

## CITY BOOZE LAW

### It Provides Severe Penalties With \$100 Fines and Jail Sentences.

"Give the bootlegger the limit." This was the sentiment expressed by two councilmen at the same time and approved by the rest of the council during the discussion of the penalties to be imposed in the new booze ordinance which the council passed at the regular meeting last Tuesday evening.

"I would rather see a saloon on every corner than a bootlegger in every block," said Mayor Johnson. "From what I hear they are almost that numerous and very active and it's up to us to put a stop to it."

"If we're going to have it dry, let's make it dry. If not, let the bars down and have it as it used to be," was Councilman Lorenz' declaration. "I have no use for a bootlegger."

The new ordinance as shaped by City Attorney Stanley is practically word for word from the state prohibition law, and was originally prepared by the Anti-Saloon League in conformity with that law for the cities of the state.

The first penalty in the ordinance is that for failure on the part of the city attorney to enforce the ordinance, to prosecute offenders and to institute proceedings where he knows the law is being violated.

"Make that a fine of a month's salary," said the mayor, "and if he is lax fine him every month," and the \$50 fine was fixed that way.

Under the charter the maximum fine which can be imposed by the city is \$100 and the maximum jail sentence 50 days. With this limit in mind, when it came to fixing the penalty for the first offense for bootlegging, Councilman Mansell said, "Make it from \$25 to \$100,"—the \$25 being the minimum. For the second offense the fine is \$100 with a 50-day jail sentence added.

For drunkenness the fine ranges from \$5 to \$100 or not to exceed 50 days in jail.

In view of the provisions of the ordinance regarding the bringing in of liquor by train, boat or auto, Councilman Gardner jokingly remarked that it looked to him as if the city attorney would have to meet all these public carriers in order to protect himself—especially when boats arrive at Bandon.

Recorder Lawrence says that the new ordinance will be enforced to the letter whenever a case is brought before him and it behooves the bootleggers' fraternity to go slow in monkeying with the new law.

The vote on the measure was five for and none against, Councilman Barrow being absent. Under this new ordinance the city will now get the fines for violations of the prohibition law, whereas before its passage all prosecutions had to be conducted in the state courts, with the fines going to the county.

Other business was attended to by the council among which was the sale to Wm. Daly of the 4.19 acres of land near the Masonic cemetery for \$100 an acre, the city to furnish an abstract. This is just what the land cost the city six or seven years ago during which time it has been used as the city dumping grounds. O. C. Sanford told the council of a man who thought \$650 a fair price for the land and who would buy it as soon as he could make arrangements but as the conversation with Mr. Sanford was held last spring the members were afraid he might have changed his mind and so ordered an ordinance drawn authorizing the sale to Mr. Daly.

Mayor Johnson reported a conversation with and letter from O. C. Biddle, of the S. P., asking to lease water front between the old Fox furniture factory and Ferry street for a stock corral. They could locate the yards at Cedar Point but would prefer to have them in town. Mr. Johnson told him that in order to secure interest on the money invested the city would be compelled to ask a rental which would be prohibitive to the railroad company on a straight lease, but that with the option of cancellation on 30 days' notice he thought such a lease might be made. \$10 a month rental was what the councilmen thought would be about right for such a lease and the further consideration of the matter was left up to the mayor.

The final ordinance in the settle-

ment of the first street case was to have come up but City Attorney Stanley, who had been waiting for a consultation with L. A. Liffjogist, did not have the ordinance completed and it will probably come up at a special meeting soon. In connection with this matter, the recorder read a letter from R. E. Shine asking for his rebate on the property which he has since sold to Henry Lorenz. The letter was filed without any action.

Two ordinances were passed refunding to the property owners on Henry and Elliott streets small sums which remained after paying all expenses connected with the improvement of those streets.

As chairman of the street committee, Mr. Mansell asked the council to instruct the Longston Construction Co. to complete their improvement contract at once. A resolution was therefore passed fixing Oct. 1 as the date for final completion with the further provision that if it was not finished by that time the city would complete the work and deduct its cost from the funds held by the city which have not yet been paid to the construction company.

## THEY HAVE LADY FRIENDS

Yesterday while Raicy and Weidner were conducted to the barber shop for tonsorial attention, Deputy Sheriff Archie Walker and a couple of assistants made a complete search of their cells for the keys with which the young men used to gain their liberty for nocturnal visits. Scrowed into an electric light socket they found a diagram of the keys drawn with pencil and elsewhere several keys made from brass. The prisoners had heated toothbrush handles until they became soft, had then gotten the impression of the rocks and filed the handles to the proper shape. With these models they had been able to make the metal keys which were found. It is supposed that the pieces of metal were secured through the assistance of friends who placed them in receptacles lowered by string from the upper windows.

That these "friends" were feminine is quite positive, for the nightwatch says there have been at least six different girls who hung around the annex, some of them determined to get in. And when one girl brought some cake for the prisoners not long ago, Lee Goodman dissected it to see that no files were imbedded in the food. The donor did not seem to appreciate the suspicion, either.

The young fellows are now locked in another cell from which it is improbable they can escape. Their petition for release until the next term of court was refused by Judge Coka.

### Double Crossed Himself.

Chas. Duttlinger was brought over here from North Bend yesterday and placed in jail to serve a sentence of four months for violating the prohibition law. What he did was to get drunk, but that is an expensive luxury under the provisions of our state home dry law. He was first arraigned before Recorder Maybee, pleaded guilty and was fined \$15 and costs, but being strapped, he was placed in the city jail to serve time instead. Subsequently he was arraigned for having liquor in his possession, on a state warrant. Here again he pleaded guilty and got his second dose, which was made the more impressive because he refused to tell where he got the booze.

### In the New Sheriff's Office.

It isn't exactly correct to say that the sheriff's office has been removed to the new building. The tax collection department is all there, and no possible fire could destroy the records or interfere with the work of the office. This department occupies about two-thirds of the north part of the second floor, but the south east corner room is to be devoted to the administrative work of the sheriff's office, and that department is still doing business at the old stand on the first floor of the court house.

### Harry Oerding a Winner.

A letter from Harry Oerding from Menlo Park, Calif., says that the company of engineers in which the five Coquille young men enlisted received their orders to leave last Tuesday for the east—probably Charleston. S. C. Harry won the title of champion bowler of Palo Alto with a score of 278 out of a possible 300. The proprietor presented him with a solid gold ring in token.

## THE ROAD REPORT

### Mr. Murdoch Tells How Work is Progressing All Over the County.

The following are from County Roadmaster Murdoch's report to the County court for the month ending Aug. 24:

#### Coos Bay-North Project.

About 14,000 cubic yards of material have been moved during the month. The entire line has been alashed and three miles have been grubbed. The trestle at North Inlet is decked and the tower for draw erected. Ladd and Harris are still having difficulty in securing piles for the work at Haynes and Larson Inlet.

About 110 men and 28 teams are employed. The work is progressing as rapidly as the conditions permit. A complete detailed statement showing the distribution of the cost will be available about Sept. 10th.

#### District No. 2.

The ditching work on the Norway-Lee road was completed and considerable repair work on the Coquille-Fairview road was done with planking removed from the old bridge adjacent to Coquille.

The graveling project on the Coquille-Fairview road has been completed as far as the current funds permit and the bridge at the Chas. Watson ranch is complete.

The new grade beyond this point is being planked with the old plan previously removed. The graveling of this road should be continued in 1918.

#### Davis Slough-Oakdale Section.

The contract was 80 percent complete on August 20th, and lacked about 10 per cent of being complete at the expiration of the time limit, Sept. 1st.

Unless Contractor Perham applies for an extension of time and it is granted by the County court and approved by the bonding company, the amount of \$10.00 per day after Sept. 1st will be deducted from future estimates.

Although a large amount of timber work amounting to 200 M. F. B. M. has been done on which no estimate was available at the time of letting this contract in the spring of 1916, the final cost of the contract will not exceed the original contract price. This has been accomplished by a heavy reduction of yardage caused by revising the grade line.

#### Coquille-Cedar Point Section.

The contract was 17 per cent complete on August 20th, and for the fiscal month ending on that date 18,967 cubic yards of earth and 1,350 cubic yards of rock had been handled. Although this is not sufficient progress to finish the contract this year, it is as great as can be expected under the prevailing conditions of labor etc.

#### Coquille-Myrtle Point Section.

About 12,000 cubic yards of material were handled during the fiscal month ending August 20th. An average force of sixty-five men have been employed. The progress is sufficient to complete the work anticipated for this year. It is not considered advisable to start any work in connection with the overhead crossing adjacent to the North Fork before the spring of 1918. The cost of the grading work on this project adjacent to Coquille will be high compared with the cost of heavy grading elsewhere in the county that can be handled exclusively by teams, but it is reasonable under the conditions, the percentage of land sloping to each yard of dirt moved is extremely heavy, the haul is several times the average on some of our other projects, the close quarters did not permit the use of teams until the work was well advanced, and maintenance of traffic has been the cause of considerable delay and expense. The work originally anticipated, however, will be completed with the available funds.

#### District No. 4.

Several hundred feet of new planking have been laid on the North side of the Fairview Mountain.

Graveling on the Lee-Lawhorn road has been completed as far as the available funds permit.

Considerable repair work has been done on the Coos Bay Wagon Road in the Brewster valley section.

The rucking between Myrtle Point and Cooper Bridge is completed as far as the available funds permit. Approximately \$4500.00 were expended.

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## ARE EASY MARKS

### Business Men at the Bay Take Anything Be Long as it Looks Like a Check.

The officers of the First National Bank here were a good deal astonished Tuesday morning to find in the statements received from their correspondents over at the Bay that they were charged with \$392 for seven checks drawn by the Beaver Hill Dairy Company, that name being affixed by a rubber stamp, and which were further countersigned by F. C. Johnson.

As there is no Beaver Hill Dairy Company and F. C. Johnson has no account with the First National, the Marshfield banks were at once apprised by phone that the checks were worthless.

The checks were each for \$56 and were cashed by the following Marshfield business houses: E. A. Coppel's Golden Rule, Hub Clothing & Shoes Co., The Fixup, The Woolen Mill Store, J. C. Penney Store, Ekblad & Son, The Gunners.

Speaking of this check raid, the first since that of the Austrian forgers, who were tried here and sent to the pen two years ago, the Coos Bay Times says:

In addition to getting the money, E. A. Brown got merchandise at each of the stores. Some places he bought only a couple of dollars' worth and in others \$5 or more.

In addition to those cashing the checks, Brown tried to pass one on Harry Gordon of the Gordon Shoe Store. He bought a pair of shoes and presented the check. It was about 3:30 Saturday. Mr. Gordon asked him if he knew anyone there who could identify him. He did not. Mr. Gordon then phoned each of the three banks and the Coos County Business Men's Association but none of them knew F. C. Johnson or the Beaver Hill Dairy, the signatures attached to the checks. He then refused to cash the check or let him take the shoes.

Brown then claimed that he had ridden to Marshfield with Johnson in the latter's auto and said he would hunt up Johnson and get someone to identify them. He did not return. He evidently continued the rounds of the firms, buying some places as late as 8:30 Saturday night.

Brown is described as being about thirty years old. He had a florid reddish complexion, full of face, a scar or mole above his eye, was about five feet nine inches tall, weighed about 160 pounds, wore a brown suit and soft hat and was of rather genteel appearance. He was smooth shaven.

The indications are that he was an expert in the line. The checks were consecutively numbered from 270 to 279. The Beaver Hill Dairy was stamped on each with a large rubber stamp. F. C. Johnson was written in ink. He is not guilty of forgery as neither F. C. Johnson or the Beaver Hill Dairy exist. However, he is guilty of getting money by false pretenses which is a penitentiary offense.

He was also clever enough to take advantage of the double holiday, Sunday and Labor Day on Monday. Some of the firms presented the checks at the bank Saturday evening. They were carried over for the next day's business and that was Tuesday.

Evidently Brown did not work any place except on Coos Bay or the checks would have gone in before this. He is presumed to have left this section Sunday morning.

Dorsey Kreitzer, of the First National Bank of Marshfield, reported the matter by wire Wednesday to the Oregon Bankers' Association at Portland and they will have their special detectives take up the case at once.

The strangest thing about this affair is that there was only one business man in Marshfield careful enough to make the slightest investigation before cashing a check as large as that. And that none of the rest of the bunch were well enough posted about their own county to know that Beaver Hill was a coal and logging and not a dairy section and that there were no dairies there, is also very remarkable.

Of course, the swindler took long chances in passing such checks in time for them to be deposited in the banks Saturday afternoon. Otherwise his scheme appears to have been well planned. Leaving Marshfield by

Sunday morning's train and possibly arriving in Portland that evening or in San Francisco Monday evening, he might have been almost anywhere in half a dozen states before the checks turned up in the First National here Tuesday morning.

### School Begins Next Monday.

The following assignment of teachers in our city schools for the school year beginning next Monday is furnished the Sentinel by J. C. Almack, Superintendent:

Mrs. Inez Chase, First B and principal of North building; May N. Allen, First A and part of Second B in North building; Emma Kennedy, Part of Second B and drawing in North building; Mrs. Catherine Dungey, Third grade; Joan Fitzgerald, Fourth grade; Mrs. Martha Mulkey, Fifth grade; Winifred G. Spencer, Sixth grade; Gladys E. Treadgold, Seventh grade; Rena Anderson, Eighth grade.

High School—J. W. Noblet, Principal, Mathematics; Ada May Newell, History and Languages; Mabel Bay, English; L. C. Douglas, Sciences.

## COUNTY BUYS CATERPILLAR

The County court has spent most of its session this far this week in auditing bills. Road business is now under consideration and it has been decided to buy a Holt Caterpillar Tractor of 75 horse power costing \$5,500 less 5 per cent. This is to be delivered about October 1 and will be used for hauling trains of gravel, rock and earth. Its first employment will be on the graveling of the road south of Bandon, for which it will bring up the gravel from Floras creek in Curry county, where the court has contracted to procure it.

The court has under consideration an arrangement with Contractor Perham by which the Marshfield road can be kept open for travel during the Myrtle Point Fair next week.

A delegation headed by M. J. Stann announced plans for the graveling of 500 rods of road between Gravel Ford and Dora, and it is proposed to include that work in next year's budget.

### Still at Work on Annex.

A year or less ago we were expecting to see the new Hall of Records completed and ready for occupancy by New Year. The jail has been occupied for months and the Sheriff's office fixtures were taken over last week so that taxpaying is now in order there, but the new furniture, counters, shelving and book racks for the clerk's office did not reach there until Saturday and the first load was brought up Sunday morning. The force mentioned last week is now busy setting it up and getting everything ship shape, so that we expect to see the building fully occupied and all Coos county's priceless records safely housed before this month ends. The tax records are there already.

### Has Been Long Dry Spell.

It has been a long dry spell, practically the last moisture being on June 29, and then the rainfall was only 18-100 of an inch, says the Coos Bay News. The rainfall for the year ending Sept. 1st, 1917, was 56.89 inches. The rainfall for last year was 88.80 inches. The past year has been the driest year since 1905, when the rainfall was 55.13 inches.

Early in the year we thought we were getting more than our share of moisture but the rainfall for the year ending Sept. 30, 1917, was 32 inches less than in the year ending Sept. 30, 1916.

### Get the Habit

of happening into the Red Cross headquarters. Show your interest to that extent at least, and thus encourage the ones who are in charge. They need your support and cooperation in this gigantic work. And may be you can hand out some valuable suggestions—others have—we all know some things that the other fellow doesn't! Tell 'em!

### Chicken Pie Dinner.

A chicken pie dinner will be served by a committee of the ladies of the M. E. church in their church parlors on Friday evening, Sept. 14th. They will begin to serve at 5 p. m. and continue until all are served. The price is 35 cents a plate. All are cordially invited.—Committee.

## HE PAYS \$60,257

### That is What It Cost Frank Boutin to Square Himself With Coos County.

The taxes, penalties and interest for the years 1913 and 1914 on about \$700,000 worth of property were paid at the sheriff's office here Wednesday, when C. L. Starr, attorney for the Coos Bay Lumber & Coal company handed Sheriff Gage a check for \$60,257. This pays all the delinquent taxes on the thirteen square miles of land owned by Frank Boutin's company in this county, with the exception of three quarter sections about which there is some dispute as to whether the timber was standing during those years.

This big tract contains the most valuable body of timber in the county—or did in 1913, quite a body of it having been recently logged off. It contains 8,320 acres of land, which were assessed that year at \$717,125, a valuation of nearly \$90 per acre. We note that the most valuable quarter section is listed at \$20,625, with two others closely following at \$19,905 and \$19,705. The timber is largely spruce which is in such great demand now for aeroplane stock that it is selling for \$105 a thousand.

Mr. Starr jokingly said to us that when he read in the Herald that the United States had come across and agreed to pay interest and penalties on delinquent taxes, with the suggestion that if the government couldn't evade those charges it wasn't much use for his client to try to get by, he concluded it was time to put up.

What doubtless brought this matter to a head, though, was the injunction case brought by the county court two or three months ago to prevent the removal of any more timber from the Boutin lands until these taxes were paid. The company at once put up a \$25,000 bond to secure the taxes pending the hearing of the injunction case in the Circuit court at the approaching term.

Of the total amount mentioned approximately \$36,000 was for the taxes for the two years and \$24,000 for penalties and interest, and in this connection it is interesting to note that nearly half a million in taxes, penalties and interest are now due the county and these taxes are all bearing interest at the rate of 12 per cent a year; and some on which certificates have been issued have had the costs added to the principal making it a compound interest proposition. So when all that half million is paid the county will be a long ways to the good on the interest account, as it pays only 6 per cent annually on outstanding warrants, while receiving 12 per cent from the delinquents.

We had anticipated that the Boutin taxes would be the last of the four largest amounts due Coos county from separate sources to be paid, instead of which it is the first, but all the same the sixty thousand dollars just paid will avail to take up one-fourth of the county warrants outstanding; and the O. & C. taxes which Uncle Sam has pledged his word to pay will probably come within the next six months and enable Treasurer Dimmick to redeem the balance.

The amount of such warrants outstanding at the time of the last report on July 31st, was \$246,103.79.

It ought to be a source of congratulation to every citizen of Coos county, and especially to every taxpayer, that the time when the county will be on a cash basis is rapidly approaching.

### The L. W. W. Stays Canned.

An L. W. W. tried to start something with the Oregon Power Co. crew this week and when canned by Manager McKenna threatened to stop the construction work with a strike. "Mac" told him to go to it, but so far he has failed to get one started. Later he asked to be taken back on the job but the boss thought one experience sufficient and declined.

### He is Feeding Ten Now.

Turnkey Peart has got almost a "full house" up there in the jail now. With ten boarders he finds the rations for the crowd about all he can swing to. There are only accommodations there for a couple more without trenching on the juvenile department.

### Show Your Interest.

in the Red Cross association by going into the Laird rooms the next time you go shopping. The ladies want to see YOU.