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REJECT ALL BIDS

School District Board Considers Proposals for New Building Too High

When Architect Chas. Burgraff, of Albany, presented his plans and estimates to the school board for the construction of a grade school building on East Second street, the figures totalled, for the building and heating plants, \$24,000.

Last Friday evening when the bids for the work were opened the lowest bids received for a six room building and for heating the two buildings totalled \$26,911 to which would be added \$2000 for furniture and equipment, making the entire cost of the new structure \$29,000 or possibly \$30,000.

The board will have from the sale of bonds, special tax and increased high school tax, not more than \$25,000 for use in the building. With this shortage of \$4,000 to \$5,000 starting them in the face the directors decided to reject all bids. They will meet again this evening to try and work out some plan for relieving the congestion.

Several plans have been advocated. D. F. Thompson is in favor of calling for bids again and try to figure out some means by which the building can be built this year, even though some of the cost has to be carried over a year.

A. T. Morrison advocates returning to the plan originally contemplated by the board—cutting the high school auditorium into six rooms, building a gymnasium on the high school ground—and purchasing Athletic Park, so that a grade school can be built in the north end in the near future.

This plan is a good one did it not mean that the grades and the high school students would both be occupying the high school building for some years to come. It would also necessitate using the basement in the high school building which is not really suitable for class rooms.

Chairman C. C. Farr is inclined to let all building operations go over for another year until another special tax can be voted. Another \$6,000 special tax would provide the required amount. He also favors the purchase of the athletic field as a site for a grade building.

Eventually a grade building must be built in the north end of town for as that portion of the district along the highway is settled up there will be more and more children upon whom it will be an imposition to compel them to walk from one to two miles to the present grade school.

The bids as submitted last Friday were:

General Contract for 6 rooms
J. L. Hansen, concrete \$25,549; tile, \$28,135; tile veneer, \$24,897. To these he added about \$1500 if the building was 8 rooms.
A. Lombard, concrete \$20,508, and \$460 for two additional rooms. His was the low proposal, but he did not bid on tile or tile veneer.
I. L. Young, concrete, \$24,000; tile, \$24,350; tile veneer, \$23,800. He added \$1,000 to each bid if eight rooms were provided.
Hilbarger & Son, concrete, \$25,255; tile \$27,488; tile veneer, \$24,998; and \$1000 additional for two extra rooms.
Atkinson & Johnson, concrete \$23,973.50; tile \$23,800; tile veneer \$22,059; and \$1000 additional if the building was of eight rooms.
Plumbing and Heating
J. S. Chambers, \$6313. He was the low bidder.
Keyser & Schudde, plumbing \$988; heating for six rooms \$5296; for eight, \$6571.
Schroeder and Hildenbrand, \$7786.
C. L. Willey, plumbing \$1145; heating \$6182.

Magician to Appear Here

The local camp Woodmen of the World will entertain their male friends Wednesday evening, Aug. 12th, with a high class entertainment and smoker at W. O. W. hall. Captain T. Jones Jr., one of the five leading magicians of America, will give one hour and a half of real magic. Mr. Jones has appeared in all the leading play houses of America. The entertainment will start at 8 o'clock sharp. There will be no charge. Special invitation is extended to the people in the country. The camp will entertain the ladies at a later date. This will be the best entertainment ever staged by the local W. O. W.

Six More in Jail

Six additions to the jail population were made this week. Geo. Sargent was arrested at the Eastside mill last Saturday. Back in 1922 or 1923 he burned his house at the bay to try and collect from the insurance company. Later he confessed to the fire marshal and was bound over to the grand jury. He then skipped out and only recently returned. Half of his \$1000 bonds was paid by the bondsmen at the time.

Sam Lulish, sentenced to three months in jail and to pay a \$500 fine by Justice Rust at Marshfield, for driving while intoxicated, was brought over here Wednesday.

Three came from Bandon, Wm. Dodson, who had been lying out in the brush, drunk all the time, since his escape from a road gang July 2, was captured the first of the week.

G. W. (Cork) Koontz, who is a well known bootlegger of the Bandon section, was caught with the goods Tuesday, and his car is being held. He had been carrying food to Dodson and selling the liquor the latter had made and cached, prior to his arrest in June.

A young fellow named Wilson, who was also making liquor for Koontz, was arrested at the camp for possession of a still.

Deputy Malehorn says the deer may have a chance to propagate down south of Bandon now, with Koontz in the toils.

W. H. Keeler, a hop head, was arrested at North Bend on Wednesday for passing worthless checks.

FINISHING THE STREET WORK

When the United Contracting Co. finished up resurfacing Second street Tuesday morning, they moved down to Front street and began applying the dressing to that thoroughfare, which has been such a distress to motorists.

On Second street the company began cutting off the corners at the Sentinel and Coquille Service Station corners and the traffic way will be widened by about 15 feet when the asphaltic concrete has been all laid. The full width paving where the highway intersects Second, and which will taper back for 50 feet, will accomplish a great deal in eliminating possibilities of accident at this corner. Why the town was ever laid out with this 30 foot jog in it, is a mystery to us today.

Of course, the men who laid out the original townsite and additions did not foresee the traffic which now traverses Taylor street when sometimes on a pleasant Sunday more than two cars per minute average to pass the Sentinel corner for hours at a time.

Second street is now as much of a delight to auto drivers as Spurgeon is to the residents of that section.

The street paving company laid 1500 yards of the asphaltic concrete dressing on Front street yesterday and finished the improvement work in that part of town except for a strip of concrete on Willard street, leading to the dock.

This morning they began on the Taylor and Second street intersection and the widening of the highway approach.

The south approach to the Henry street bridge and the pavement which is bunched up in ridges at the northeast corner of the court house are also to be repaired.

Their Spree Was Expensive

A bunch of five sailors was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Malehorn Sunday evening at The Nook at Coaledo, and their car confiscated. They were drunk and charged with driving while intoxicated. Judge Stanley fined them \$25 and \$4.50 costs apiece in court here Monday morning. They had paid \$80 for the Oldsmobile auto that morning, so their pleasure trip cost them about \$230. Their names were Frank Nelson, J. W. Whiteside, K. Larson, Alfred Olsen and F. Bryan.

To Receive War Trophy

Coos county is to receive a trophy of the big war in the shape of a German Mauser rifle, model 1918, according to Geo. A. White, adjutant of the Oregon National Guard, who is War Trophy representative. A cannon was offered the county but the court felt that the freight on it would cost more than it was worth to the county.

WILL PARTICIPATE HOSPITAL PLANS

Coos County to Receive 25 Per Cent of Future Sales From Southern Oregon Land

Coos county will soon begin to participate in the funds received from the sale of timber taken from the old Southern Oregon Co., or Coos Bay Wagon-Road grant lands.

According to a letter received by Judge Mast a few days ago, the government had already received on May 31, \$721,608.15 from such sales and the entire amount for which Uncle Sam was to be reimbursed was \$724,604.75, leaving a balance of \$3,096.60 which has since that time been wiped out by further sales.

The act of congress which guaranteed Coos county a 25 per cent cut of these timber sales was passed in February, 1919, so that in the past six years the average sales have been more than \$100,000 a year.

That means that during the coming years Coos county will receive, if timber sales maintain the past record, more than \$25,000 a year, and the county court expects to use these funds for interest on road bonds—old and new.

The government's refund of \$724,604 was made up of two items—\$492,141.60 for back taxes on the lands paid the county, and \$232,462.15 for the refund to the Southern Oregon Co. at \$2.50 per acre, when the lands were reclaimed by the government.

It will be several years before the county will begin to receive anything from the O. & C. lands because the government still has some millions of dollars yet due it for back taxes advanced.

In County Court This Week

The county court yesterday made an order this week calling for bids on \$380,000 worth of the road bonds voted last week. They will be in denominations of \$1000 each, bear 5% interest, and the bids will be opened Sept. 4.

It was ordered that D. F. Thompson be paid \$80 for the 42-100 of an acre used by the state in straightening the highway a mile above town.

W. O. Matthews was paid \$200 for right-of-way at his place on the Fairview-Lee road. A cattle pass was stipulated when the right of way was secured, which the county was to build. Mr. Matthews has decided the pass is not necessary and he was paid what it would have cost.

The court authorized the extension of the Bear Creek Market Road 2,000 feet farther up the creek than previously contracted at the same rate that the contract called for. Frank Flam has the contract for the work which is sublet to W. A. Alexander.

Receiver Starts Suit

A complaint was filed with County Clerk Watson yesterday by A. J. Sherwood in which sixty-seven causes of action are cited against the Thompson-Kelley Lumber Co., H. L. Houston and J. R. Thompson, by H. F. Schilling, receiver of the First National Bank at Bandon.

Practically every one of the 67 is of the same variety—payment of trade acceptances by the bank, which the lumber company later failed or refused to make good. The first one mentioned was on December 11, 1923, and the last Dec. 9, 1924.

There are ninety-seven pages of single-spaced typewritten pages in the complaint, and the amount sought to be recovered is between \$42,000 and \$45,000.

Dr. H. L. Houston was president of both the bank and the lumber company.

Dairies Also Consolidate

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Briner on Tuesday took possession of the Raymond Milk Depot, which they purchased last week, and will unite that with the Cow Bell Dairy. They have had the First street building repapered and yesterday moved their confectionery from the old location on Front street. With the increased facilities afforded by the acquisition of Mrs. Raymond's dairy machinery they will be in a better position than ever to give good service.

Mrs. Raymond will devote her time now to their ranch on the highway—the old John Yoskam place.

Special Chicken Dinner at the new Coquille Hotel every Sunday.

Didn't Know All the Facts

A young man who appeared before the county court Wednesday throwing insinuations at Judge Mast and slurs at the "jay town of Coquille," seems to have been talking without a knowledge of his subject. In the first place the court has not refused nor has this city been instrumental in the slightest degree in delaying the repair of the River-ton ferry. The court intends to order the work done.

As a matter of fact, that ferry was built for light traffic and when heavy truck loads are carried over on it the scow will not stand up under work. Commissioner Kloekars says that if they will quit hauling truck-loads of lumber from Marshfield over that ferry it will not be out of commission so often.

Another point brought to light by the young man was that the court had last year used \$12,000 of the North Bank road district's funds on other projects. For his enlightenment and for others who are making the same remarks the following correct account of that transaction is given.

In 1923 the county court permitted that district to overdraw its market road allowance by \$8,000 and was advanced \$4,000 by the county in order to improve their road enough to get them out of the mud.

Last year—in 1924—the \$4,000 was returned to the county out of their special tax and the \$8,000 from their market road fund. They were not short-changed \$12,000, but had the use of it a year previous, and then had to pay it back in 1924.

FOR A TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Since the organization of the tennis club here it has developed that Coquille has a number of extremely good players who are anxious to test their prowess against the net players of other towns—Myrtle Point, Marshfield and North Bend.

To ascertain those best qualified to represent Coquille in a county tournament to be played later, a local tournament has been arranged for today, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The following is the schedule of games:

Friday, Aug. 7
H. C. Gant vs. Geo. Oerding 6:30
G. T. Gant vs. Dr. J. B. Gillis 6:30
J. F. Cramer vs. F. G. Bunch 5:30
E. D. Webb vs. James Caughell 5:30
Sunday, Aug. 9
Walter Oerding vs. Lowell Simpson 6:30
Albert Oerding vs. W. Paulson 6:30
Wm. Oerding vs. R. H. Faulker 5:30
C. C. Archibald vs. Frank Rowe 5:30
Monday, Aug. 10
E. V. Leach vs. Dr. J. A. Burket 6:30
Dena Ellingson vs. Leona Lowe 4:30
Alice Collier vs. Delia Sherwood 4:30
Levi Wilson vs. Cecil Gant 6:30
Tuesday, Aug. 11
Adrienne Hazard vs. Delia Sherwood 4:30
Denton Ellingson vs. H. C. Getz 5:30
Jackson Knife vs. Fred Wimer 6:30

The finals between the winners of the above game will be played on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. Following those games the championship doubles will be played.

North Bend, Marshfield and Myrtle Point can boast of some pretty classy tennis players, but the Coquille players are ready to meet any of them at any time.

Bakeries to Consolidate

A Coquille business change which has been arranged but will not go into effect until the first of next month is the consolidation of the Ideal and Oregon Bakeries. S. Gallas, of the Oregon, has bought the interest of Claude Nosler in the Ideal Bakery and beginning Sept. 1, the partnership of Pollary & Gallas will conduct the Ideal Bakery in the Laird building. Both of them are good bakers and the consolidation will be of benefit to them both.

Geo. Holmes Carried No Gun

C. J. Holmes, of Sitcum, was a caller at the Sentinel this week. He is a brother of Geo. J. Holmes, who was killed at North Bend by J. R. Hales last Wednesday night. He is firm in the belief that revolver found by the side of the dead man was "planted" there, for his brother never carried a gun or even owned one. Hales is said to have owned three.

Dairymen—Ship your Cream to the Coquille Ice Cream Co. for best results.

There will be an entertainment and basket social at the Fairview school house Saturday evening, Aug. 22, to which everyone is invited. The proceeds are to be used for a new Community Hall at Fairview.

COOS CO. BOOK

County Court Agrees to Finance It Up to \$700. To Be Out Next Month

The secretaries of the Coos county Chambers of Commerce met at the office of Ned C. Kelley here Wednesday morning and perfected a permanent organization by the election of Mr. Kelley as chairman, and E. W. Murphy, of Marshfield, as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Hansen, of McKinley, was the only community club secretary present, the others being Dr. J. E. Snyder, of North Bend; Rev. F. L. Young, of Bandon; and Mr. Johnston, of Myrtle Point.

The association agreed on the general plan for a 16 page booklet, deciding that 25,000 would be sufficient for use this summer, fall and they then approached the county court with a request to finance the proposition. The court members were favorable and agreed to pay expenses of the publication up to \$700 if necessary out of the advertising fund.

The cover design, which has been drawn by Mrs. Gene Nosler, will be printed in green and black and several Coos county scenes will enliven the pages.

A two-page map of Coos county, showing Coquille as the hub of the county from which roads radiate in all directions, and with circles showing distances from the county seat, will be one of the features.

All community clubs and chambers of commerce are urged to present data from their sections as soon as possible to the committee having the publication in charge—Messrs. Kelley and Murphy.

Why the Pole Is There

Absolutely no business came up at the regular session of the city council Monday evening and that body quickly adjourned and repaired to the Coquille Service Station corner to look at the pole placed in the center of the sidewalk, looking north or south.

City Engineer Vinton explained to the council that when the curb was set back there, the pole could be set in no other spot, without causing the power company's poles to pass over private property—unless two poles and guy wires were used.

The appearance of the corner is the only objection to the pole's present location. After looking the ground over the council members decided that the pole should remain where it was set.

The Official Majorities

The official canvass of the votes of last Thursday's special election showed a majority of 3211 for the \$280,000 issue and 703 for the \$700,000 issue. The total vote on the two propositions was:

\$280,000—For, 3964; against, 753.
\$700,000—For 2737; against, 2034.
To start action looking to the erection of the Coos Bay bridge, Judge Mast went to Portland Sunday to file application with the War Department, through its engineers, for a permit to cross Coos Bay.

He also consulted with the state highway bridge department which will prepare the plans at once for the \$300,000 structure.

On his return Tuesday the judge stated that the war department's approval of the bridge plans would be received in 90 days.

Killing Deer and Calves

Reports come to the Sentinel office of hunters who are killing deer in the hills north of town, back of Budd mountain and as far north as the Yoskam ranch and Coaledo. When they can't find deer they sometimes kill a calf and the owners of the latter are going to make somebody suffer, and the game warden says the same for the deer slayers.

Gravelling Contract Let

Hillstrom Bros. were the low bidder and were awarded the contract for hauling 5,000 yards of gravel on the Coquille-Fairview market road, at their bid of 18 cents per yard. J. R. Ford bid 18 3/4 cents and W. S. Chenault, 25 cents per yard. It is expected to start hauling at the Fairview end August 15.

H. C. Getz went up to Portland Wednesday for the annual session of the Oregon Postmasters Association.