severance tax should be included in the state's system of taxation."

Game at Marshfield Tonight

The Coquille basketball game tonight will be on the Armory floor at the Bay with Marshfield, and unless the local boys lose their strategy they should come home with another win in the percentage column. North Bend is at Myrtle Point and Coos River at Arago also tonight. Tomorrow night Coos River plays at Powers.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET FEB. 13

"No Son, Borrow One"

Next Friday evening there will be a big Community Father and Son Banquet in the Coquille Community Building. The Boy Scouts will entertain all men and boys in the city. The Scout mothers and their friends will provide the dinner. Here is the menu:

Chicken Pie
Gravy Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable Salad
Pickles Jelly

Bread and Butter
Celery Cheese
Apple Pie a-la-Mode
Coffee and Lemonade

Every father in Coquille ought to take advantage of a banquet like this. Come and bring your son or sons. "No son, borrow one" is the banquet motto.

There will be lots of fun. The Corned Canaries will be there full of chicken pie. There will be a Song Battle during the dinner and exciting contests between fathers and sons. Here is the program:

Toastmaster—J. L. Smith
Welcome—Corned Canaries
"What I would do if I were Dad,"
Clarence Barton

"If I Were a Son Again"
E. E. Johnson
"Me and Dad"
Layton Nosler
"Dads and Lads"

Dr. J. E. Snyder, of North Bend
Fun Mix-up

This is by way of celebration for Boy Scout Anniversary Week, February 8-14. Tickets will be sold by the Boy Scouts at 50 cents apiece.

Cheese Freight Rate Reduced

At the meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce at the hotel Wednesday evening it was decided to accept the offer of Ned C. Kelley to furnish office room for the secretary at \$8 per month. Several other matters were discussed but no other business was transacted.

R. H. Holmes, the new district freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, was present and informed the organization that his company had fixed a rate on cheese in carload lots, of \$1.25 per hundred from Coos county to California point from Fresno to Los Angeles. This is the same rate accorded Tillamook on its product and will mean a little more profit to the cheese factories and the dairymen. This new schedule is effective March 6.

Cleaver Cleared of Charges

The federal indictment against Cleaver in connection with the raid in the British steamer London Merchant was dismissed Wednesday by Federal Judge Bean on motion of the federal prosecutors. It is also said that the justice department ordered the prosecution dropped because Cleaver acted in good faith.

The Punishment Increased

Operation of motor vehicles by intoxicated persons is made a misdemeanor, subject to a fine of \$100 to \$500 and imprisonment of 60 days to six months by a senate bill passed yesterday at Salem and if an intoxicated driver causes death he will be liable to conviction of manslaughter.

Calling cards, 100 for \$1.50.

WATERMAN BACK

Bancroft School Clerk Arrested on His Return to Coos Last Friday

Clyde Waterman was arrested near Bridge last Friday evening for embezzling funds of the Bancroft district. He had cashed numerous warrants, totalling somewhere near \$5,000 and when Auditor Wann checked up the district's accounts, he was found short that much. Waterman was clerk of the district. Recently a surety company had been his bondsman, but prior to that his mother and an uncle were on his bond.

He had been gone for over a month, and the sheriff's office had been holding a warrant for him. Last Friday afternoon a phone message brought the information that he was on his way home, so Sheriff Ellingsen and Deputy Malhorn went up above Bridge to meet the bus, which came along there about seven o'clock.

Waterman had a bandage over a part of his face, but was recognized by the driver when he started this way. When the bus passed the sheriff's car, it was just at the point Waterman had expected to alight. He did not, however, and became very nervous when he saw the bus being followed.

Finally the official car sounded the siren and the stage stopped. As the officers went up to question the driver Waterman got out a rear door and started for the brush, but Ellingsen chased him up a steep, slippery bank and caught him at the fence. In the brush and darkness it would have been difficult to locate him had he reached the other side of the fence.

He expressed relief, after being brought to jail here, that it was all over and that there was no further worry about being caught.

School House Broken Into

Some person or persons will take a chance too often some day if the practice of entering the school houses is not stopped. Several weeks ago, it will be remembered a load of wood was stolen from the high school.

Then a couple of weeks ago about two dollars in money was stolen from Mr. Parr's desk in the high school and a like amount from the grade building. Last Tuesday evening another entry was made but so far as ascertained nothing was stolen. However, three rooms were turned upside down at the high school, the desks ransacked, papers scattered all over, and a large pile of books dumped in the middle of the floor.

Such vandalism and hoodlumism will receive a just punishment when the culprits are caught.

The Game Commission Picture

The motion picture of Oregon's wild life, exhibited by authority of the State Game Commission, was shown at the Liberty Theatre here Tuesday evening. Many of the pictures were taken in the Diamond Lake country. Several of the scenes showed Oregon's herd of antelope, and there were besides pictures of the sage hens of eastern Oregon.

The pictures had a local flavor in that Ira Johnson, Pete Miller, Ray Long and Earl Graham showed up in a movie of a gun shoot at Eugene.

Otto M. Jones, of the Commission's education department, lectured on the subjects as the picture was being shown.

California Will Help

From Crescent City to the Oregon state line, a 19 mile unit of highway, was one of the ten roads recommended for construction by the Committee of Nine in their report which was submitted to the governor and legislature of California last week. This committee was appointed by the governor two years ago to make a survey of the highway systems in that state. The unit mentioned connects the Roosevelt highway with the Redwood highway.

Large White Leghorn Eggs

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Neal were in from their chicken ranch—Cackleton—at Fairview last Saturday morning and left at the Sentinel a few samples of the product of their ranch. White Leghorn eggs measuring seven inches the smaller way and eight inches lengthwise, are some size for a small hen, and that is what these eggs measured.