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## BOND ELECTION

### To Be Held May 12, Will Submit Three Different Measures to Voters

In calling the special bond election, to be held Tuesday, May 12, for submitting three propositions to the voters, totalling \$770,000, the county court followed the same program as was voted on favorably last year in regard to the state match money and the county road program. The only addition is for the Eastside bridge for which there are excellent reasons for building.

The present ferryboat, Transit, is almost worn out and it is entirely inadequate to serve the increasing traffic. A new and larger ferry, it is estimated by the court, would cost with the long approach on the east side of the Bay, fully \$50,000. It is now costing the county \$10,000 a year to operate the ferry and as an economic proposition, a bridge would seem to be the only solution. In ten years it would certainly save the county many thousands of dollars.

The proposal to be submitted is for a \$90,000 issue to be retired at the rate of \$9,000 a year after six years. Whether the bridge will be built across from the Marshfield waterfront or across from Bunker Hill will depend to a great extent on the state market road engineer's recommendation.

The \$280,000 issue, which Coos county is already obligated to pay to the state for highway construction, will also begin to mature after six years, at the rate of \$28,000 a year. The bonds on each of the three propositions to be submitted will be five per cent.

The money received from the \$280,000 issue will be divided as follows: \$22,910 as the county's share for construction of the Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway from Myrtle Point to the Douglas county line.

\$50,000 for the mile of road and bridge between First and Spruce street in Myrtle Point, across the North Fork to the end of the improved roadway at the railroad crossing this side of Myrtle Point.

\$124,000 for completion of the Roosevelt Highway between Coquille and the southern city limits of Bandon.

The \$400,000 issue for county roads will also retire at the rate of \$40,000 a year, after six years. The various projects on which the county will expend this money are those agreed upon last year, but we will repeat them for the voters' benefit. It is not proposed nor intended that nearly all of this issue shall be sold this year, as the work could not all be done without greatly increasing overhead expenses. The following are the road projects and the amount to be expended on each:

Bandon, \$23,000	No. 22 Two Mile, 2,500
No. 22 Bradley Lake to Norway, 5,000	No. 25 Four Mile, 2,500
No. 25 Bear Creek-Prosper, 5,000	No. 28 Bear Creek Market, 5,000
Total, 23,000	Total, 23,000
Bandon-Coquille, \$50,000	No. 19 North Bank, 450,000
No. 19 North Bank, 450,000	Coquille, 23,000
No. 20 Fishtrap-Pat Elk, 20,000	No. 18 Norway-McKinley Mar., 4,500
No. 18 Norway-McKinley Mar., 4,500	No. 37 Norway McKinley Mar., 4,500
Total, 29,000	Total, 29,000
Coos Bay, \$241,000	No. 8 South Slough-Sacchi's, 100,000
No. 8 South Slough-Sacchi's, 100,000	No. 8 Coos Head, 5,000
No. 8 Coos Head, 5,000	No. 5 Coos River-Allegany, 40,000
No. 5 Coos River-Allegany, 40,000	No. 11 Coos River-Catching, 25,000
No. 11 Coos River-Catching, 25,000	Inflet, 25,000
No. 11 South Coos River, 25,000	No. 9 Davis Slough, 1,000
No. 9 Davis Slough, 1,000	No. 9 Marshfield-Libbey, 5,000
No. 9 Marshfield-Libbey, 5,000	No. 1 North Slough, 4,000
No. 1 North Slough, 4,000	No. 2 Haynes Slough, 5,000
No. 2 Haynes Slough, 5,000	No. 3 Larson Slough, 5,000
No. 3 Larson Slough, 5,000	No. 4 Glasgow-Kentuck, 20,000
No. 4 Glasgow-Kentuck, 20,000	Glascocoonston, 20,000
No. 16 Schutters Ling-Highway, 5,000	Total, 241,000
Total, 241,000	Myrtle Point, \$57,000
Myrtle Point, \$57,000	No. 14 M. Pt.-Sitkum Market, 2,500
No. 14 M. Pt.-Sitkum Market, 2,500	No. 15 M. Pt.-Sitkum Market, 2,500
No. 15 M. Pt.-Sitkum Market, 2,500	No. 28 Hoffman's-Powers, 20,000
No. 28 Hoffman's-Powers, 20,000	No. 27 Hoffman's-Powers, 22,000
No. 27 Hoffman's-Powers, 22,000	No. 18 M. Pt.-Fishtrap Mkt., 4,000
No. 18 M. Pt.-Fishtrap Mkt., 4,000	No. 26 Big Creek, 2,000
No. 26 Big Creek, 2,000	No. 26 Rock Creek, 2,000
No. 26 Rock Creek, 2,000	No. 26 Myrtle Creek, 2,000
No. 26 Myrtle Creek, 2,000	Total, 57,000
Total, 57,000	Grand Total, \$400,000

The date for beginning payment of the bonds has been set for a time after other road bond issues have been retired and will mean a continuation of the period for paying for

county improvements rather than an increase in taxes.

All except the Eastside bridge proposition were approved by the voters last year, the supreme court holding that the elections were illegal, and there is little reason to suppose that their action will be different this year. In the case of the bridge, it will be good business and money saved to abolish the ferry.

### Receiver for J. L. Aasen

Suit was started last Monday by the Coquille Valley Mercantile Co., against John L. Aasen for settlement of their account and asking that a receiver be appointed to manage his business and attempt to pay off his debts.

This morning the papers were received from Judge John C. Kendall, who has been out at Eugene, naming Mr. Aasen's partner, Harry L. Kelley, as receiver. The request for his appointment was made by the Mercantile company in the interest of themselves and for all other unsecured creditors of Mr. Aasen.

The statement as to solvency presented by Mr. Aasen, shows his liabilities to be \$42,000 and assets \$90,000. Mr. Kelley's bond was fixed at \$25,000 by the court.

## LAUNDRY WILL OFFER STOCK

Arthur L. and Lowell Simpson presented their plan for financing the construction of a new fire-proof laundry, to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening.

The company has been incorporated for \$25,000, half common and half preferred. The common stock has all been subscribed and Mr. Simpson proposes now to offer the preferred to the investing public. The stock will bear eight per cent interest, guaranteed, and is redeemable prior to four years at 105 per cent at par.

Mr. Simpson also presented the figures of the General Appraisal Co., as to the present value of the machinery and equipment, which they placed at \$15,000.

The tentative figure set for the cost of a modern laundry building, to be erected on the northwest corner of the block in which the Sentinel is located, is \$7,000 or \$8,000. New boiler, moving and other expenses incidental to a change will be taken care of out of the sale of the preferred stock.

Coquille always has supported a laundry and as the city has grown the plant has become more valuable and given better service from the improvements and additions Mr. Simpson has made.

His proposition was referred to the Industries Committee of the chamber, who were asked to familiarize themselves with it to the end that they could make favorable report to possible subscribers to the stock.

### Days of '49 Tonight

The Days of '49 will open this evening at Graham's dance hall and will reach its height tomorrow night. Yesterday afternoon T. A. Dysinger and nearly a dozen assistants arrived from Roseburg and they have been busy today getting the big hall in readiness for the occasion.

Earl D. Graham, Mr. Dysinger and the Coquille Fire Department, under whose auspices the affair is to be held, are determined that there shall be no "rough stuff" pulled either night but everyone is invited to come and have all the fun they want.

Thirty thousand pieces of the only currency which will be accepted on the floor of the hall, were issued this week from the Sentinel press, so there will be no lack of funds to carry on the dance, the games of chance, the soft drink bar, nor the hot dog stands.

Visitors from all over the county are expected here both nights to help make it a gala occasion.

Brought in Two Cougar Pelts

J. H. Jones, of Powers, was down this morning from there with two cougar pelts on which he collected \$10 each from the county. In addition the state will pay \$25 on each.

One of them was killed near Camp Five in the Powers section, and the other on Johnson mountain. Both were fine pelts, one in particular being a beauty. When killed the animals measured eight feet, two inches, and eight feet from tip to tip respectively.

## FOR TWO STREETS SECOND RAILROAD

### Council Preparing to Put Top Dressing on Spurgeon and Second Streets

In the absence of Mayor Johnson Monday evening, Chairman E. G. Opperman presided over the deliberations of the city council with all the dignity and assurance that are usually connected with the position and gave evidence that he was perfectly able to fill the role.

Street improvements was the matter which occupied the principal attention of the city's governing body and if present plans go through, two of the streets which are a bane to the motorist will be placed in excellent condition by mid-summer.

One of these is Spurgeon, from the end of the bridge to the city limits, beyond the C. J. Fuhrman place. Monday evening a petition, signed by twelve taxpayers, and representing approximately 1500 of the 2600 feet of frontage on the street, was presented to the council asking that the gravel roadway be scarified, the holes filled up and a two-inch top dressing of asphaltic concrete be laid thereon. They specified the cost was not to be in excess of \$2.15 per front foot, which was the engineer's estimate.

The other street considered for improvement is initiated by the council, which adopted a resolution declaring its intention to apply a two-inch asphaltic concrete top to the present pavement, on Second from Henry street, just east of the court house to the city hall, and from the Sentinel corner west to the J. J. Stanley and J. A. Lamb properties. Also for 66 feet on Willard street north from Second. This latter is the narrowed portion of Willard back to the D. C. Krantz residence.

Property owners affected by this proposed improvement have twenty days from today to file objections to the plan, but in view of its very apparent necessity there is little prospect that any great objection will be made to it.

City Engineer Vinton, who had been instructed by the street committee to investigate the "asphaltic concrete" improvements made in Portland, submitted a verbal report on his findings to the council.

In the metropolis they have laid this surfacing over old concrete streets, on macadam streets and even over cobble stone paving and it is withstanding the traffic remarkably well, both on streets in the wholesale district, where trucking is heavy and on the Base Line and other boulevards. Mr. Vinton gave it a strong endorsement after his inspection of its wearing qualities, and it is the surfacing which the Coquille council contemplates using here.

In Portland it costs from \$1.10 to \$1.20 a square yard to lay, and Mr. Vinton estimates that the cost of moving equipment down here will make the surfacing about \$1.75 a yard here.

The estimate for the Second street improvement is \$9471, and it will run about \$3.90 a foot on the pavements forty feet wide and \$5.88 per front foot on 60-foot pavements, such as that on the block directly east of the city hall.

The engineer was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the Spurgeon street job so that a call for bids can be made at the first council meeting next month—May 4.

City Treasurer Sanford reported that he had called in and paid \$2000 on bonds of the oldest water bond issue, Series B, on April 1.

The bill of the Menasha Woodware Co., for \$1326 for land appropriated by the city and included in the Rink creek reservoir, was laid on the table for further consideration. The councilmen felt that the price asked for stumps on the tract was about double what it should be.

New County Health Officer

Dr. J. A. Burket resigned the first of the month his position as county health officer. Dr. Drake, of Vale, Oregon, came in this morning to take up that work and is today making the acquaintance of the other physicians of the county.

Already the road work costs in Coos county for this summer's work are beginning to pile up. The bills allowed by the county court last week for road work in March, total \$15,260.45.

Calling cards, 10c for \$1.50.

## A Through Line from the Bay East in Southern Oregon Is Almost Certain

The Sentinel gives space today to the following article from yesterday's Marshfield News because what transpired at Washington during the recent meeting to consider the railroad needs of Southern Oregon probably means the building of another transcontinental across the state of Oregon from Coos Bay east through Coquille. What that would do to promote the growth and prosperity of our city it requires no prophet to foresee.

### Brand's Report

Construction of a direct east-west railway with Coos Bay as a terminus, in exact compliance with the old Harriman plan, is undoubtedly favored by the interstate commerce commission. J. T. Brand declared Monday morning upon returning from Washington, D. C., where he represented Southwestern Oregon and aided the state in presenting its case.

Members of the commission understand the problems of both the state of Oregon and of Coos Bay, far better than most of the persons who walk the streets of these cities, and soon centered their discussion on the one plan which sets Coos Bay as the terminus. They were in close touch with the old Harriman plan and soon removed possibility of building to Bend instead of Coos Bay, the one big danger which threatened this section.

"No representatives were present to urge shifting of lines to connect at Bend and railroads revealed that reconnaissance of that territory showed a country too rough for satisfactory construction. The Bend project was definitely dropped from consideration.

"It can be safely said that the north and south parts of the construction programs are now assured. Both Great Northern and Northern Pacific officials declared that, if other roads did not connect Bend to Klamath Falls and grant common user privileges to other lines, they would immediately apply to the interstate commerce commission for permission to construct such a road. The immediate effect will be to speed up construction for that section.

"Union Pacific is considering entering the valley field and it is very apparent that if it does, it will build to Coos Bay as a matter of course. "This case has and will continue to have the most far-reaching effect of any case brought before the commission from the state of Oregon. First decision of the commission is practically certain to show necessity for construction of all lines requested.

"The only remaining problem will be to determine who shall build and how to allocate tonnage of the district. It is possible that this may be accomplished through the projected plan of consolidated lines into great transcontinental groups.

"All action must now await report of the interstate commerce commission as it is highly probable that future hearings may be required in Portland.

"I can say with absolute sincerity that I have never seen a case handled with such thoroughness as was done by the attorney general's office through J. M. Devers and W. P. Ellis. Corey and Ostrander of the public service commission also gave the best of their talent to put over the case so thoroughly."

Although sent east primarily to represent southwestern Oregon, Brand was immediately called upon to take direct part with the state representatives, with permission to stress Coos Bay's needs when they came before the hearing.

Brand declared that estimates of experts showed that according to the per cent of cut each year, Coos, Douglas and Lane counties could furnish five trains of lumber each day for the next 70 years. Each train would have 25 cars and each car would carry 25,000 feet of lumber. These figures were obtained after one-half of the cut had been set aside for water traffic.

Brand's figures were never questioned by railroad officials and when each member of the commission and father of the Ech-Cummins act, said to a railroad attorney, "What about this tonnage?" the attorney replied, "It's there!" Statistics filed by Brand to show the tonnage available

on Coos Bay created a sensation at the hearing but not one figure was successfully challenged by railroad officials.

Brand summarized the state's case and closed the arguments. Representatives from the northwest were: Devers and Ellis of the attorney general's office, Ostrander and Corey of the public service commission, Brand for Southwestern Oregon, McCulloch of Eastern Oregon, and a representative for the state of Idaho.

### Over Half Million Taxes In

The officials in the tax collection department at the court house state that \$250,000 of the 1924 tax was paid prior to April 5, and that it is probable the checks in hand, and not yet worked over, will run as much more, probably more than a quarter million. \$500,000 would be approximately one-third of the tax levied for the year.

The receipts written up now total \$300 and it is estimated there will be as many more.

Geo. O. Leach says that he believes the office here will clean up by the 15th—the date the sheriff of Multnomah, where they have a much larger office force, says the taxes of Portland will all be entered.

## LET'S HELP OREGON CHILDREN

Let's do something for the invalid children of Oregon, says the Portland Telegram.

We've devoted our benevolence in past years to children of foreign lands.

The thirty-four counties of Oregon have 1500 children in need of hospital care that cannot be had at present.

The state will possess by January 1 of next year a modern \$200,000 hospital for children—a gift from the Doerbecher heirs of Portland. It will be a unit of the University of Oregon Medical College in Portland.

This magnificent structure will stand idle for one year after completion—because of the failure of an appropriation in the last legislature.

During that year—1924—some of those 1500 children will die because this hospital will not be in operation. This hospital is a state institution; laws have been enacted providing for the entry of any Oregon child, poor or rich, upon action by the various county courts.

The American Legion and the Goodfellow department of The Portland Telegram are attempting to raise enough money to enable the opening on time and operation for one year of this hospital. This is being undertaken at the request and with the co-operation of the Hospital Guild of Oregon—the supervisory board of the hospital.

If each newspaper subscriber would donate a dollar, we would raise this sum—\$60,000—in a short time. We hope that every church, lodge, Sunday School class and all other organizations will join in this campaign.

The Sentinel will undertake to receive and forward to the Telegram any donations for this fund.

### Chuckles and Wails from Bay

Those hearty chuckles wafted over from Coos Bay last Saturday were uttered by those not friendly to the Coos Bay Times. The 30 days' time which the Times had to ask for a new trial and to post bonds for the payment of the \$1500 judgment which A. K. Peck secured against that paper last month, expired on Friday, and the sheriff's force filed attachment papers on the plant, and took possession for a couple of hours until Maloney had time to get a \$4000 bond posted, on Saturday.

The time allowed for appealing to the Supreme court is 60 days and it appears likely that this is the course the paper's attorneys will pursue.

Mr. Peck's evident intention to force payment of the judgment or compliance with the law in the matter of appeal brought forth a squeal from the Times on Monday and more chuckles from its adversaries.

### The Delinquent Tax Summons

The Sentinel this week publishes the summons for the foreclosure of the 1920 delinquent taxes, which will continue for seven weeks. The list is not nearly so large as it used to be when the 1913-14-15-16 and 17 taxes were foreclosed but is about the same length as was that last year for 1919.

## A CUT-UP PLANT

### Chance to Locate Battery Box Separator Plant Here If Capital Can Be Raised

Chas. T. Skeels, C. C. Archibald, Jno. E. Ross and Jno. W. Miller, representatives of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, made a trip to North Bend yesterday afternoon to look over the equipment and machinery of the North Bend Hoop Co., which is now in the hands of a receiver.

The trip was the result of a proposition put up to the directors of the chamber Wednesday evening by Frank A. Rowe, of North Bend. The latter said that the receiver, in order to liquidate the affairs of the concern, had given him an option to purchase all the equipment, except the machines especially fitted for cutting hoops, for \$2500. According to a very conservative invoice the machinery which includes a good cut-up machine, fourteen motors, and a lot of other equipment, is appraised at \$8,000.

Mr. Rowe's proposition was to move the equipment to Coquille, begin the manufacture of battery separators. He has a contract with a Kansas City, Mo., concern to take the product of such a plant and the margin of profit he shows would make its operation very successful.

He said he had about \$1000 he could invest, and he proposed to form a corporation, capitalized at \$15,000, and sell half the stock, the balance of \$6500 be sold locally. He would ask to be made manager and one of three directors, the other two to be Coquille business men.

It is a business which would only employ five men at the start but the possibilities of growth and extension of its operations are almost unlimited. Port Orford cedar would be the best product to be cut for the separator, but there is also a market for alder cuttings, which could be taken up later.

The men who visited the plant yesterday were impressed with the value of the machinery in comparison with the price asked, and a meeting of the directors is to be held this evening to decide on whether the chamber shall endorse the proposition and recommend it to the people of Coquille and vicinity.

There is every reason to believe that such an undertaking could be made to grow here, if only the money can be secured to finance it. The Veneer plant at the Bay, which began in a very humble way, now has 100 operatives on its payroll.

### Stump Blowing Demonstration

Geo. F. Kable, agricultural engineer with O. A. C. Extension service, will conduct three stump blowing demonstrations in Coos county with the use of Pyrotol, the left-over war explosive that is being distributed to the farmers by the U. S. Department of Agriculture at just the cost of preparation for use. The demonstrations will be held as follows: Wednesday, April 15th, 1925, at 2:00 p. m. at the W. B. Rhorer ranch south of Coquille; Thursday, April 16, at 2:00 p. m. at the Arthur Brown ranch in Lee and Friday, April 17, at 2:00 p. m. at the D. P. Jenkins ranch on Bear Creek. These demonstrations will be of value to all interested in stump blowing.

### Changes at Standard Station

Ray Endicott, who has been tank salesman for the Standard Oil Co. here for the past year, left Sunday for Cascade Locks, Oregon, the company having transferred him to that point. Harold Higgins, of Marshfield, has succeeded him on the truck.

Another change at the local substation will occur the first of May. Lowell Simpson has resigned his position there to become associated with his father in the Coquille Laundry Co., Inc.

### Visiting County Clubs

J. E. Calavan, from the state department of education, was in the county the first of the week, and with Supt. of Schools C. E. Mulkey was visiting those schools where boys' and girls' club work is carried on. At Arago they have three clubs—calf, sewing and cookery—and at Myrtle Point two—sewing and gardening. Coos River also has three clubs—cookery, canning, and calf. On Tuesday the gentlemen visited the schools at Lee and McKinley.