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MUST START OVER

Defect in Bond Election Proceedings Necessitates Such Action

The question now is: Will the attorneys for the Good Roads Association, Messrs. Peck & Brand, of Marshfield, be able to find legal means of stopping the special bond election, which is advertised to be held May 12.

District Attorney Bedingfield says he hopes it can be stopped either by injunction proceedings, quo warranto, or by restraining order, but as he is on the other side of the case he is not offering any advice.

The trouble arose over the difference in dates for beginning the retirement of the bonds in the petitions and in the court order calling the election.

An official in the court house, who has had considerable experience in elections, says that the petitions themselves were defective, and that the circuit court could be called upon to pass on the authority of the county to call an election on such petitions.

The petitions which were circulated among the voters asked that the bonds begin to retire in 1930.

When the county court came to make its order calling the election, the judge and commissioners were figuring how they might start retiring the bonds after the other road bonds had all been paid and they decided on July, 1931, as the time for paying of one-tenth of each issue proposed.

The district attorney did not have a copy of the petition when the order was submitted to him and he approved the latter as regular.

When, however, he came to compare one with the other he noticed the discrepancy in dates and so informed Judge Mast.

The latter immediately submitted the question of validity of the bonds, if issued, to Portland bond attorneys, Teal, Winfree, Johnson & McCulloch, who wired him Wednesday afternoon that the irregularity would be fatal.

Action was then started toward cancelling the call for the election May 12, for if one is held then there can be no other bond election held this year. Should the bonds be voted then, the county could not issue them for no purchaser would touch them under the adverse report of the bond attorneys.

The written opinion of the bond attorneys, received by Judge Mast this morning, recommends that the county court rescind their April order, calling the election for May 12, and proceed as quickly as possible to order another election on the same petitions.

Whether the county court has the power to stop an election in this way is something which the Circuit court will have to pass on.

Judge Mast stated Wednesday evening at the Chamber of Commerce dinner that if the May 12 election is stopped the county court will make a new order on May 6 and as an election cannot be held under 20 days from date of order it would be somewhere near the 28th or 29th of May when an election could be held. It all hinges now on finding means of rescinding the court's call for an election, and if that can be found the election will be held a fortnight later.

Many Crops Flooded

This thing of winter lingering in the lap of spring has caused some of the farmers in the Coquille valley a lot of dissatisfaction and has wasted their efforts. Many of them had their lowland plowed and grain crops in, and on some ranches the crop was up. But five or six feet of water standing on it as was the case the first of the week, make it necessary to do the work over again.

While it is not unusual for the Coquille to get over its banks this late in the spring, it does not generally do so.

Monday the flood waters were covering the land across the river from the city wharves and the whole valley resembled a lake as it did for so long a time last winter. But it did not rise as high.

Incorporate Arago Cheese Plant

Articles of incorporation of the Arago Cheese Factory were filed with the county clerk this morning. J. D. Carl, C. E. Schroeder and J. B. DeLisman are the incorporators. The company is capitalized for \$4,000, there being 100 shares at a par value of \$25 each. The factory has heretofore been operating as a co-operative concern.

School Election Monday

The election to vote on the issuance of \$10,500 bonds for school district No. 8 will be held in the city hall next Monday afternoon, between the hours of 2 and 7 p. m. The election will be by ballot and all property owners are qualified to vote.

School Clerk O. C. Sanford brought the matter to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening, telling what the board contemplates doing and why it is necessary. It is figured that \$25,000 will erect a six or eight room building, install a heating plant capable of warming both the old and the new, and furnish the new.

The statement in the Marshfield News that one faction in Coquille is opposing the site chosen is hardly correct. There are some who do not favor that site, it is true, but very few of them will vote to hamper Coquille schools by refusing the directors the authority to put up a building. Practically all of the opposition, if any develops, will be on the ground of taxation, and if the expressions heard Wednesday evening are any criterion that opposition will be small.

Coquille must have more school facilities or lose its reputation of having one of the best schools in southwestern Oregon.

Taxes Paid, \$635,000

The receipts of 1924 taxes at the sheriff's office, which were totaled this week, did not reach the figure anticipated being over \$100,000 short of the half. As finally received for the amount collected was \$635,000. Not so bad at that considering business conditions this spring.

WOULD USE LOGGED LAND

Edwin T. Barber, representative of the Manufacturer, one of the Hofer publications at Salem, was a Coquille visitor Tuesday. He had a publicity proposition, which will appeal to almost all commercial bodies, but is a little too expensive for one like the Coquille Chamber of Commerce to embrace.

Mr. Barber has been doing publicity work all over the Northwest for several years and has a fund of information which makes him a very interesting talker.

He offered a suggestion for the development of an industry in Coquille which could no doubt be made very profitable. Roquefort cheese is the product. He says that the idea that this cheese cannot be made anywhere except in the foothills of the Pyrenees mountains in France is erroneous. At present the milk from 400 goats near Falls City in this state, is being turned into Roquefort cheese at a very profitable figure.

Fifty million pounds of this cheese is being imported into the United States annually and it is a product which can just as well be made on this coast of the United States, where conditions of climate are favorable.

With the vast areas of logged-off land in Coos county, the ideal browsing habitat for the goat is almost unlimited, and according to Mr. Barber the annual returns from seven goats whose cost of keeping equals that of one cow, would many times exceed the financial returns from the best cow in the state.

The United States government is interested in the development of such an industry and has much valuable information to give any one interested.

Meeting of Stockholders Called

To cure some technical defects in the organization of the Alpine Paper Mill corporation, Wm. T. Alpine has called a meeting of all the company's stockholders to meet in the city hall in Coquille on Monday, June 1, at ten o'clock. Notice of it is published on page five of this issue. According to legal opinion, the company is a de facto corporation but the step is necessary to correct the technical error, before Mr. Alpine can continue with his plans for making a fresh start with the proposition.

Case Was Postponed

Owing to the illness of A. J. Sherwood, attorney for the Russ Investment Co., who has been down with the flu for the past week, the taking of testimony in the case of L. P. Branstetter vs. the Russ company has been postponed until after the return of the referee, Mrs. Nellie B. Scott, from Curry county on Monday, May 4.

A PIONEER GONE BATTERY PLANT

Mrs. D. L. Watson Called by Death Last Monday Morning

The mother of a pioneer family since 1870 died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence L. Tuttle at 12:15 Monday, April 20, after a gradual decline covering a period of eight years.

Mrs. Laura Lavenia Watson, nee Owen, was born at Platte City, Missouri, July 25, 1848, and died Monday at the age of seventy-six years and nine months. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, at one o'clock at the Presbyterian church in Marshfield and were attended by a number of friends of the family and pioneers.

Interment was in the original I. O. O. F. Sunset cemetery at the Bay. She, her mother, one sister and three brothers crossed the plains in 1866 with mule teams and settled at Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon, where she was married November 23, 1870, to David Lowry Watson and soon after moved to Coos Bay and settled at Empire City, then the county seat and metropolis of the county, where four of their children were born, James, Mary Evaline, now deceased, David Lowry, Jr., now deceased, and Jotty Lucille, now Mrs. Harry E. Polson. From there the family moved to the Watson farm at Coos City, which is now managed by Neil O. Watson, where were born four of their children, Robert Ray, Edward Edwin, now deceased, Neil Owen and Dorothy, now Mrs. Clarence Leland Tuttle. From the farm the family moved to Marshfield, where was born Laura Lavenia, Jr., now Mrs. M. R. Kramer.

Her husband died January 21, 1917; David Lowry, Jr., died August 23, 1900; Mary Evaline died July 10, 1908 and Edward Edwin died April 27, 1896; all on the farm at Coos City.

The elder Mrs. Watson was very active in the early business and political life of the county, having held the office of County Judge from 1896 to 1894, and chairman of political committees of the county for many years.

His brother, James Finley, held the offices of District Attorney and Circuit Judge of this circuit many years ago. Edward B., another brother, was one of the early supreme judges and Andrew M. Crawford, a brother-in-law, was attorney general of the state for eight years; James W. Hamilton, a nephew, when he serves his present term of office, will have been thirty-one years on the Circuit Bench of this district; her son, James, held the office of County Clerk from July 1st, 1905, to January 1st, 1915, and County Judge from January 1st, 1915, to June 7, 1919, and Robert R. was County Clerk from January 1st, 1915, to January 1st, 1917, and was re-elected to that office in 1924 and is the present County Clerk.

Alfred P. Owen, brother of the deceased, living at his country home on Coos River, is the only survivor of the Owen family and crossed the plains with his mother, sisters and brothers.

Mrs. Watson is survived by ten grand children: Mary Kathleen, James Lowry, Robert June and Jotty Vienna, children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Watson; Jean Laura and Dorothy Helen, children of Mr. and Mrs. Neil O. Watson; James Frederick and Charabel, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Watson, and Robert David and Donald Watson, children of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Kramer.

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To Open Another Warehouse

It is reported that D. C. Kay, of Bandon, has secured a lease on a portion of the Collier Warehouse from the Coquille Wood Products Co., and will conduct a general warehouse and feed, hay and grain business there. The company, with which he is connected, also contemplates building a dock on the river front, down from the warehouse, and will also install a freight trucking line.

Stanley Phillips a Benedict

Stanley Phillips, the popular cashier at the Southern Pacific depot here, returned last Saturday from a month's vacation, bringing with him a bride. Her name was Mary Ellen Thoroughgood, her home being in the province of Saskatchewan, Canada, from which province Mr. Phillips also came. They were married on March 26th, at Moosejaw and have been on a honeymoon trip since.

And Other Wood Industries Are What Coos County Needs Most Says J. T. Brand

Of all the good talks made at the monthly dinner of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening at the hotel, the one by Jas. T. Brand, of Marshfield, was the most illuminating as showing what are the possibilities for development of southwestern Oregon.

O. C. Sanford had made the opening talk, telling what had been done toward organizing the Coquille Wood Products Co., where the machinery was to come from and all the other features which have heretofore been mentioned in the Sentinel.

He was followed by Frank A. Rowe with a further detailed account of how the company proposes to operate.

In introducing Mr. Brand, President Skeels said that if he couldn't tell us much about battery stock mills, he could talk railroads.

Mr. Brand said he had been sitting there, feeling like the Scotchman in Ivanhoe, who woke up to find he was attending his own funeral. "For the machinery you men are planning to buy at less than one-third its real value, is the same machinery we of Coos Bay put up our good money for," was his explanation.

However, their plant was not successful in making hoops, the wood not being suitable for that product, and Mr. Brand said he wished the Coquille business all the luck in the world, even though he was helping to pay for it in the sale of the machinery.

From this start he turned to his recent visit in Washington where he appeared before the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding the necessity for a railroad across Oregon, east to west, with one terminus at Coos Bay. He said he told those gentlemen that the finished wood products possible of manufacture in this section of Oregon, even though half of it went by water, was enough to fill five trains of twenty-five cars each, every day for the next 70 years.

When he had finished his address to the Commission at Washington, those gentlemen turned to the railroad attorney who was representing an overland system and asked about the correctness of Mr. Brand's statements. He walked back and forth a few times, then threw up his hands and exclaimed:

"It's all true; those people have a wonderful empire out there."

Mr. Brand said the things which gave him an abiding faith in the future of this Coos and Curry empire, are the possibilities of timber, agriculture and dairying development.

This country cannot come into its own while the only timber shipped out is in the shape of lumber.

"We must have the factories to turn out the product ready for sale to the consumer," said Mr. Brand.

"And we must have equitable freight rates to insure success." That is why another railroad is so imperative.

"Build up your battery stock plant," he continued. "It's right in line with the program I have mentioned, and God bless you and make it successful."

With the encouragement evidenced in all the talks made, the Wood Products stock subscription paper was passed around the room and three more subscriptions were added to it, while several indicated a desire that Mr. Rowe call on them the next day.

After J. E. Norton had volunteered to accompany Mr. Rowe in calling on prospective subscribers, the president appointed Mr. Norton, Henry Lorenz, L. H. Hazard, J. E. Ross, J. A. Lamb and said he would also take some time himself in putting the project over.

Some of them have been out with Mr. Rowe since and the stock subscriptions have been increased from the \$3,000 total of Wednesday afternoon to \$300 last night. This leaves but \$3200 yet to be raised and forty per cent of the subscription is to be paid down so that if the organization goes through there will be sufficient funds on hand to pay for the machinery. But none of these deposits will leave the hands of C. C. Archibald, who is acting as trustee, until the entire \$7500 has been subscribed.

Others who were called upon by the president to address the chamber were Roadmaster W. A. Gilbert, Walter F. Oerding, Rev. M. F. Hill, Fred Wimer, John E. Ross and S. M. Nos-

ler. Seven of the Canaries led in singing the songs which have become so popular a feature of these monthly meetings. Before calling on the Canaries for a couple of special song numbers, President Skeels remarked that an auburn-tressed Canary had been secured as accompanist. Mrs. Skeels was then escorted to the piano.

This meeting was another of those get-together and get-acquainted affairs which are doing so much to put pep and accomplishment into the commercial activities of Coquille.

Where the Fire Started

Deputy Sheriff Malehorn, who made a three-day investigation of the Marshfield fire of last Thursday night, is firmly convinced that the holocaust originated either in the Hopps apartments in the Noble building, or on the porch just back of it, which was jammed full of partly empty paint containers. It might have been spontaneous combustion in the paint conglomeration, but he inclines more to the belief that there was a leak in the gas line, leading to their range, and that one of them woke up, smelled it and struck a match. His idea is that they were burned before they could make a move to escape.

The eye witnesses all testified that the first glimpse was when the flames broke through the roof and that the downstairs was entirely free from fire till it dropped through from above.

The other occupants of the apartments upstairs escaped through windows in their rooms at the front and rear.

ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY

The annual meeting of the Coos County Good Roads Association will be held in the Hotel Coquille next Tuesday evening, April 28, at 6:30 p. m.

The annual election of officers will be held at that time. Discussion of the county road bond issue will occupy a part of the evening; and it is probable that the subject of sending a representative to all meetings of the State Highway Commission, until the Roosevelt Highway is finally completed through Curry county, will come up. Just when the prospects are brightest for its ultimate completion, is a poor time to stop working for it according to E. W. Gates, president of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce. That body is advocating that a Coos county representative should sit in at every session of the commission for the rest of this year.

Members of the Good Roads Association and all interested in good roads are invited and requested to attend the annual meeting next Tuesday. J. E. Norton, of Coquille, is the present president of the association, and Dr. J. E. Snyder, of North Bend, its secretary.

New Depot to Rise Soon

W. E. Bosserman, local S. P. agent, informs the Sentinel that Coquille is to have its new depot this summer, and that construction will start just as soon as the legal department has concluded all formalities in the purchase of the Collier tract, just east of the present station, and the material arrives.

The roadmaster, who was here last Saturday, said that his order for material went in that day.

Additional switching facilities of 620 feet, capable of accommodating twelve cars, will be added to the four-car switch in use at present.

The passing track will be located at Cedar Point.

Order Pyrotol May 10

Orders for Pyrotol, the left-over war explosive, which is being distributed to the farmers of the county, are placed with the County Agent at Coquille. In order to secure this material it must be ordered in car load lots. This explosive will cost \$8.75 per hundred pounds at Coquille.

It is expected that an order for a car load will be placed on May tenth so that all orders should be placed by that time. Orders must not be for less than fifty pounds or more than 1,000 pounds. Cash or check must accompany the order.

Hugh M. MacLean, 50 year old resident of Marshfield, filed his intention to apply for citizenship papers with the county clerk yesterday. He was born in Finch, Stormont county, Canada, and came to the United States, in December, 1921.

MORE TO BE PAVED

Council Starts Action Toward Resurfacing of Front, Willard, First and Beech

More street improvement projects were inaugurated by the city council at its regular session Monday evening at which all members were present. Front street from the Busy Corner to Ferry street, leading to the bridge, and Willard from Front down to the city docks were the down town streets for the improvement of which the city engineer was instructed to prepare plans and specifications.

First street from the bridge east to Maple, at the Dr. G. E. Low corner; and Beech, between First and Second, are the residence streets to be considered. This latter block is the one in front of the Richmond hospital. There was also talk of including Coulter from the J. S. Barton residence north to Second, but it being reported that petitions for its improvement were being prepared, the council decided not to start the proceedings there.

The specifications for the business section will be for an asphaltic concrete top dressing of two inches only, but in the residence section bids for both a concrete paving and for a crushed rock base with the asphaltic concrete top will be called for.

Declaration of intention to improve these streets will probably be made at the next session of the council, May 4.

The only other business considered was the payment of a bill to the Mountain States Power Co. for city hall lighting and a discussion of the Menasha Woodware company's \$1400 claim for timber and land in and adjoining the Rink creek reservoir.

Prior to the adoption of a franchise amendment granted the power company last fall, the lighting of the city streets was done on a contract basis. However, the specifications were for 1,500,000 watts of free service per year and the usual charge thereafter. This amount would be sufficient for a year with economical treatment of the lights, but the meter shows that the city has used its free service in seven months, and it will now have to pay for the remaining five of the year.

As to the woodware company's claim, the council decided to ask J. E. Paulson to go up to the reservoir and cruise the timber there for which it has made a claim for payment. Most of it is on land which the former council desired as a protection for the water supply and only a small corner of the lake there is on the company's land. There is a dead in escrow here to the twenty acres whenever the city pays the Menasha claim.

Investigate Thoroughly

To one who has seen the operations of oil stock salesmen in the heart of the Kansas oil and gas field, the prospect of ever securing returns from an investment in their stock offerings are so remote as to be practically negligible. To our knowledge there never has been an oil company organized, whose first operation was to sell stock, which ever paid a cent of dividends to those who bought.

A proven field or a company with production does not operate on a stock selling basis. Oil is one of the biggest gambles in the world, but it is one in which the small investor of a few hundred dollars invariably loses.

As regards the reported oil well at Eugene, a prominent business man there stated over the phone yesterday that people were not allowed near the well, but that in his opinion it was all wind, and he would strongly advise against investing a dollar in it.

A million feet of gas gauged when the well is blowing off the accumulated head, could not supply a city like Eugene, or even a place the size of Riverton.

To those contemplating investment the Sentinel would urge thorough investigation, on the ground, before doing it.

Salaries Fixed at Court House

The county court held a short session yesterday and among other things fixed the salaries of employees in the sheriff's office: Wm. Schrock, deputy, \$150 a month; Geo. J. Bohrer, deputy, \$125; W. E. Newberry, clerk, \$150; L. O. Cover, jailer, \$75.