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COUNTY BUDGET

Estimate of County Expenses and Receipts For the Coming Year of 1918.

NOTICE

Coos County Tax Budget for the year 1918.

Notice is hereby given as required by Chapter 254, General Laws of Oregon, 1913, of the estimated amount of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the year 1918 and the estimated probable receipts of the County from sources other than direct taxation upon real and personal property, and the amount of balance on hand in the funds of Coos County.

The 29th day of December, 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. in the County Court Room in the Court House at the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, is set as the date and place where such estimates may be discussed with the County Court, and the Tax Budget for the year 1918 determined.

Estimates

Justice Courts: Fees of Justices, Constables, Jurors, Witnesses, etc.....	\$ 1,400.00
Juvenile Court and Reform School Commitments: Expenses of	500.00
County Court and Commissioners Court: Salary of Judge, \$1,000.00; Commissioners, \$5.00 per day, \$900.00; Stenographer, \$8.00 per day, \$900.00; Office Supplies, \$200.00; Furniture, Fixtures and permanent records, \$300.00	3,800.00
Circuit Court: Salary of Bailiffs, \$3.00 per day; Reporter, \$10.00 per day; Jurors Fees, \$3.00 per day; Witness fees, \$2.00 per day; Mileage, Meals, Special Counsel, etc.....	6,000.00
District Attorney's office: Enforcing Criminal Laws, Stenographer, \$25.00 per month, etc.....	2,500.00
Sheriff's office: Salary of Sheriff, \$2,500.00; Salary of 1st Deputy, \$1,200.00; 2nd Deputy, \$1,000.00; two clerks at \$3.50 per day, \$2,200.00; Extra clerks, \$3.00 per day, \$1,800.00; Expenses and Office supplies, \$2,200.00; Furniture, Fixtures and permanent records, etc., \$1,000.00	12,000.00
Clerk's Office: Salary of Clerk, \$1,800.00; 1st Deputy, \$1,200.00; 2nd Deputy, \$1,000.00; Two clerks at \$3.50 per day, \$2,200.00; One clerk at \$3.00 per day, \$900.00; Furniture, fixtures, permanent records, etc., \$900.00	8,500.00
Treasurer's Office: Salary, \$1,200.00; Extra help, \$200.00; Office Supplies, \$300.00; Furniture, fixtures and permanent records, etc., \$100.00	1,800.00
Assessor's Office: Salary of Assessor, \$1,350.00; 1st Deputy, \$1,080.00; Draftsman, \$3.50 per day, Field deputy, \$3.50 per day; Extra help, \$3.00 per day, \$3,000.00; Office Supplies, \$570.00; Board of Appraisers for assessment purposes, \$5,000.00	11,000.00
School Superintendent's Office: Salary of Supt., \$1,200.00; Supervisor, \$1,000.00; Extra help, \$100.00; Traveling Expenses, \$500.00; Office Expenses, \$200.00	3,500.00
Coroner's Office: Fees of Coroner, Physicians, Jurors, Witnesses, etc.....	200.00
Health Officer: Salary \$400.00; Expense, \$100.00	500.00
County Agriculturist:	1,500.00
Donations:	1,000.00
Advertising:	500.00
County Audit:	300.00
Court House Expenses: 2 Janitors, \$1,680; Night Watchman, \$480.00; Lights, Water, fuel, Repairs, etc., \$7,500.00	10,000.00
Jail: Board of Prisoners, Medical attendance and medicine; repairs, sup-	

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Red Cross Christmas Drive.

J. E. Norton has been appointed chairman of the Red Cross campaign for Coquille and vicinity to secure the membership of every man, woman and child for the year 1918. The campaign starts Monday Dec. 17, and for the purpose of organizing for the drive Mr. Norton has called a meeting at the city hall next Tuesday evening at 7:30 to which every one is invited.

A feature of this drive is to be the issuing of flags which are to be placed in the windows of homes and business houses. At night a candle will be supposed to keep the flag prominently in sight. A red cross is to be attached to the flag for every member of the family who becomes a member.

An Early River Flood.

The copious rains of last week resulted in the first floods of the season beginning last Sunday. Sunday about half of the area of the section in view from Coquille appeared to be covered and there was more yet on Monday. By Wednesday, however, the floods had receded so that only the willow lands recently cleared appeared to be under water. The first week in December is unusually early for such freshets here.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

The Community Christmas Tree meeting at the city hall last Wednesday evening was quite largely attended, representatives being present from most of the churches and other organizations. Plans for the occasion were not made at that time but a committee to take charge was appointed and they will meet at the city hall at 7:30 this (Friday) evening. This committee is composed of the following ladies and gentlemen:

- Presbyterian Church—Mrs. A. N. Gould.
- Christian Church—Mrs. C. A. Boyrie.
- Methodist Church—Rev. S. G. Rogers.
- Episcopal—Rev. F. G. Jennings.
- Christian Science—Mrs. Fred Belmont.
- Adventist—Mrs. C. A. Gage.
- Catholic—Leo J. Cary.
- Red Cross—Mrs. S. V. Epperson.
- Schools—Mrs. W. C. Chase, J. C. Almack and J. W. Noblet.
- Commercial Club—W. H. Lyons and J. A. Lamb.

Four More Coquille Boys.

Walter and George Oerding, Lon Denio and Reck Robison Jr., left on the early train Monday for Portland to enlist. The Oerding brothers will try for the construction department of the Aviation service, Lon for the electrical department of the same service and Reck will enlist in one of the coast artillery companies.

Sunday evening a smoker was tendered them at the Ko-Keel rooms by the Coosonians, of which Walter and George Oerding have been prominent members, and there were a few other invited guests present. A pleasant evening was spent and the boys were wished the best of luck and a chance to be in Berlin at the death. It was not known until late Saturday that they were leaving so soon.

Word received from the boys who left last Monday is that Walter and George Oerding had successfully passed the examination but that Lon Denio had failed to pass the physical test.

County Will Help Some.

Dr. K. A. Leep, of Myrtle Point, appeared before the County court yesterday in the interest of Louise Hooton, of Bridge. She has been crippled by inflammatory rheumatism and has a dislocated hip. It is thought that an operation will restore her to a normal condition and Dr. Leep proposes to take her to Portland and nearly \$100 has been subscribed to pay for the trip. The court was asked to pay the hospital bills and this it has agreed to do.

Explosives Licenses Ready.

County Clerk Oddy informs us just as we go to press that he this morning received the federal blanks for licenses for the possession and use of explosives. They are of several different kinds—for sellers, foremen, and others; and to obtain one as required it will be necessary for the applicant to appear in person at the clerk's office and make the prescribed affidavit.

AMERICA'S WAR AIMS

Here is what President Wilson says about our war aims in his message read to Congress Tuesday afternoon. No better statement of them could be made; and it looks now as if they would be adopted by the entente allies as their own:

Our present and immediate task is to win the war, and nothing shall turn us aside from it until it is accomplished. Every power and resource we possess, whether of men, of money, or of materials, is being devoted and will continue to be devoted to that purpose until it is achieved. Those who desire to bring peace about before that purpose is achieved I counsel to carry their advice elsewhere. We will not entertain it. We shall regard the war as won only when the German people say to us, through properly accredited representatives, that they are ready to agree to a settlement based upon justice and the reparation of the wrongs their rulers have done. They have done wrong to Belgium which must be repaired. They have established a power over other land and peoples than their own—over the great empire of Austria-Hungary, over the hitherto free Balkan states, over Turkey and within Asia—which must be relinquished.

Germany's success by skill, by industry, by knowledge, by enterprise we did not grudge or oppose, but admired, rather. She had built up for herself a real empire of trade and influence, secured by the peace of the world. We were content to abide the rivalry of manufacture, science and commerce that were involved for us in her success and stand or fall as we had or did not have the brains or initiative to surpass her. But at the moment when she had conspicuously won her triumphs of peace she threw them away, to establish in their stead what the world will no longer permit to be established, military and political domination by arms, by which to oust where she could not excel the states she most feared and hated. The peace we make must remember that wrong. It must deliver the once fair lands and happy peoples of Belgium and Northern France from the Prussian menace, but is must also deliver the peoples of Austria-Hungary, the peoples of the Balkans and the peoples of Turkey, alike in Europe and Asia, from the impudent and alien domination of the Prussian military and commercial autocracy.

The First Street Refund.

There is promise of the final adjustment of the long drawn out affair of the First street assessment for improvement. City Attorney Stanley is preparing an ordinance to be presented to the council at the next meeting declaring the surplus. According to the decree of the court, after allowing the credit of \$300 as matter of adjustment of payment held back from contractors, the rebate on each assessment will be 17.7984 per cent of the original assessment, which is to be computed on each individual assessment, there being over a hundred in all. The City Attorney says he expects to have wheels in his head by the time he has made all these computations, it but is necessary to carry the fraction out to that number of decimal places in order to arrive at the exact amount of each assessment, but since the next meeting of the council is some time ahead yet, he expects to have all the figures out and carefully checked over by that time.

Rest of Road Elections.

The following are the results of the Road District elections not reported in last week's Sentinel:

- District No. 1, Lakeside and North Slough, voted a tax of \$4,200.
- District No. 3, Larson Slough, voted a tax of \$915.
- District No. 14, Brewster Valley, voted a tax of \$6,195.04, to be exact about it.
- District No. 12, Fairview, voted against the proposed tax by a majority of one vote.
- District No. 18, Arago, voted down the proposed tax.
- District No. 24, Catching Creek, the meeting is reported as having been quite disorderly. Finally an adjournment was taken; but part of the voters would not have it that way and reorganized the meeting and voted \$1,000 special tax.
- District No. 25, Hall's creek, voted a special tax of \$1083.
- District No. 28, Bridge, voted a special tax of \$6,000.
- District No. 28, at Powers, voted against the proposed tax.

Thrift Stamps Arrived Monday.

Promptly on time the thrift stamps and war saving stamps were received by the banks and postoffice here and went on sale the first of the week. An small amount as two bits can be loaned to the government under this plan. With one of these thrift stamps bought for a quarter the purchaser gets a sheet with spaces to stick that on and fifteen more. Having bought sixteen with a total investment of \$4, he can by paying 12 cents more get a "war savings" stamp, which draws interest and will be redeemed for \$5 on January 1, 1923—five years hence.

The Myrtle Point news will be found on page 9 this week.

Registrants Look Out.

Assessor Beyers, secretary of the Coos County Registration Board for war service, is in receipt of the following urgent request from the Adjutant General of Oregon:

"It is desired that you cause the broadest and most extensive and continuous possible publicity to be given through your newspapers, and by all other possible means of warning to all registrants who may have changed their places of abode and post office address to communicate immediately with their Local Board and to furnish their present addresses so that the Questionnaire will reach such registrant without delay. Registrants are bound by law to keep themselves advised of all proceedings in respect to them and failure to do so may result in their losing right to claim exemption or discharge. Please request your newspapers to give this warning broad and continuous publication from this time until the process of mailing questionnaires has been accomplished."

Schulz Sells the Enterprise.

There was filed in the County clerk's office this morning a bill of sale from C. Milton Schulz to W. R. Smith conveying all the Myrtle Point Enterprise property, reserving only one typewriter. Mr. Schulz contracts not to engage in the newspaper business in Myrtle Point for the period of five years without the consent of Mr. Smith. This relieves the people of Myrtle Point of their pro-German newspaper and its editor and is a consummation of which they have devoutly wished and have been long laboring. The Sentinel heartily welcomes Mr. Smith to Coos county. We understand that he proposes to change the name of the Enterprise to the Southern Coos American, and thus do all in his power to rid the paper of the flavor of disloyalty associated with the former name.

Killed on Western Front.

C. E. McCurdy has just received news of the death of his brother, Grant McCurdy, in the trenches on the western front. He was shot while carrying rations in the night to the men on the firing line and survived only from Friday until Monday. He was 25 years of age and went from Halifax in a Canadian regiment, and was engaged in the battle of Vimy Ridge. Monroe Lunday, a nephew of Mr. McCurdy, was wounded in that battle so seriously that he was sent back for hospital treatment. He received a medal for "conspicuous bravery," and is now back in the trenches.

Attorney General George M. Brown, who was formerly district attorney in this judicial district made the address at the Elks' Memorial services at Marshfield Sunday.

Call on us for Stationery.

About Food Conservation.

The report cards for the past week show a marked improvement over the previous week. An average of 9 wheatless meals, 17 meatless meals and 20.5 wasteless meals is an encouraging report.

The present week is the last for sending in final report cards, whether for one week or for the past five weeks, kindly fill them out and send them either to Mr. J. W. Noblet at the High School or to Judge Watson at the Court House in order that a final tabulated report may be made. These cards should be sent in not later than Tuesday night, December 11th. Persons unable to send their cards to the school or court house, if they will telephone to the member of the committee who issued them they will be collected. It is earnestly requested that this final report meet with a whole-hearted and conscientious response.

Springfield Rifles Received.

The war is being brought home to us in new ways almost every week. Last Monday Sheriff Gage received from the War Department a consignment of 120 stand of Springfield rifles, which are sent to arm the Home Guard of Coos county. They are now stored at the court house which thus becomes something of an arsenal.

BRIDGE TWO YEARS HENCE

This year the county will pay \$5,900 for the maintenance of the ferry between Marshfield and Eastside. The amount appropriated for running this ferry in the 1918 budget is \$5,000. It is not thought it will be possible to keep the present county boat, the Transit, running for more than a couple of years and that then a new boat will be needed to replace it. This situation brings the bridge question there to the front again. When that is talked of the Eastside people are unwilling to consider anything except a bridge directly across the bay which will cost in the neighborhood of half a million dollars and which will put another drawbridge in the way of shipping to and from the Smith mill. On the other hand if the Eastside people can be satisfied to come south as far as Isthmus Slough which will increase the distance they have to travel from half to three quarters of a mile at each end of the bridge the county will find it cheaper to construct a bridge than to run a ferry. To say nothing about the cost of a new ferry boat the amount it is now costing to run the ferry would pay six per cent interest on a \$100,000 bridge, and it said one can be built to cross Isthmus Inlet just south of the old Pulp mill for \$50,000. It doesn't take long to run three miles by auto or truck and the Eastside people are not yet numerous enough, nor do they furnish business enough to warrant the building of a bridge nearly a mile long across the path of Coos Bay's principal sea carries. The time may come in the future when such a bridge will be needed and can be built, but that is a long look ahead. But we believe the County court is expecting to take steps to build the less expensive bridge as soon as the Transit is put out of commission.

Simpson the Coos Manager.

L. J. Simpson has been appointed manager for Coos and Curry counties for the Christmas Membership Drive of the American Red Cross which is to start Dec. 17 and end at midnight Christmas. Coos and Curry's quota is 7,500 members and as the enthusiasm and patriotism of the past has not been found wanting, it is not anticipated that any difficulty will be experienced when this action is asked again to do its share. Indeed when Coquille was asked for \$2,500 last May, she promptly doubled the amount, making it \$5,000. Every man, woman and child will be given an opportunity to be a member of an order which is exclusively for the purpose of relieving the sufferings of mankind.

Raise Their Own Sugar.

Rev. G. LeRoy Hall was a caller at this office last Saturday on returning from a trip to Bradburn. He reports that Tice Wagner, a rancher there, has about sixty gallons of sorghum which he raised on a small patch of ground. The sorghum will greatly reduce the amount of sugar needed to supply the family during the season. The yield was very large and many ranchers in that section are planning to raise it next season.

THE WATER FRONT

That and Bridge and Street Matters Considered by the City Council.

The deal for the 150 feet of waterfront that the county desires to purchase has been held up temporarily by the request of the county for a right of way south of the railroad for a road leading from the east end of the proposed warehouse. As the county's property narrows down to 36 feet at the eastern end of the strip between the railroad and where the river bank breaks, a right of way for a switch and wagon roadway, requiring 28 to 30 feet, would leave nothing of value at the eastern end of the tract. With so much required for roadways the council thought the county had better purchase the entire waterfront.

The resignation of J. S. Sawyer, because he did not have the time to devote to requests for information while at work for the county, was accepted by the council, although they have two improvements in view now which require the services of a city engineer. C. W. Gardner reported that the work of relining the reservoir on the hill with concrete was being pushed as rapidly as possible.

He also submitted as his opinion that the bridge at the intersection of Hall and Front streets should be closed before an accident occurred with its resulting suit for damages.

The other member of the street committee present, Mr. Barrow, was of the opinion that the bridge might be braced up to last until summer; when a new one would have to be built. He reported Ed Ellingsen as saying that it would take 40 foot piling to reach a firm foundation.

Considerable time was spent in discussing what was the best thing to do for all concerned. The conclusion was that the bridge should be closed, that a connection should be made between the county road south of the New Hall street bridge and Front street alongside of Shore's pool hall by planking the old railroad right of way; and that plans and specifications should be immediately prepared for the improvement of Hall street from the south side of Second to the south side of Front and from the end of the paving on Front to the east side of Hall street.

The street committee was authorized to have the old railroad grade planked and to have an engineer prepare the estimates for the probable cost of the improvement.

The old bridge has been an eyesore for 10, these many years, and is now slowly sinking. It is dangerous for any heavy traffic.

To protect the city's interests a warrant was ordered drawn for \$50 payable to the city attorney, who will attend the county's tax sale Saturday to bid in lot 13, block 59 of Elliott's Addition on which the city has a lien of \$29. The lot is assessed to Bert Folsom.

Form Home Guard Company.

A temporary organization for a Home Guard club was organized at the Ko-Keel rooms last Sunday evening by the election of Geo. Falconer as chairman and J. W. Noblet as secretary. This new organization is to be a consolidation of the Coosonians and the Military Reserves and such new members as may be willing to join.

Another meeting was held last night at which a committee was instructed to make arrangements for the upper floor of Hazlet Hall for drill purposes.

It was also decided to hold a dance in the near future for the purpose of raising a fund to keep the boys who have gone from here in tobacco.

The secretary was instructed to keep an honor roll of every man who has gone from Coquille, his age, branch of service, departure, etc., as a matter of future historical interest. Anyone who can supply information concerning any of those who have enlisted will confer a favor by notifying Mr. Noblet, the secretary.

Registers One More Wedding.

Justice Stanley tied another matrimonial knot good and tight on Wednesday, when he performed the ceremony that made Gordon Eldon Langlois and Bertha Irene Baughn husband and wife. They went over to the Bay for a wedding trip before settling down in a home of their own. The groom's parents reside in Curry county but he is employed at Bendon.