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## COUNTY MATTERS

### Many Items of Business Transacted by the Court at Its December Meeting.

L. A. Lijeqvist was authorized by the County court to appear in the U. S. court at Portland to represent the county in the tax cases to which it is a party.

An order was made authorizing the planking of the Coos Bay Wagon Road for 24 rods from the Brewster Creamery to the fork of the road at Brumert creek.

E. P. S. Abernathy, of Dora, was authorized to cut 20,000 feet of lumber at \$10 a thousand to be used partly on the road project and partly in building a bridge on the Nori Fork.

Lydia McClay, a pensioner on the rolls of Coos county, wrote from California to request the discontinuance of her widow's pension as she had removed from the state and was no longer entitled to it.

An order was made on the 8th repealing all existing contracts with the Grant Smith Co. This includes the road work on the Coast Highway north of the Bay, on the Coquille-Myrtle Point road and on the Marshfield road between Millington and Coal Bank Slough.

Thomas Vlgars was allowed to redeem some lots at North Bend on the payment of \$59.36.

W. G. Shelton was allowed to redeem real estate on the payment of \$2.16 and Margaret Wade on the payment of \$25.16.

The county's allowance for the Boys and Girls' Aid Society at Portland was increased from \$10 a month to \$15 a month, the reason for the addition being the high cost of living.

The allowance of Emily Burns, an Indian woman at Empire, from the indigent fund was increased from \$7.50 to \$10 a month.

Helen Maskey, a Bandon widow, with three children under sixteen, was allowed \$25 from the indigent fund pending action upon her application for a widow's pension.

Theresa Sherman, of Myrtle Point, was allowed \$25 from the indigent fund.

Joseph Hauser recently discharged from the county jail was allowed \$39 for his family for 26 days' work he had done on the county road in November.

Lilly Perry, of Myrtle Point, was awarded a widow's pension of \$25 per month.

The plan outlined in Roadmaster Murdock's report published in the Sentinel last week for dividing the county into two districts, each to be in charge of one of the county commissioners, was adopted by the court.

Under this plan the county is cut by a line which cuts the East Fork of the Coquille road at Minard Mill, the Lee road immediately north of the Fox bridge, the Coquille-Myrtle Point road at the Norway schoolhouse, then follows the center line of the Coquille river to its intersection with the southern line of Township 27, and cuts the Seven Devils road at the north line of the new district No. 2.

This divides the county into two districts with nearly equal mileage, that north of the Coquille river here being in charge of Commissioner Phillip, while all south of the east fork and of the main stream from Norway to Beaver slough and beyond on both sides of the river below that place will be Commissioner Armstrong's bailiwick.

It was also proposed and probably will be decided to purchase a car for each of the commissioners so that they can get over the roads and attend to their maintenance in the least possible time. In that case all mileage allowances will cease. At the north end of the county where the rivers and inlets serve for roads it will be necessary to rent a gasoline boat for Commissioner Phillip's use.

The road supervisors for the various districts are cut out by the new road law enacted this year; and the matter of foremen for the various jobs will be left to the judgment of the commissioners. Wherever they advise, the court will appoint one.

The Roadmaster will thus be freed from the details of maintenance work and will be enabled to devote his attention to the road bond work and the new district projects to be undertaken with the money voted last month.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.00.

### Another Prize for Coos.

Just before the opening of the Western Oregon Corn Show at Eugene last week, J. L. Smith, our county agent, sent some of the exhibits of the Coquille Corn Show up there at the request of the managers. When the prizes came to be awarded, one ear of the Silver Mine white dent, by L. B. Jennings, of this county, took the first prize.

Mr. Smith says that while up there listening to the remarks of those looking over the exhibits he frequently heard expressions of incredulity by those who didn't believe any such corn as we exhibited was ever grown in Coos county. The fact that Coos is a prize winner whenever she exhibits and that she has twice carried off the sweepstakes at the state fair, doesn't appear to have soaked in.

The attendance at this "Western Oregon" Corn Show at Eugene and the Marion county show at Salem, Mr. Smith says, didn't compare with that at the Coos county show at Coquille, where Prof. Hyslop said the audience was the largest he ever addressed.

## LICENSE CASE NEXT WEEK

The case of Ogren & Ogren against the city of Coquille was up in the Circuit court here Tuesday afternoon when Judge Coke came over and held a special session to hear it. This case is one in which the plaintiffs seek to enjoin the city from putting in force in their case the recently enacted ordinance to apply a \$100 license tax to transient traders.

The tax is being fought on the ground that the title of the ordinance is misleading, in that the expression "transient traders," which occurs there does not reappear in the body of the instrument. Another claim is that it does not apply to the plaintiffs because they had engaged in business here before its enactment. They had, it appears, rented a place of business, and bought a stock of goods, but had not received their stock or sold any goods prior to the enactment of the ordinance.

The third objection is that the ordinance is discriminatory in that it subjects some people in business to a special tax which does not apply to others.

The attorneys were given until Saturday to file written briefs in this case, after which Judge Coke will take it up and render an early decision.

The city is represented in this case by City Attorney J. J. Stanley and the plaintiffs by W. U. Douglas, of Marshfield.

### They Voted \$35,000.

The total of money voted in this county last month by 13 road districts for special road taxes was \$35,690, as follows:

No. 1—Lakeside .....	\$4,200
No. 2—Haynes Slough .....	1,000
No. 3—Larson Slough .....	813
No. 4—Kentuck Slough .....	900
No. 7—Willanch Slough .....	450
No. 8—South Slough .....	5,896.65
No. 13—McKinley .....	3,305.58
No. 14—Brewster Valley .....	6,195.04
No. 16—Lee .....	1,347.63
No. 24—Catching Creek .....	1,000
No. 25—Hall Creek .....	1,083
No. 27—Bridge .....	6,000
Total .....	\$35,690.90

### Four-Minute Talk Every Night.

Hon. C. R. Barrow, who has charge of the four-minute men campaign in Coquille, now has 19 men on his list of speakers and has arranged to have one of them speak at the Scenic every evening when there is a show. The following is the list of those who will make four-minute talks next week:

Monday, Dec. 24th—Dr. James Richmond; Tuesday, Dec. 25th—Mr. H. O. Anderson; Wednesday, Dec. 26th—Mr. M. O. Hawkins; Thursday, Dec. 27th—Mr. S. D. Pulford; Friday, Dec. 28th—Mr. J. J. Stanley; Saturday, Dec. 29th—Mr. C. R. Barrow.

### Defective Mail Service.

Mail service as well as telegraphic is getting very unreliable these war times. An important business letter from Portland plainly postmarked "Dec. 12" did not reach here until the evening of the 18, and was entirely too late for the purpose intended. Another letter mailed for the Sentinel at Myrtle Point at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening did not reach us until late Wednesday afternoon because the carrier did not take the mail from the post-office Wednesday morning.

## OUR CHRISTMAS KERN ENGINEER

### Here's the Program For the "Community" Celebration Here Monday Evening.

All church bells will ring for five minutes before the opening of the street program at 7:30.

Unveiling of Tree—7:30.  
Band Plays—7:30 to 7:40.  
Open air singing—7:40 to 7:50.  
Disperse to Masonic Hall—7:50.

The following is the program for the exercises at the Hall which will begin at 8 o'clock sharp:

Chorus—a. "Joy to the World." b. "Silent Night." Accompanied by the Orchestra.

Invocation—Rev. F. G. Jennings.  
Glee Club—a. "Schubert's Serenade." b. "Bird Song."

Episcopal Sunday School—Duet by Adrienne Hazard and Delia Sherwood.

Methodist Sunday School—Song, "Little Sunbeams," Primary Department.

Christian Sunday School—Reading, "In Herod's Garden," Doris Tyrrell.

Christian Science Church—Recitation, "Princesses," Alice Collier.

Adventist Church—Vocal Solo, "The Heavenly Song," Mrs. A. W. Jones.

Presbyterian Sunday School—Piano Solo, "Mazurka"—Godard by Camille Lorens.

First Grade in Public Schools—a. Song by class, "Luther's Cradle Song." b. Recitation, "Deposed," Clarence Barton.

Christmas Carol—Mary Esther Johnson and Helen Lyons. b. Chorus—"Old Santa Claus," Girls of the Fourth and Fifth grades.

Catholic Church—Vocal Solo, "O Holy Night,"—Adames by Mrs. Lee Cary. With Violin Obligato, Betina Brunwald.

Song and Pantomime—"Silent Night," Sixth Grade.

Speech—Mr. J. E. Norton.

Offering for Starring Armenian children. Music by Orchestra.

Santa Claus. Every child present will be presented with a bag of candy.

Song—"America," by Chorus; band orchestra accompanying.

Benediction—Rev. Whiddon.

### Double Crossing Coos?

The Sentinel is awaiting fuller information; but from what Commissioner Armstrong and Roadmaster Murdock have to say about State Highway Commissioner Benson's position on the Coquille-Marshfield road improvement, it looks as if he were trying to double cross Coos county and prevent the expenditure for hard-surfacing that road provided for in the law under which the \$5,000,000 state road bond fund was voted. Benson is quoted as proposing to have the state macadamize that road and later go 50-50 with the county in hard surfacing. We had never before seen anything to indicate that Commissioner Benson was a bunco artist and will not put him in that class until we are forced to.

### Loyal Legion Organizes.

Captain W. A. Arnold, of the Signal Corps, was in town Monday for the purpose of signing up the employees of the Johnson Mill for the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen. Every man on the job including the office force was enrolled—about forty-five. Each one of them now wears the 4L button picturing an aeroplane, a ship at sea and a forest. These will later be replaced with bronze buttons. The Loyal Legion of each mill is a separate organization and that at the Johnson mill will meet tomorrow evening at the W. O. W. hall to perfect a permanent organization and elect officers. It will be conducted as any other lodge with secret work.

### In Thirty-Three Additions.

At the Sheriff's office yesterday we found them busy at work preparing a tax statement for a well known Marshfield man, who holds the title to 33 lots in platted subdivisions in Coos county besides more or less acreage. His yearly tax bill is about \$5,000 and his taxes on these properties run from one to five years.

### Be Careful With the Candle.

Fire Chief Anderson sounds a timely warning that great care should be observed in placing a candle back of the Red Cross service stand on Christmas eve, so that no lace curtains nor inflammable material may be blown into the flame and start a fire.

## KERN ENGINEER

### Appointed for City Monday Evening—Taking Over Library—First Street Case.

A resolution and petition was presented to the city council Monday evening by the Coquille Library Association asking the city to take over the management and all assets of that body. The latter include the books and supplies in the library and the real estate owned by them on Second street just east of the Methodist church.

When the state librarian was down here a few weeks ago she said that this policy was being pursued by library associations all over the state and recommended that it be done here.

In order to investigate what the expense to the city would likely be and whether it might be conducted by the same directors and librarian as have been handling the affairs for the past several years, the matter was referred to the finance committee who will report at the next meeting.

An ordinance to wind up the litigation in the famous First street case had been prepared by City Attorney Stanley and after its reading was adopted by the council. In order to comply with the court's decree and after splitting the \$400 left for aldermanic adjustment by the court, the contractors and the property owners, the amount of rebate on the amounts paid or bonded was figured at 17.75 per cent off of the original assessment, and those who paid cash at the time will receive their refund in cash and those who bonded will have to pay interest from Dec. 8, 1913.

In order to start the street improvements which the council has decided upon—Beach street from First to the Beach street bridge and Hall street from Second to Front—a city engineer is required and Mayor Johnson filled the vacancy by appointing E. H. Kern. Mr. Kern was sworn in Wednesday and will begin at once to prepare plans and specifications for these improvements. He was also named as building inspector.

The fire committee, the fire chief and the building inspector were instructed to examine conditions as to fire risk and safety at the Seenic theatre as well as all other public buildings in town.

There has been considerable remodeling and alterations of frame buildings within the fire limits of late without the approval of city officials and the council proposes to see that the practice is stopped. The ordinances require the permission of the building inspector for even the laying of a new floor or the setting in of a window in a building and hereafter the ordinance will have to be obeyed or some one will suffer.

C. R. Barrow stated to his colleagues that he had been endeavoring for ten years to get the county road past his property properly lighted and was now making another effort, but was not insistent when he learned that the only way it could be done was by transferring the lamp from some other point. However, the light committee is to inspect the present arrangement to see if a better one can be devised.

### Send Out 100 Every Day.

Men of military age who are registered are wondering why they do not receive their questionnaires. These are being sent out by the board here at the rate of just 100 each day, in the order of the service numbers last announced. Those numbered from 1 to 100 got their papers first, as they were mailed out last Saturday. Those numbered in the 1900's will not be sent out until the last day—Jan. 9.

Meanwhile those between 100 and 1900 will be getting them in their regular order. So have patience.

### Justices Must Make Transcripts.

At its recent session the County court issued an order that no more Justices Court fees should be allowed or paid until the Justices have filed transcripts of the proceedings in criminal cases. The law requires the filing of such transcripts within twenty days, but its observance has been lax. The holding up of a few bills is a drastic means to compel observance of this law; but there is no reason to doubt that it will prove effectual.

### Less Than Half as Much.

A Wednesday's Washington dispatch says that a sugar ration of three pounds for each person a month, a porkless day and one wheatless and meatless meal a day will be recommended to householders in the new kitchen card soon to be put out by the food administration. Observance of wheatless and meatless meals will be asked in addition to the wheatless and meatless days called for now. The normal consumption of sugar in the United States has been more than seven pounds a month for each person.

### Coquille Boys in France.

Mrs. J. H. Oerding received a card last evening stating that the boys from here who enlisted in the engineer corps had arrived safely in France. This includes Corporals Harry Oerding and Curley Larson, J. P. Michels, Matt Kerrigan, Claud McKenzie, and Earl Noeler, who is in the Third Oregon band. The card was written in France but was being held in New York and was forwarded on receipt of a cablegram that the transports had arrived safely. It is a great relief to the relatives and friends of these young men to know that they escaped the Hun's U-boats.

### Was Ideal Winter Day.

For a winter day yesterday was hard to beat. We've seen lots of May days in the East that couldn't hold a candle to it. With bright sunshine, calm, warm and green as a late spring day ought to be, we had no suggestions to make as to its possible improvement—except that there was not enough of it. In fact it was the shortest day in the year.

## LIBERTY LOAN BONDS HERE

The converted four Liberty Loan bonds of the first issue arrived here last night and Mr. Sanford was distributing them this morning. They are very artistically executed, the \$50 ones ornamented by a vignette of Jefferson and the \$100 by Jackson's portrait. If Hughes had been elected Teddy might have loomed up in one of these places. The official title of these bonds is "Four per cent convertible gold bond of 1932-47." The two dates mean that the bonds will be due in 1947 (and oddly enough that will be when one Coquille owner of these bonds is exactly one hundred years old); the 1932 means that on and after that year the government may pay these bonds whenever it pleases.

The new bonds carry only five coupons, one for Dec. 15, 1917 and one each June 15 and Dec. 15 1918 and 1919. The first one, it will be seen is already ripe for the scissors and those of us who are fortunate enough to own one of these bonds can know how it feels to clip coupons—an experience some of us have never before enjoyed. The interest now due on a \$100 bond is \$1.79, being reckoned at 3 1/2 per cent from June 15th to November 15th and at 4 per cent for one month to Dec. 15, 1917.

These bonds will be exchanged some time during the next two years for new ones carrying coupons, two a year, for all the years from 1920 to 1947.

### North Bend Negro in Jail.

Constable R. N. Emery yesterday brought W. Randolph, a North Bend negro, over here and placed him in jail to await the action of the February grand jury. Randolph keeps the Elk rooming house at North Bend and is charged with inciting a woman to commit an immoral act. Mrs. Upton, of the Louise Home at Portland played detective and secured the information that led to his arrest for something he had been before suspected of. Attorney Hammond defended Randolph and claimed he could not be held for an act not committed but only suggested; but Justice Schuster ordered him committed without fixing the amount of his bail.

### Disreputable Journalism.

By garbling what the Sentinel said last week about the Kinney tax case the Marshfield Record tries to make it appear that this paper favors what it most distinctly opposes—the discounting of those taxes by the County court. That is dirty journalism and the Record man knew it when he did it and wanted to do a dirty trick and misrepresent the Sentinel to help out the capitalists who have got their fingers burned in that deal.

### Every Child Should Get One.

It would be an excellent thing if every child in Coquille got at least one thrift stamp as a Christmas present. Everyone of them should be encouraged to save money to help our government win the war. And the habit of saving once formed by investing in thrift stamps and war savings certificates will be a wonderful asset all through the child's life.

### Wire Slow as the Mails.

Telegraph service in this state is getting pretty "rotten." On Thursday night of last week J. L. Smith filed a message for the Sentinel at Salem, expecting it would reach here in time for publication in Friday's paper. As a matter of fact that message was delivered here on Saturday morning, with the date changed to Dec. 14. A letter would have reached here a good deal sooner. Just whose fault it was and where this message was held for over 26 hours we haven't yet learned.

## AT LEAST \$1,200

### The Red Cross Membership Campaign a Big Success Here as Usual.

Everyone of the twelve local Red Cross committees has put in a good week's work on the Christmas Membership Drive and the results promise to be gratifying though not up to L. J. Simpson's request for a membership application from every man, woman and child in Coos and Curry counties.

Last evening Mr. Norton telephoned to Mr. Simpson the totals secured by the committees which had already reported, as 730, but that figure does not take into account many districts whose known subscriptions exceeds that reported and it is confidently expected that the Coquille district will show up with 1200 members if not more.

For the most part the workers found everyone willing and ready to contribute their dollar to the cause, but there have been exceptions. With only two excuses for non-support of the Red Cross acceptable—financial inability and pro-Germanism—those who do not come under the former classification must be reported to the federal authorities as being German sympathizers. And there are a very few instances where old soldiers, drawing pensions, have insulted the Red Cross workers when solicited. The cutting off of their government aid will likely be the next move.

In contrast to the action of these ungratefals is that of numerous small children who have voluntarily brought their dollar to some worker and gone away happy and proud of the button they are wearing.

Local committees have been at work at Brewster Valley, Fairview, Lee, Gravel Ford, Fishtrap, Riverton, McKinley, Beaver Hill, the camps and at other points and each one has taken an active interest in soliciting memberships. We expect to give a detailed account of the final reports next week.

A dozen Red Cross workers went to Fairview by auto Monday evening to solicit memberships for the organization in that section. They met with a liberal response and a local committee was appointed to continue the work, consisting of Mrs. L. E. Teters, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Russell Sage and Mrs. J. D. Benham. Several fine talks were made, that by Frank Burkholder, who offered to sacrifice his religion if necessary in order to condemn the Germans, being among the best.

Another committee went to Fishtrap Monday afternoon where they raised \$81 and this has been increased to over \$100 by the local Fishtrap workers since that time.

It is hoped everyone will remember the lighted candle behind the Red Cross emblem on Christmas Eve between 7:30 and 9:30.

### Alarm of Fire This Morning.

A big crowd was called out at 11 o'clock this morning by an alarm of fire. Fire Chief Anderson commanded a couple of passing cars, but the tow they gave on the streets paved the full width had to be re-arranged when the planking was reached just east of the court house. The fire was confined to the burning out of a chimney at the Clyde A. Gage residence on East Second street and no damage was done.

### Send the Sentinel to others Outside