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WHY THE LIBRARY

Ample Reasons Why the City Should Take Over the Library.

Just before the close of the council session Monday evening, O. C. Sanford addressed the board expressing surprise at their action in refusing to take over the library and all the property of the association as they had been petitioned to do. He was unable, he said, to understand the reason for the opposition to the library which existed when he was a councilman and still appeared to crop out when any real benefit to the library was proposed.

He then went on to mention the advantages which Coquille would derive from owning and maintaining the library as a municipal function. One of these advantages would be the greatly increased number of books which would at all times be on hand for general use. These volumes would be from the state library and entail not one cent of added expense. The number he mentioned was 600 and they would be in the nature of a circulating library, passing from one town to another. Under private management this use of state books is not extended to the Coquille library in such numbers.

Another advantage would be the location of the county library here. Under the law the county library is located at the county seat, which is the distributing point for the county. Just how soon this would result in the erection of a building to house these books is not, of course, certain; but there is no question that each county will have one eventually—probably a Carnegie library.

Marshfield, which is wide awake to the possibilities, is moving along the lines suggested by the state librarian, and with the county seat unable to make any claims for recognition as provided by law, will be in a position to grab the plum.

Coquille has a good library, but it can be improved. Much of the success of this institution is due to the untiring efforts of the librarian, Mrs. T. M. Dimmick, and the association directors, and as a municipal institution these same officers could carry the work along to higher standards of usefulness.

Most cities the size of Coquille maintain a public library and are proud of the support they give it. This city donates \$15 a month, which barely pays expenses and leaves little for the purchase of books. Compared with the benefit to the whole citizenship of a well equipped library \$15 a month is trivial.

But it was not expected to increase the expenses under city management. The same officials, by appointment, would handle its affairs as now and the vast resources of the state library would be available for local use.

Marshfield, North Bend, Bandon and Myrtle Point each sees the light and Coquille alone will be left out of the county library unit.

Since the above was written and in justice to the finance committee we must add that a member of that committee informs us that they had no knowledge of the reasons for the proposed change to city ownership, as outlined by Mr. Sanford. They were not present at the meeting of the council and library association with Miss Marvin, state librarian, and had failed to read the report of the meeting as published in the Sentinel at that time. One member of the finance committee admits that Mr. Sanford's explanation puts a different light on the matter. Although the committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject there is nothing to prevent the council as a body taking the matter up again, notwithstanding the adverse report last Monday night.

We Take the Risk.

May be we shall be risking our reputation for veracity among our eastern readers by mentioning the incident, but the lawn mower was running on the parking in front of the Sentinel office yesterday afternoon for the second time in about a week and cutting a lush growth of grass that felt like velvet under our feet. So likewise at the court house Janitor Noleser was in the same line of business. You see the sun was shining brightly and it was a good time to make hay.

The War Meeting Tonight.

Three invalided Canadian officers, who went over the top at Vimy ridge and have taken part in much of the hardest fighting on the western front, as well as experienced all the hardships of life in the trenches, are going to speak at Hensley Hall here tonight. They are Major F. B. Edwards, Lieutenant Colonel McMillan and Captain E. J. Cook. These officers are making a tour of the northwest, but it was not expected that they would visit Coquille until the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen of the Sitka Spruce Mill here got busy and induced the State Council of Defense to send them down here. They will have stories of thrilling interest to tell, and they will also show how great the need that the United States and every one of its people shall do all they can to help win this war for free government among men. No admission is to be charged to this meeting and there will be no collection asked for.

And Allen Paid His Fine.

The facts the Sentinel published about Bert Allen's sales of booze in Pleasant Valley, are as they were given us by the sheriff's office, and can easily be verified. Mr. Allen's printed denial doesn't stand half as loud as his plea of guilty.

"PINE BURR" IS NEW TIPPLE

"Pine Burr" is the trade name of a lot of flavoring extracts that has attained a greater sale and wider notoriety than anything ever before sold in Coos county—that is the Jamaica Ginger preparation has. This is sold, like the rest of them, in four-ounce bottles which used to retail for 25 cents, but the war, or an unprecedented demand, has sprung that price until the stuff now retails for a dollar a bottle. To make it worth that it must be sold with a gallon or a bucket of sweet cider. Then the eight per cent of alcohol it contains, combined with the ginger gives it a punch that a hardy man seems to appreciate; especially when it is mixed with fermenting cider. Indeed some men are made crazy drunk by it.

We were shown a bottle of this extract carefully tucked away in a burglar proof safe at the sheriff's office the other day. It is said to furnish the principle tipples available at Powers now; and the demand for it at the trebled price is so great that one dealer is importing about half a carload of it at a time.

Nothing would make drunk come much quicker and the effects of the stuff were so marked that a sample was secured by the sheriff and analyzed and the whole matter referred to the grand jury at its December session. For some reason that body failed to find a true bill and so there is a big leak in our prohibition law where flavoring extracts are concerned.

Another leak recently developed in the home brewing of an excellent quality of beer, under a formula which uses more hops and malt extract than the breweries do and makes a less injurious brew than the saloons used to handle.

Questionnaires All Out.

The last of the questionnaires were sent out Wednesday by the local board and within a week the answers should all be in and the lawyers free to attend to other and more remunerative work. They have all of them done a splendid patriotic service in aiding the men of military age to answer those long lists of questions, and that without a cent of compensation.

Home Guard Gets Guns.

Sheriff Gage yesterday turned over 20 of the rifles he had been holding to the Coquille Home Guard and they were immediately placed in the mayor's office at the city hall which will be used as an arsenal by the company. The sheriff said he would put in a requisition for more if needed and with a company of 40 they will be required.

Thanks to Honor Guard.

The local board here which has been pretty nearly snowed under in examining and classifying the information furnished in the questionnaires of the men liable to military duty, asks us to express their appreciation of and thanks for the voluntary assistance rendered them by the girls of the Honor Guard here.

OFFER \$232,000 IN COUNTY COURT

Bill To Pay That Amount For the Southern Oregon's Grant Lands.

The Southern Oregon case may be settled without further litigation. This involves the old Coos Bay wagon road land grant between Marshfield and Roseburg, and incidentally about \$300,000 in taxes now due on its 69,284 acres in this county. The grant stands in practically the same status as the O. & C. lands, title to which has been re-vested in the United States. That no other outcome would be possible in the wagon road grant case is now plainly evident. So Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill in the Senate which provides that the government shall pay the Southern Oregon company \$232,000 for its interest in these lands. The government will then proceed to pay the taxes, sell the timber and open the lands for settlement the same as in the case of the O. & C. railroad lands.

The cruise of these lands made by Dennis McCarthy four years ago shows the following results:

Suitable for agricultural purposes, after clearing of the timber and brush, 33,870 acres.
Suitable for grazing, after the timber is removed, 31,854 acres.
More or less rocky, 4,160 acres.

Some of these lands are immediately adjacent to this city on the hills that rise to the east of us.

The following additional details of the Chamberlain bill were given in yesterday's press dispatches:

The plan for handling the lands upon re-vestment of title follows the lines of the act disposing of the Oregon & California grant lands. Proceeds would be divided between schools, roads, ports, reclamation and the general treasury as provided in that act, and classification would be made in the same way. Appropriation is provided for paying the company all taxes accrued at date of delivery of deed and for \$50,000 additional for classification.

Preference right is granted for agricultural land for a tract not over 150 acres, where leases have run continuously for 10 years upon payment of \$2.50 per acre, with prior preference to actual settlers, living on lands since December 1, 1913.

\$86.75 Christmas Expenses.

The Commercial Club allowed the bills for the Community Christmas tree expenses and for the dinners furnished to needy families for their Christmas dinner at the regular meeting Wednesday evening. The amount paid for all expenses connected with the celebration was \$49.90. For the six baskets provided to bring holiday cheer to those who would not otherwise have had a Christmas dinner \$36.75 was paid.

The list of organizations which have so far donated to the expenses is as follows:

- Masons, \$5.00; Eastern Star, \$5.00; Odd Fellows, \$5.00; Modern Woodmen, \$5.00; Royal Neighbors, \$5.00; M. E. Church, \$5.00; Presbyterian church, \$3.00; Christian church, \$1.80; Catholic church, \$5.00; Christian church, \$6.17; Total, \$40.97.

There are two or three organizations which have not yet donated and the Commercial club will make up the deficiency. It was worth all it cost.

Skipworth Is Coming.

Special Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist, who is serving Coos county in the collection of delinquent taxes, has received assurance from Judge G. F. Skipworth, of Eugene, that the judge will come to Coos county during January and sign the order for sale of the Kinney properties. Following the signing, there is likely to be some delay, for the federal court is yet to hear an argument on an injunction to prevent the sale. If the federal court decides in favor of the county the property will then go to sheriff's sale.

Boat House Battle.

J. S. Friel was brought over here from Marshfield Tuesday by Constable Cox and placed in jail. He had been bound over to the grand jury on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and was unable to secure the \$400 bail required. He made a fierce attack on W. Huddleston, his partner in a boat house home, and was trying to reach a shooting iron when neighbors interfered.

ROAD PATROLMEN SELECTED—COURT WILL GO TO PORTLAND ON THE 20TH.

The January meeting of the County court continued until Tuesday evening when an adjournment was taken. The following is a report of the business done after our issue last Friday:

No action was taken in regard to toll charges on the county ferries, and so much opposition has developed to that proposition that it is entirely uncertain whether it will be adopted or not.

The court on petition ordered an election to be held in Enchanted Precinct, No. 57, at Bridge, on Saturday, February 9, to vote on the question of permitting stock to run at large.

An order was made awarding the printing the court proceedings and the delinquent tax list for the current year to the Marshfield Record and Coos Bay Times, which were the only papers that submitted their subscription lists along with their bids.

The court adopted the resolution petitioned for by the Goods Roads Association, asking for a concrete roadway, 16 feet wide, with an asphalt covering, between Marshfield and Myrtle Point by way of Coquille. Judge Watson and Commissioners Armstrong and Philip are going to Portland to present this resolution to the State Highway commission and urge its adoption on January 21.

The court visited the county farm the first of the week and found everything in excellent condition under the able management of Superintendent Landreth. The cows there are showing the highest butterfat test in the association; and the farm is well supplied with hay and carrots for winter feed, two or three acres of the latter having been grown.

Joseph Hauser was allowed \$25.50 for 17 days work on the road for the support of his family, while he was doing time for bootlegging.

Mrs. Brainard, of Bandon, who has been vibrating between the home of relatives in Bandon and the county infirmary, was given an allowance of \$7.50 a month from the indigent fund as she preferred to live at Bandon.

The monthly allowance of May Anita Runde, of Bandon, from the same fund was reduced to \$10.

Mrs. D. W. Ewing, of Bandon, was granted an allowance of \$10 a month.

Mrs. L. D. Kinney, of Marshfield, was given a raise from \$10 to \$15 a month in her allowance. Mrs. Kinney's husband is in the insane asylum at Salem, and the county is about to sell the properties he formerly owned at the Bay for about \$100,000 taxes, interest and penalties and costs, which have accrued during the past ten years.

W. E. Wellen, of Myrtle Point, was allowed \$37.50, the county's half of his claim of \$75 for three tuberculous cattle killed.

The claim of Schroeder Brothers, of Arago, for \$75 indemnities for the same reason was set for hearing at the February meeting of the court on the 6th prox.

Dean & Brown were given an extension of time from Jan. 2 to Feb. 2 for the completion of their Empire-South Slough road contract.

G. L. Gilbertson, of Marshfield, was denied the refund of taxes he petitioned for.

Sarah E. Chase was permitted to redeem Lot 8, block 33 in North Bend on payment of \$21.23 taxes and interest.

J. O. Perdue was allowed to redeem the S. W. quarter of the N. W. quarter and the N. W. quarter of the S. W. quarter, in section one of Tp. 30, South, Range 15 West, on payment of \$28.06.

D. A. Masters was allowed to clear up on Lots 13, 14, and 15, block 15 in Sunset City three miles below Bandon on payment of \$4.24 taxes and costs.

Ida Lawrence was allowed to redeem lots 10, 11 and 12, block 5 in Graves addition to Marshfield on payment of \$2.04.

In school district No. 39, in the Bandon section, its proportion of the general school fund and the total amount of special tax it could levy came \$105.10 short of the \$400 the law provides and the court appropriated the former sum to make up the deficiency, as it is required to do.

Commissioner Philip announced the

following appointments of patrolmen for the roads in his half of the county:

- Walter Rulle for Coquille district.
- Glenn Roselle for South Slough.
- Geo. Perkins for Marshfield.
- Fred Baker for Brewster Valley.
- William Wilkins for Lakeside.
- Commissioner Armstrong announced the following for his section:
- A. J. Counts for Bandon.
- Mr. Fahy for Seven Devils.
- Stephen Steward for Riverton.
- J. H. Radabaugh for Fishtrap.
- Richard Braden for Myrtle Point.
- W. P. Lear for Powers.
- E. P. Adams for Catching Creek.
- Wm. T. Brady for Gravel Ford.

May Build Branch Roads.

Now that the government has taken possession of the railroads we see it stated that branch roads are to be built where they may be seen to be necessary to secure aeroplane and shipbuilding material. There are large quantities of white cedar in the southeastern part of this county which are not readily accessible as present and it may be that a road will be built up the Middle Fork and Rock creek from Myrtle Point to tap that source of supply.

RANY IS HELD FOR ASSAULT

The first proceeding in the nature of a court trial to take place in Coos county's new jail occurred yesterday afternoon when Frank Rany had his preliminary examination before Justice Stanley for making an assault with intent to kill upon C. H. Carson. The accused was bound over to the grand jury in \$2000 bonds.

Rany says his home is at Tillamook. The assault of which he is accused on the 25th of last October, was at the bachelor home of Carson 16 miles beyond Powers, over Johnson Mountain.

Rany had been staying with Carson for three days in this isolated section, and on the third day Carson was shot in the elbow while out in his garden with a potato bucket in his left hand and a spade under his right arm. The shot came from behind and on one side and the bullet shattered the bone just below the elbow, making a bad wound.

There appears to be a slight uncertainty as to who did the shooting. Carson testifies it happened at four o'clock in the afternoon, while Rany says he left the place at 2 o'clock that afternoon.

Rany was arrested at Glendale the first of the week and is on crutches on account of a severe injury he had recently sustained by a log falling upon him while working in a logging camp there. He says he is only 17 years old.

What possible motive the young man could have had for wanting to kill Carson is a good deal of a mystery; but it may be cleared up when the case comes to trial, as it probably will at the February term of the Circuit court here. Indeed, sensational developments are hinted at.

Another Call for Warrants.

The Sentinel today contains another call for county warrants from Treasurer Dimmick, this time for all issued before Jan. 1, 1913. It will be noted that the interest on warrants under this call ceased on Jan. 8, having been figured in that way before Mr. Dimmick learned that the Sentinel had been made the official county paper for the publication of such notices, and then it was out of the question to go over all the computations and change the interest totals a few cents. The present call is the fifth made since the delinquent taxes on the Boutin tract were paid and these calls cover two months in 1913 and the whole of 1914, making fourteen months in all. This leaves the county exactly three years behind in the redemption of warrants; but other calls will be made in the near future as rapidly as the treasurer can compute the interest and do the necessary bookkeeping.

\$10 Gone Glimmering.

Two Myrtle Point boys who had a little too much got into a row at the Sanitary restaurant Saturday night and Officer Jackson told one of them to appear before Recorder Lawrence Monday morning. A friend put up \$10 bail for him but Monday the young man failed to show up and the ten was declared forfeited.

YES, PLANT THEM

Council Advises Use of Vacant Streets—Settling Up First Street Case.

All members of the council were present last Monday evening at the regular session.

A petition from Frank Burkholder requesting that he be permitted to cultivate the street in front of four lots in the bottoms where there is no traffic was not acted upon. The council has no authority to grant such permission and where it is done it is at the user's risk. However, the city officials were unanimous in the opinion that all such unused streets and all vacant lots should be cultivated this year.

The finance committee, to whom was referred the library association's proposition that the city assume entire ownership and control of the public library, reported that they did not see fit at this time to grant the petition. The principal objection made was that a municipal public library would not be conducted as economically as a privately managed public library.

J. W. Miller reported for the fire committee that they had examined the Seenic theatre and were convinced the suggested safeguards already accomplished made the building perfectly safe. In addition, Mr. Ellingsen, the owner, is planning to put in a fire escape for still greater protection.

The only report made by Mr. Manwell, for the street committee, was that the condemned sidewalks still threatened the life and safety of pedestrians. As to the walk between First and Second on the west side of Elliott, he understood from the city attorney that the previous aldermanic action was illegal and he introduced a resolution providing that the city engineer file plans and specifications for a wooden walk there, after which the council will order the improvement made.

The slide on Spurgeon street in front of P. E. Dyane's property where F. G. Leslie resides, is receiving attention from the street department and as soon as all danger from further slides is passed the hole will be filled.

The report of the city treasurer on delinquent improvement bond payments was ordered filed by the council without comment.

A bill for \$5.10 presented by a Commercial Club committee for the lights stolen from the community Christmas tree was allowed by the council in the shape of a donation to the Christmas fund.

On Councilman Mansell's suggestion that the city should maintain a telephone for the convenience of the public so that the marshal might be quickly called, Councilman Gardner was appointed to interview Supt. Gates, of the telephone company. It was the aldermanic view that under the provision of the company's franchise the city might request a free phone for the marshal.

In order to work out further details in the adjustment of the First street case, Councilmen Hawkins, Lorenz and Barrow were appointed to act with the city attorney and the city treasurer in determining whether the contractors were entitled to further compensation, under the court's ruling. The way it comes about is this: In round numbers the court held the contract price for the job was \$10,000. \$12,000 worth of warrants were issued of which say \$2,500 were later repudiated, legally so according to the court. But the \$2,500 deducted from the \$12,000 leaves only \$9,500 where the decision was that the contractors were entitled to \$10,000. This deficit of \$500 must be paid to the contractors or to the holders of one of the repudiated bonds.

Another point for settlement is whether the property owners on First street who bonded for the improvement or paid cash in full shall receive interest on the amount of the rebate which was recently allowed them and which amounted to about 17 per cent of the first assessment.

Ralph Walker was before Recorder Lawrence Monday morning for failure to observe the curfew ordinance Saturday evening. The judge gave him a good talking to and Ralph promised to be more careful hereafter. The curfew law has been considered a good deal of a joke but the officers intend to enforce it henceforth.