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WILL DISSECT IT

The Grand Jury Report Will Soon Be Put Under the Probe—Many Errors

The following telegram was received yesterday by Judge Watson from Mr. Wann, the certified public accountant, who has for several years past been employed to audit the county books:

San Francisco, Calif.,
April 17, 1919.

Judge James Watson,
Coquille, Oregon.

After my brief examination of the report of the Grand Jury, I find same to be incomplete, inaccurate and in my opinion prejudicial. I will in a published report substantiate this criticism upon my return. You may publish this message above my signature if desired.

W. H. Wann,
C. P. A.

In addition to this the Sentinel is informed that the report of the grand jury is grossly inaccurate in citing as valid law, sections of the code already repealed, and recommending suits against Commissioners Philip and Commissioner Armstrong on the basis of such defunct laws.

These facts and others of a sensational nature will be brought out in an extended criticism of the grand jury report now being prepared. Besides so amenable to criticism has the foreman of the grand jury made himself by his advice to an employe of the county, that it is possible his own case may be presented to the grand jury.

A Case in Juvenile Court

Elsie Z. Vetter, of Arago, whose mother died several years ago, was before the Juvenile Court yesterday. Her father is Godfrey F. Vetter. The mother, when she died, recommended that Elsie be left in the care of E. H. Scranton. The girl recently ran away and went to the residence of Samuel Brewer, of Myrtle Point. He went before the court and filed a complaint that she had been cruelly and inhumanly treated by her father and her step-mother—the latter having been a sister of her mother. In court yesterday a number of witnesses testified that Elsie had been cruelly treated by her step-mother. Judge Watson decided to take Elsie away from her parents and place her in the care of E. H. Scranton, of Johnson's Mill, in accordance with the request of her deceased mother.

W. H. Lyons Makes Assignment

The grocery store of W. H. Lyons was closed this morning, he having made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. He does not intend to try to resume business but expects the stock to be closed out as soon as possible. Just what he will do, Mr. Lyons is not prepared to state, but he says he has two or three things in view.

The people of Coquille will all feel sympathy for Will as he has been one of the town's most popular business men and they regret to see him quit.

Knows What He Is Doing

J. M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, was a Sentinel caller yesterday afternoon. We can say that we don't believe there is a man in Coos county who knows any better what the people of this county want, in the way of a train service than Mr. Scott does—and he has come about as near as possible to giving us what the people want. Railroads in this day and age are run to please the people as far as is practicable.

County Court Meets Tomorrow

The County Court will meet tomorrow to let the contract for painting a number of small county bridges advertised in this issue of the Sentinel. They will also take up the question of making an appropriation to advertise the Roosevelt Highway and act favorably upon it if the county attorney and attorney general advise that it is within their power to do so.

Coming April 25: Miss Anita Stewart in "Virtuous Wives"—from the famous story by Owen Johnson, in which society's definition of virtue and its opinion of marriage is pictured in contradiction to the meaning Daniel Webster gives.

Quotas for Victory Bonds

Coos county's quota for the Victory Liberty Loan is fixed at \$471,825 distributed among the various districts as follows:

Marshfield, \$221,050.
North Bend, \$97,470.
Coquille, \$54,908.
Bandon, 161,408.
Myrtle Point, \$43,450.
Powers, \$12,850.

For the Fourth Liberty Loan the quota of the Coquille district was \$80,500, so that we are asked to subscribe now scarcely more than two-thirds of what we did then. Leo J. Cary, who is the chairman for this district is very optimistic about the coming drive and has no question but what Coquille and the neighboring county will go over the top with a whoop. He says Secretary Hughes of the Sitka company informs him that the men at work in their mill here will come right forward and a full hundred per cent of them will subscribe.

Taking the country at large we have no doubt that this loan will be largely oversubscribed, but as the cut will be made entirely on subscriptions in excess of \$10,000, there will be few if any in this district who will not get all the bonds they subscribe for. It is not a long time investment on the new terms which make the bonds payable in four years, with the option reserved to pay in three, and at 4% percent interest, it is a mighty attractive one for any man who is looking for absolute security. Indeed, we doubt whether so high an interest rate has ever before been offered on as good security as this.

VICTORY LOAN EASY TERMS

We are indebted to L. H. Hazard of the First National Bank, for the following official figures in regard to the Victory Liberty Loan:

They are payable 10 per cent with the application.
10 per cent July 15.
20 per cent Aug. 12.
30 per cent Sept. 9.
20 per cent Oct. 7.
20 per cent and accrued interest on deferred installments Nov. 11. Don't forget the latter date which is decidedly apropos for a Victory Loan.

The bonds will be dated and bear interest from May 20, 1919, and the interest coupons will be payable June 15 and Dec. 15. They will mature May 20, 1923, and may be paid May 20, 1922, at the option of the government.

The interest will be at the rate of 4% per cent her annum and at this rate they will be free from all state and local taxes except estate and inheritance taxes. They will also be subject to the normal federal income tax, which now stands at 6 per cent on all incomes under \$4,000. So for those who have an income subject to the federal tax this would mean just about 30 cents tax on the \$4.75 interest received annually on a \$100 bond.

No oversubscriptions will be received beyond the \$4,500,000,000 called for, but there will be no cut on subscriptions up to \$10,000. All oversubscriptions will be deducted proportionately from subscriptions in excess of \$10,000. Its only big capitalists who will have their offerings scaled down.

Two Boys Go to Salem

Tuesday Probation Officer Hark Dunham took out two juvenile delinquents to the State Training School at Salem, Geo. Lemon and Clarence Robison, both from the Bay. Lemon was a paroled inmate of the School who after his release got hold of some liquor and a revolver and terrorized the family. The Robison case was under advisement by Judge Watson when we went to press last week, but as he was a persistent trunk, saucy and impudent and was likewise implicated in the recent taking of an auto at Eastside for a joy ride without the owner's consent he was sentenced to the State Training School.

The departure of these two boys leave Turnkey Ward without a boarder at his sky parlor and that establishment is now being thoroughly disinfected and ventilated in preparation for the next batch. Mr. Ward says the jail had only been vacant one day since he has been in charge prior to this week.

A young man or a young woman, who would like to learn the printing business can find an opportunity at the Sentinel office.

AT THE MILL HERE

Mr. Johnson Making Many Improvements—Can Cut 50,000 Feet a Day

A visit to the E. E. Johnson mill yesterday was a surprise to one who has not been down there for several months. New decking had been laid over another big section of the waterfront, new machinery had been installed and other improvements were in the making or contemplated. The yards were piled high with lumber and there was an activity and hustle around the plant that was especially gratifying to Coquille people who have for so many years counted this mill, or its predecessor, as vital to the city's welfare.

One section of the new dock is roofed, and under it are located two new machines, a resaw and a planer. Each of these is driven by a 75-horse motor; in fact all the new equipment is electrically driven, there being smaller motors for the filing room, conveyors, etc.

The resaw and planer increase the capacity of the plant 25 per cent, says Mr. Johnson, and no difficulty is now experienced in turning out 50,000 feet of lumber a day. It also enables the plant to take care of any and all local orders desired, something impossible heretofore.

A large grinding and sawing room, with the south side one-half glass is now being fitted up adjoining the mill proper, and here Fred McClellan will repair and keep in condition the tools and machinery.

Eventually it is Mr. Johnson's intention to have a dock over the whole river front, and possibly more machinery, but it will be added gradually as the business demands it.

At present there are about 45 men employed at the plant.

Everyone Can Buy Bonds

The ease with which subscribers for Victory loan bonds will be enabled to make payment is one of the features that make the investment especially attractive. Only one-tenth is payable with the application on or before May 10th and the next payment does not fall due until the middle of July. Thereafter installments are due in August, September and October. The date of the final installment is one that will live in all history—November 11th. Thus it transpires that the American people will pay the last installment of the war debt on the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice.

Will Be Work for All

With the state doing \$318,000 of road work in Coos county this year in addition to nearly as much more between Myrtle Point and Roseburg and the county carrying on all the projects we listed last week, it looks as if no one here would lack an opportunity for employment. Mr. Perham announces that home men with families will be given the preference on the state contract his company has secured—the paving of the Coquille-Marshfield road on which he has been doing the grading during the past three years.

U. of O. Girls' Glee Club

On April 24th the Girls Glee Club from the University of Oregon will give a concert at the Liberty Theatre. There are about twenty-three girls in the Club and the people of Coquille have been asked to entertain them for that night in their homes. A committee from the High School has been appointed to find places for the girls and thus far over half of them have been provided for. This is their first trip into Coos county and we hope that they will go back with a good impression of Coquille.

Coos Boys Returning

Among the Oregon soldiers of the 91st and 361st infantry who arrived at New York Wednesday on the Edward Luckenbach we note the following from this section: John Hauser, Marshfield; Herman Gardner, North Bend; Corporal Ellis D. Miller, Wedduburn; Sidney A. Wallace, Gold Beach; Leslie Ross, Bandon; and Fred N. Anderson, Myrtle Creek.

Looking backwards over the Sentinel books we find that our subscription receipts for the entire month of May, 1914, were less than for a single day this week. And still there is room for more names on our list.

AFTER AUTOISTS

The City Council Proposes a Jail Sentence for the Speed Fiends

The council was called to order Monday evening by Chairman Mansell who went at it like an old hand, but when he later turned the gavel over to Mayor Johnson he remarked that he couldn't talk enough up there to suit him.

The enforcement of city ordinances occupied the attention of the body for some time. Among those city laws which were mentioned as not being observed were those in regard to autos. Fast driving was the greatest complaint and several stories of narrow escapes were related. Two offenders were fined in the recorder's court lately, but a fine appears to have little effect on the speed fiends, so City Attorney Stanley presented an ordinance which includes both fine and jail sentence. It was referred to the proper committee.

Other delinquencies of auto owners noticed were the running with cutouts open, leaving cars standing on the street after dark without lights and the parking of cars in the streets at night. This latter offense is quite common and a few arrests and fines might bring the owners to a realization that city laws are not intended merely to give the council the pleasure of passing them.

The taking out of a building permit for new or repair work within the fire limits is another thing that is more often honored in the breach than in the observance. The statute is not clear as to whose duty it is to notify builders that such a permit is necessary, and so the council requested that the marshal be instructed to ascertain whether that formality has been complied with by prospective builders. The building inspector issues the permit.

Least but not least is the curfew law, which Mr. Barrow claimed is treated with entire disregard. It should be one of the most strictly enforced ordinances of the city.

"Turn to the right" signs for street intersections are a common sight in most towns, large or small, but Coquille has heretofore neglected to avail itself of this precaution which may prevent serious accidents. To rectify this Mr. Mansell was authorized to secure four such signs, three of which will be installed on Taylor street—one at the Sentinel corner, and one at each bank corner—and the other at the Busy Corner intersection.

The council had intended at this meeting to order the improvements of Hall and First streets, but they were relying on plans and estimates for the sewer on those streets prepared two years ago, and when they found how low the figures were, compared with present prices, they decided to let the matter wait a week to give the engineer time to revise the estimates. It was no fault of Mr. Gould's as he had not been authorized to change the plans, specifications and estimates prepared by Mr. Kellog in 1917.

Make It a County Road

As to the matter of improving the streets in Coquille that are necessary to form a link in the Marshfield to Roseburg Highway that the state is improving, County Attorney Hall has given an opinion that the County Court can make no appropriation to improve a city street, which is not also a county road.

It appears to be up to the people of this city now to unanimously petition the County Court to make the streets between the Burkholder place north of the gulch and the Sherwood Hill a county road. This can be done and it seems as if it must be done before the state can pave that link in the highway. The court has the power to establish such a road if the city council consents, and this appears to us to be the only way out of the dilemma we are in.

Can Have All You Want

The more people subscribe for the Victory loan the more of those bonds will be distributed among the masses of the people and the fewer to the big financial corporation. The latter will have to be cut for all over subscription, while those taking \$10,000 or less will get all they subscribe for. And it's a cinch there will be an immense over subscription.

Send the Sentinel to eastern friends.

Wants Earthquake Data

If any of the Sentinel readers ever experienced an earthquake shock in this state, Warren D. Smith, of the Department of Geology at the state university would like to have them tell him about it. And if any one remembers of any record of events of that kind or the drying up of old springs, the breaking out of new ones, drying up of streams, shifting of channels, fractures in the earth or unusual rumblings, in the newspapers of this section during the past half century they are requested to communicate with him. It seems to us we have recorded a slight earthquake experienced here during the past year, and that we have heard of unusual phenomena at the time of the great earthquake in San Francisco thirteen years ago this month. At any rate we are listening for earthquake stories in this locality if there are any to tell.

Ice Cream Factory to Start

T. B. Currie expects next week to begin the manufacture of ice cream in the building he has erected between the Busy Corner and the S. P. track. He has engaged an expert from Portland to do the manufacturing and will turn out as good a product as can be purchased anywhere.

The machinery will be operated by electricity. Just what the capacity of the plant will be we could not get Mr. Currie to state, but that he could supply all the Coos county requirements if requested, is certain from the amount of machinery he has ordered.

STATE LETS BIG ROAD JOB

The largest road contract ever let in southwestern Oregon, or probably on the Pacific coast in this state was awarded in Portland Wednesday when the paving of the Coquille-Marshfield road was given to E. G. Perham, C. R. Dean, W. J. Brown and F. E. Hague, of Marshfield, at their bid of \$318,781. This work will begin at the end of the present hard surfacing, just this side of Marshfield and extend for 14 miles to the Davenport place, a couple of miles west of this city.

The work will be 16 feet wide, with a shoulder on each side, and will consist of cement concrete 6½ inches thick in the center of the road and 5½ inches on each side. Where the fills are more than a foot in depth, paving will not be done this year, but the rest of the work is to be completed by Oct. 31. The Times says: "It is expected that by the first part of July the road will be paved as far as the Coos City bridge and that the new road to Coquille via this bridge can be used. By this route it is 27 miles to Coquille."

The bid accepted is said to have been \$75,000 lower than that of the Warren Construction company.

Death of Perry Byron Robison

Perry Byron Robison was born May 31st, 1874, in Josephine county, Ore. He died April 10th, 1919, aged 44 years, ten months and nine days.

When 15 months old he came to Coos county with his parents, where he grew to manhood and spent most of his life, excepting a few years in Portland, where he died.

He was a member of the St. James Episcopal church of Coquille.

He was married to Miss Georgia Skelly in November, 1898. To this union were born three children: Byron, age 16; Kathleen, age 12; and John age 2.

Those left to mourn his loss besides his wife and children are two brothers and two sisters.

To Lecture Here Wednesday

Rev. J. M. Comer, of Calcutta, India, whose he is pastor of an Adventist Mission church, will lecture again in the Federated church here next Wednesday evening. His previous lectures here were listened to with great interest by packed audiences and we have no doubt the church will be filled again Wednesday evening. It is an opportunity not often enjoyed to hear first hand about conditions in one of the oldest civilizations on the globe. Admission will be free, but Indian coins will be for sale for those who desire souvenirs.

There are two changes petitioned for on the Larson Slough road above the landing and the court has appointed the following viewers to investigate conditions there: J. S. Sawyer, A. O. Kjelland and D. L. Root.

A NEW TIME CARD

But Slight Changes Here--Mail Will Arrive One Hour Earlier in Afternoon

Jno. M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, came to Coquille Wednesday afternoon and spent several hours conferring with members of the Commercial Club and local business men. The object of his trip to Coos county was in regard to a revision of the present train schedule between here and Portland, not to discuss the question of a night train, for on that point he is firmly convinced that such an innovation would not pay.

What he proposed here, as outlined to those who met with him, was a change of one hour in the arrival of the afternoon train in Coquille, making it reach here at 2:20 instead of 3:20. This will be accomplished by cutting out the hour's wait at Marshfield. The running time between Eugene and Marshfield will be lessened half an hour, the proposed plan being to leave Eugene 30 minutes later than at present and arrive in Marshfield at the same time as now.

The morning's train for Portland will leave here about 8:15 instead of 8:32 as now, arriving in Portland about 8 p. m. instead of 9:15.

For the mixed local between Marshfield and Powers, Mr. Scott thought half an hour could be cut from the schedule in each direction.

While these changes have not been definitely decided upon, it is altogether probable that when a new schedule does go into effect they will be as above stated.

As to the Commercial Club's petition for a new depot here, Mr. Scott could give little hope for an early compliance with the request. He says the government does not favor the expenditure of money for such purposes until the roads are released from government control he does not anticipate that our present small and inconmodious structure will be replaced by one such as Coquille is entitled to.

Victory Loan Committees

The following are the committees to take charge of the Victory Liberty Loan organization in this district:

Executive Committee—Leo J. Cary, J. E. Norton, A. J. Sherwood, L. H. Hazard, A. T. Morrison.
Publicity Committee—H. A. Young, O. C. Sanford, R. E. Baker.
District No. 1, Coquille—C. R. Barrow, O. H. Knowlton.
District No. 2, Coquille—C. W. Endicott, Dr. G. O. Wilhite.
District No. 3, Coquille—J. S. Barton, Harry Oerding.
District No. 4, Coquille—J. W. Leneve, Oscar Norman.
District No. 5, Coquille—J. J. Stanley, Frank Norris.

School District No. 10, Cunningham—Chas. E. McCurdy, N. E. Landreth.
School District No. 14, Riverton—E. H. Harnden, W. A. Bean.
District No. 19, Fat Elk—F. D. Fish, Edd Gillespie.

District No. 20, Lower Fishtrap—Geo. Henninger, Geo. H. Leter.
District No. 22, Riverside, North Fork—Fred Johnson, D. A. Moore.
District No. 25, Fairview—T. G. Barker, A. E. Bettys.
District No. 27, McKinley—L. A. Lawhorne, W. T. Forbes.
District No. 32, Dora—R. A. Easton, O. G. Bunch.

District No. 44, Roy—Frank Willard, Jas. N. Jacobsen, Ed Detlefsen.
District No. 63, Johnson's Mill—W. D. Newton, R. B. Knife.
District No. 65, Sitkum, J. D. Laird, Perley Crowley, Fred Weaver.

District No. 67, Excelsior, Upper Fishtrap—Nile Miller, Frank Miller, W. O. Finley.

District No. 69, Beaver Hill—L. A. Wheratt, J. E. Z. Fowle.
District No. 72, Coaledo—John Yoakam, H. L. Cadman, H. Witchey.
Conlogue's Camp—W. P. McKenna, J. T. Conlogue.

Aasen's Camp—Harry Kelley, Ed Aasen.
Sitka Spruce Co. Mill—R. E. Wernich, O. B. Hughes.

Johnson's Mill—E. E. Johnson, M. O. Hawkins.

"Society uses marriage as a legal cloak of ermine to make a virtue of its association in couples."—From "Virtuous Wives," by Owen Johnson—first of Miss Anita's Stewart's exceptional photoplay starring vehicles. To be shown here April 25 and 26.