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TO VOTE IN JUNE

Large Issue of \$650,000 in Bonds to Be Voted Next Month

After a hectic week in which it seemed that almost anything might happen to Coos county's proposed bond issue, affairs have been shaped now that it is probable the county court will call the election next Monday at an adjourned session.

Petitions are now being circulated asking that an election to vote on a \$650,000 bond issue be called. This means the elimination of the Eastside bridge from the bond projects for this year. This was decided upon by the court after the Grand Jurors Association had recommended that the bridge question be postponed until next year.

It was also the recommendation of J. W. Schuler, head attorney of the Portland firm of Yale, Wilford, McCulloch and Johnson, who has been here this week. He gave it as his opinion that the War Department would not permit the construction of a bridge across Coos Bay until plans and exact location had been submitted for approval and that the bond issue could not be legally submitted without more definite location than the court has yet been able to make.

He also advised that the law would not enforce the submission of three projects on one ballot, and it was for this reason that the \$200,000 to \$400,000 for county road projects are lumped in one issue at \$200,000 and are not to be voted upon separately.

At the meeting of the directors of the Coos Roads Association last Wednesday evening, it was made very clear that the association was not opposing the Eastside bridge, but desired it advisable to wait until all the details in connection with its construction, location, etc., had been worked out by the county court.

Mr. Schuler pointed out the petition which are being circulated and by now preparing all the other proceedings which are necessary to calling the election, so that when the bonds are voted next month there will be no question of their validity being approved by bond attorneys.

Caught With 12 Bottles

Last Friday Deputy Sheriff Maholen overhauled a Chandler roadster, driven by C. F. Howard, on the highway to Marshfield, and found in a suitcase twelve bottles of liquor.

Howard has been accused Coquille for some time and has made frequent trips out to Marshfield. Tuesday he picked up Joe Anderson and was giving him a lift over to the Bay when Maholen stopped them. Anderson was fined for drunkenness in recorder's court last week, so the deputy brought him back too, but he soon established his innocence.

Howard secured J. Arthur Berg as his attorney, pleaded not guilty before Justice Stanley Tuesday and has since been sending out S. O. R. calls in several directions. He is charged with transportation of liquor. His trial will be held next week.

Monday Is Clean-Up Day

Next Monday, May 11, was designated by the council this week as Clean-Up Day. Trucks will be provided by the city to collect all the cans and trash placed on the pavements. Garbage should not be put out, but should be burned.

The idea of a Clean-Up day is not solely to provide a cheap means of removing the year's accumulation of rubbish. Tall grass and weeds should be cut and those of us who can't do that by Monday will try and catch up with those who do in the near future.

Dairy Students Here

A contingent of dairy students from O. A. C., with two of the college heads arrived in Coquille about six o'clock this morning.

They will inspect dairy ranches in various parts of the county. Today they went down to Bayles and tomorrow will make a trip up Coos river and Sunday morning will visit the ranches in this valley.

They will be entertained in Marshfield this evening.

Postoffice officials at Portland announced that the air mail service from the east and California to Coquille and the northwest will be established July 1st.

Coast Auto Lines Not to Build

The Coast Auto Lines, according to its manager, Geo. W. Bryant, has decided not to build a depot in Coquille this year, and during the past week arrangements have been making for a lease of the Graham's Garage building. The papers have not been signed but it is expected they will be the first of next week.

Just what alterations may be necessary in the interior arrangement of the brick building, which is 100 feet square, is not announced. The lease will be for a period of five years.

Some months ago the Sentinel announced that two new business blocks were practically certain to be erected in Coquille this year. We now withdraw that statement and say that the prospects for new buildings in the business section this year are not very bright.

Straw Hat Day, May 13

Wednesday, May 13, has been adopted by Portland and state organizations as "Straw Hat Day" and Coquille residents are planning for its observance by making a display of all kinds of straw hats that day. Straw hat day in the east has been observed for years but Oregon has only in recent years adopted the custom.

ORGANIZATION IS COMPLETED

The Coquille Wood Products Co., with a capital stock of \$10,000, half of which has been subscribed, was formally organized at a meeting of the stockholders held in the city hall Tuesday evening.

A set of by-laws was adopted and the second Monday in January each year set as the date of the annual meeting.

The ballot to elect five directors resulted in the following being chosen: Frank A. Rowe, G. Earl Lee, J. E. Norton, C. T. Shedd and A. G. Walker.

Wednesday evening, May 6, the directors met and elected the following as officers of the organization: J. E. Norton, president; C. T. Shedd, vice-president; C. E. Lee, treasurer; F. A. Rowe, secretary.

Mr. Rowe stated that the warehouse in North Bend is being prepared for shipment as rapidly as possible and some of it was loaded yesterday. He hopes to be ready to begin cutting battery stock early next month.

Tennis Club Organized

A business men's tennis club of 25 members has been organized in Coquille and two courts are to be laid out on the two lots at the end of the block west from the First National Bank. It is the intention of the club to level the lots, put up plenty of backstop and otherwise make the courts the best possible.

A meeting of the members was held last evening at a dinner in the hotel and the following officers were elected:

President—Ralph Paulsen.
Sec.—Frank—G. Y. Cant.
Board of Directors—H. C. Galt, J. R. Gills and E. B. Webb.

Sunday was the day selected for the members to meet out in force, level the lots, put up the wire backstop and get the courts in condition for play.

"Laredo" is Out

The "Laredo," annual publication of the Coquille High School, has been used from the Sentinel press this week, that is, it was finished this week and delivered today.

This year's "Laredo" is a larger and finer looking book than any heretofore published by the school and it is not considerably more.

One of the business men features which distinguishes it from its predecessors is the cover, which was ordered and made in Chicago.

Allen Young as editor, and Wilfred Laird, business manager, have had the responsibility of publishing the book and it is a credit to the school as well as its editors.

Given a 6-Weeks' Respite

Chas. DeHoff and Carl Brown, sentenced by Justice Stanley last month to serve 90 days in jail for transportation of liquor and driving while intoxicated, have been given a stay of execution until June 15, in order that they may make provision for their families, while they are doing nothing. They posted \$200 bonds each for appearance at that time.

IN COUNTY COURT HE WAS FLYING

F. C. McNelly Now Superintendent at County Farm—Other Business

The county court finished up a three-day session this morning and one out of this afternoon's important work across the river and out in the middle creek section.

Classification of dependent and indigent prisoners; and granting of log building permits has required some attention.

The resignation of Geo. N. Hatley as superintendent of the county farm was accepted. Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNelly were appointed superintendent and matron of the farm at a salary of \$75 a month each.

The action taken by the court last January in forcing the Gauding Stage operation, Noddy, was recalled, the law making the July term of court as the time when such changes can be made.

Special district No. 27—McKisley was created an special district, and the county agent instructed to proceed to take such steps as may be necessary for the effective control of grey dipper sprains.

The case was called for the construction of the Marshfield-North Bend highway. The court authorized that the former city will not doing in procuring the necessary right-of-way funds.

The roadmaster was directed to view the Marshfield-North Bend road, which that city has presented petitions for its vacation as a county road.

The county clerk was instructed to break the seals on all ballot boxes and have them prepared for the bond election to be held next month.

The bond of Stephen A. Griswold, constable at Powers, for \$1000, with the Standard Accident Insurance company as surety was accepted.

Business Yesterday—The local evening League started Monday night singing Robert Howard and Bruce McNamee, the two Marshfield boys who dropped from Juvenile Officer Morrison last Saturday, in a camp they had fellowed.

After coming from Morrison, a mile from Drain they walked back to Marshfield, and somewhere near Roseburg state a field in which they camped in, hiding during the day and traveling at night.

With them in their camp was a whole trunkful of jetties, shoes, toilet articles—anything that they could steal.

After the boys escaped Saturday from the car, in which he was taking them to the state training school one of the younger boys told Mr. Morrison that the two that planned a long time with a certain red light on the road, but they made their escape without the accident.

After talking the two smaller Mr. Norton boys to jail, Mr. Morrison started back this morning but failed to get back of the fugitives.

Judge Mast now favors taking the Howard boys, who in 17 years old, before the grand jury, and sending them to the pen rather than to the training school.

Battery Going to Portland

Geo. N. Hatley, who has been running the county farm for the past two years, has resigned that position and is preparing to move to Portland as the first of this week. He is to be the manager of the West Side Automobile Garage, opposite the city limits.

The city limits, and this park is the only one of that kind on the west side of the city. The street approach to these camping grounds is via Sixth street and they are extensively patronized, hundreds of cars being parked there daily.

To Order Closed of Froyd

County Agent C. E. Richards says he has completed orders for a closed of Froyd and that an order for \$2000 permits will be sent Monday. Froyd is an epileptic left from the war supplies, which the government is selling at a price which covers \$1000 on a far, rather than dump it into the bay. The county will see half of the cost of a road work.

County Clerk Watson received word this week that W. R. Haines, of Marshfield, had been discharged from the asylum at Salem on Monday.

C. T. Shedd Encounters Hold-Up Man on Highway But Escapes Any Loss

Chas. T. Shedd had a hair-raising experience last Monday evening and it seems to have caused a few white hairs to show in his jet black crown. With L. H. Hazard and J. A. Lamb he had started for Marshfield a little after eight o'clock and just beyond Coaledo, between the Coaledo-sher and the Nook, they noticed a package lying in the middle of the highway. "Somebody dropped that," said Shedd. "I'll go pick it up."

The car had gone possibly 150 feet farther than the package when stopped and was around a bend from it.

Charley ran back to pick it up and just as he reached for it, the blamed thing jumped a couple of feet. Startled, he looked up to see the figure of a man crouching in the brush at the side of the road, with a gun leveled at him. But before the hold-up had time to say a word a car came around the bend and the fellow drew back farther into the brush.

Charley seized the opportunity and stood out on the order of his going but he got it for his car as fast as he could.

"I didn't seem to be moving at all," said he afterward, "but I couldn't tell whether my feet were touching the pavement or not."

The robber pulled at him and threw a rock, but Charley kept going. Just as he turned to run he noticed the fellow had a little round skull cap on, but he could give no further description of him.

Such stunts are not uncommon out on the main highways, but this is the first attempt of which we have heard in Coos county.

"50-50" on Tonight

The Senior class play "50-50" will be presented at the Liberty Theatre (Friday) evening and those who have not yet secured their reserved seats have no time to lose.

The cast has been working hard to make this play a success and maintain the record for presentation with former classes have established.

"Fifty-Fifty" is a comedy about two young men, one an artist and one an author. The artist ran out of paint and so uses furniture varnish and paints a picture with it. By mistake his picture gets upside down and is sold this way. The author then writes his stories backwards. They gain lots of notoriety and success. Several mix-ups occur but they both get the right girl and everything comes out right in the end.

The cast is as follows:

Henry Brown — Allen Young
Paul Green — Clare Lehmanovsky
Eugene Blair — Lola Ball
May Dexter — Maxine Paulson
Mrs. Hawley — Iva Baker
Mrs. Polge — Marguerite Hersey
Josephine — Margaret Beyers
"Gag" — Wilfred Laird
Stanley — Eugene Laird
O'Malley — Harry Varney

This is a rip-roaring comedy, so don't miss it.

Paper Over 60 Years Old

Earl Smith this week brought us in a copy of the Daily State Sentinel, of Indianapolis, Indiana, published March 28, 1865. In it there were mentioned names that Lee had surrendered to Grant; also of President Lincoln's visit to the front. The advertising consisted principally of medical and liquor ads, although there was a whole column concerning the First National Petroleum Co., organized soon after the discovery of oil in western Pennsylvania.

It is a vastly different sheet from the Indianapolis paper with which Ben E. Lawrence, formerly of this city, is now connected.

Suit Was Comprised

The case of J. E. Branstetter vs. the Russ Investment Co., which has been on the Circuit court docket for a year or more, was compromised out of court Wednesday when Mr. Russ offered Mr. Branstetter \$2500 in settlement of all claims. The suit for \$10,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Branstetter left today for their home in Ferndale, and Mr. Russ left Wednesday for Eureka, Calif.

Special Chicken Dinner at the new Coquille Hotel every Sunday.

No Poison Trace Found

Robert L. Benson, head of the U. of O. department of pathology, to whom were sent the stomach and viscera of Mrs. R. L. Gimlin, after her body had been disinterred five weeks ago by Coos county officials, has submitted his report and states that he found no evidence of strychnine or other poisons which might have caused her sudden death.

This report has completely satisfied District Attorney Bedingfield, who states that he will conduct no further examination. The cause of death as given in the death certificate by Dr. Jan. Richmond, was acute indigestion.

Just what information caused the exhuming of the body has not been made public, but the pathologists' findings makes certain that there was no foundation of fact to support it. Following is the complete report of Dr. Benson:

We have made a thorough examination of the stomach contents and of the viscera of Mrs. Gimlin to find strychnine or other poison. The alkaloid residue has been fed to frogs and result obtained.

The conclusion reached is that the death was not due to any of the ordinary poisons or else was due to poison which was deteriorated in the time that has elapsed since death.

—Robert L. Benson, M. D.

CITY IS CARRYING A BIG LOAD

The city of Coquille is getting up against the same kind of an obstacle that Marshfield and many other cities in the state are. That is, it is getting more funds tied up in property than it can carry. Here and there, all over town, the city has had to buy one piece after another where street improvement taxes were not paid, and the general fund has been carrying the load.

It has nearly reached the point now that one of two courses is open. One would be to vote a bond issue to take care of these delinquents. The other would be to call an election to authorize a budget of more than six per cent increase over last year's.

Of course, as the town grows there will be more and more opportunities to dispose of these properties for what the city had to invest in them, but just now the city has several pieces which aggregate some thousands of dollars.

Nor can any town which wants to improve and become possessed of good streets, wait until everyone is able to pay for street improvements. In this day and age unimproved thoroughfares are a drawback to city or town, and those which are in the forefront of progress, and growing are the ones which make their physical aspect as neat and clean and up-to-date as possible.

The intersections mentioned for a trial of the new plan were at the Sentinel corner, the First National Bank, the Farmers & Merchants Bank, the Busy Corner and the Nosler's Grocery corners.

The street committee was authorized to purchase 280 feet of 12-inch drain tile to be laid out in the north end beyond the J. W. Laird place, where the small pipe now in use does not carry off the water and a large-sized pond forms every winter.

Flax Demonstrations

C. R. Richards, county agent is planning for several flax demonstrations in the next few months. Several plots in the county will be put to seed this year and the product examined as to length of fibre, quality etc., this fall. The climate of the coast country is so similar to that of Ireland that it is thought that flax will do well here. It will net from \$30 to \$40 an acre.

With one linen mill at Salem now and a \$640,000 plant in course of construction, a home market for the flax will be provided to care for all that can be raised, if the experiments here are successful.

Spent Night in the Woods

Little Alvina Stuntz, nine years old, stayed out in the woods, a quarter of a mile from her home near Coaledo, from noon on Sunday till four o'clock Monday afternoon because she had lost her hat. Her parents and neighbors searched Sunday night for her and finally the sheriff was called upon to assist. She was found behind a log not far from the highway, none the worse for her experience.

She was returning from Sunday school on a truck and when her hat fell off she got out to get it. Being unable to find it she became scared and spent 29 hours in the woods.

May Change Highway Route

There is a possibility that arrangements will be made by the State Highway Commission to use the Myrtle Point street, a block west of Railroad avenue, for the Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway. The new route suggested would eliminate that barrier at the south end of Railroad avenue.

Mrs. Hattie Bledsoe, who is also a stockholder in the company, was one of those attending the meeting.

CALL STREET BIDS

Council Preparing for Improvements to Be Made Next Month

The city council met in regular session last Monday evening with Mayor Johnson and five councilmen present.

The hearing on the petitions for the vacation of portions of Hall street and Fourth street was set for Monday, May 18. On Hall street Fred Hickok and E. W. Greig are asking that a portion of that street adjoining the bridge, be vacated so that the former can build a dock approach from the Coos Bay Highway to the service station he intends building at that intersection. There was some question in the minds of the councilmen whether any streets should be narrowed and the matter was referred to the street committee for investigation.

Street improvements for this summer occupied considerable time in the discussion. Ordinances were passed authorizing the calling of bids for the Spurgeon street and the Second street redressing jobs. The former is estimated to cost \$6,087.86, and the latter \$9,471.

City Engineer Vinton states that the interest being shown by contracting firms indicates that there will be several bids submitted on all of this year's improvements and that they may go under the estimate.

J. S. Barton was present to confer with the council as to the possibility of having Coulter street paved this summer from in front of his place north to Second street.

He is intending to circulate a petition asking for the improvement as soon as he can secure title to the strip between his place and the farlocker place, and dedicate it to the city.

Mayor Johnson suggested to the council that a different system of dummy policeman or deadman be adopted for Coquille's traffic regulation. He had noticed the innovation at Roseburg and found that it was working well. Instead of a single dummy in the middle of the intersection, a rounded concrete block is placed in the middle of each street just at the sidewalk line, were the sidewalk continued, making four for such intersection. All autos would be required to keep to the right of the posts whether going straight through or turning from one street into another.

Theoretically it appealed to the council as the most sane system yet devised and the matter of adopting the plan was referred to the street committee with power to act.

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Visits the Oil Well

S. M. Nosler returned yesterday afternoon from a two days' trip to Eugene where he attended a meeting of 600 stockholders of the oil company which is drilling a well on the Bible school land there.

The entire crowd was unanimous in favoring the selling of an additional \$100,000 worth of stock to proceed with drilling operations.

Corporation Commissioner Crews was present and in the course of an hour's talk, Mr. Nosler says, told the stockholders that he had found Dr. Olson absolutely straight in every particular, and while he wouldn't urge any one to invest money in a gamble, such as the oil business always is, he was convinced that the drilling was down to oil sand and that the stockholders stood a good chance of being in on the ground-floor of an oil epoch in Oregon.

Mr. Nosler visited the well and was greatly impressed with the unanimous verdict of the drillers and company officials that oil was just below the rock cap which has now been bored through. At the present time a warm wind is coming up the \$200 feet shaft but a bridge in the casing has stopped all other material from coming up.

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