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THE CITY LOSES

Judge Coke Decides that New License Ordinance Here is Invalid.

The following is the full text of Judge Coke's decision in the case of the City of Coquille and Ellen Ogren, inventors of the city's new license ordinance.

The object of this ordinance was to prevent the threatened process of Ogren, one of the plaintiffs, from alleged violation of Section 154.

It was stipulated that on November 21, 1917, plaintiffs Ogren and Ellen Ogren, inventors of the city's new license ordinance, began the sale of the ordinance numbered by the common council of the City of Coquille, Oregon, to which ordinance attached an emergency clause.

Section 2 of this ordinance reads as follows: "Hereafter, any person, firm, co-partnership, partnership or enterprise, the business of which is the sale of a retail merchant, shall be required to obtain a license within the limits of the Coos County, Oregon, before commencing business."

While "transient" is mentioned in the ordinance, it will be noted above that it includes all persons, firms, partnerships or enterprises who shall "commence" business.

The provisions of this ordinance apply only to persons, firms, partnerships or corporations who commence the business of retail merchants.

Section three of this ordinance requires the payment of five dollars as a license fee for each business establishment, where the value does not exceed one thousand dollars and an additional deposit or bond for one thousand dollars.

A retail merchant is defined as one who, prior to the date of the ordinance, has been engaged in the payment of the license penalties therein provided for and violates the terms of article 1 of the ordinance, which provides that no license shall be passed for any person or class of citizens who, under the terms, shall not enjoy the same rights and immunities as other citizens.

This section of the ordinance does not prohibit a license for any person or avocation, but it applies to all persons who are engaged in any particular business which is not licensed or taxed.

In the case of Doyle, which involved the Legislature of California, it was provided that "No stationery or books of any person or firm has not been established in the county, more, prior to the date of the ordinance, the state held said act void and void because it applied to all alike, 60 in the case of Lassen, where it said:

"A so-called license tax levied by a board of supervisors on all sheep pastured in the county, from which taxes who list their sheep and pay taxes on them, in said county, are exempted, held unconstitutional."—14 Pac. (Cal.), 100.

chants, the requirement should not be discriminatory but should apply to all of the particular class of business upon which it is imposed. It should not require a license fee only of those who engage in business "hereafter," but it should apply to all merchants who may be engaged in the same or similar lines of trade.

Having concluded that the ordinance is invalid, the court rendered judgment in favor of the plaintiffs.

15 PER CENT SHY

Many of the Men Are Not Sending in Their Questionnaires.

The Coquille court convened Wednesday.

JUDGE WILL WALK

While Commissioners Get Autos—County Business Goes on as Usual.

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Loretta Maud Kunkel, of North Bend, a widow with three children, was awarded a pension of \$25 a

OUR TAX FIGURES

Facts of Interest in Regard to Assessment and Taxation in Coos County.

Probably very few people in Coos County know how many districts have to be assessed for the 1917 taxes. The first place in the county is a levy of 3.2 mills, or 32.4 mills and it is worth of taxes and it is worth of taxes which is as

taxed, 3.3 mills in district; 4.1 Coos Bay district of Coquille is very little of the county—about almost \$20,000, three per cent—port districts. That makes four three port districts in the rest

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school districts, with special rates purposes, because they are part outside of dif-

number 34, and the lines of the school districts of them made. This largely rate rates in the two different

Assessor Selander are 190 different taxes in Coos with greater number to the increase districts this year. by the 2,448 practically each for a difference 56,029 town plus the 20,000 county, making a 78,000 different in to get some assessor's office that the tax rolls; collection department office has to do state tax receipts accounts for 90 separate tax

Fiddler. the county the which us the following combined and state, county taxes:

Mills	55.1
	56.3
	54.4
	57.9
	58.1
	49.2
	22.8
Dist. 69)	42.2
Dist. 72)	41.2

that Coquille has the lowest rate of either of the five principal cities of the county; but when we get that high school site question settled and come to build (as we soon must) it may be a different story.

Who Stepped on His Foot?

The registrants new sending in their answered questionnaires to the local war board here give a great many very curious reasons why they should not be considered available for military service. The fellow who has an "injured corn" will probably take the cake. Sheriff Gage says when that man comes up for examination he can give him something that will put the kibosh on that corn, however,

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of Section 131 you are authorized to put the delinquent registrant in Class V after receiving the report from the police authority and not report him to the Adjutant General as a delinquent if it appears to your complete satisfaction that he is actually in the service.

Notes 2 of Section 131 should be read and carefully observed in connection with this general subject.

Signed John Williams, Acting Adjutant General.

This evening Coquille Lodge No. 53, I. O. O. F. will hold its regular installation of officers. Next Wednesday evening the Rebekahs will hold their installation.

- 248—David Hjahmer Norman, Beaver Hill.
- 252—Joe. Kujju, Lakeside.
- 260—Geo. Wesley Carter, Eugene.
- 304—Andrew E. Hadjis, Mfld.
- 308—Rufus B. Howa, Mfld.
- 324—Archie A. Tension, Coquille.
- 323—John C. Noble.
- 344—Leslie Gebert Scott, Mfld.
- 350—Geo. Wm. Gilbertson, North Bend.
- 358—Antonio Lento, Beaver Hill.
- 393—Walter Scott Bryant, Myrtle Pt.
- 395—Geo. Huddle, North eBnd.

The valley across the river from here looked like a great lake again last Sunday but the waters had receded to the willow lands by New Year's.

Such depredations are becoming altogether too common by youthful criminals around town and it is time a few of them were hauled up before the recorder and a sufficient fine imposed to bring their action to the attention of their parents.

Another act which calls for condemnation was the smashing of the large light on the high dock the same evening it had been fixed up. Numerous acts of vandalism are constantly being reported and the perpetrators should be punished.

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