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RECALL JUNE 3?

Petitions, Old and New, Filed Last Saturday Names Duplicated

The Recall petitions against Judge James Watson and Commissioner Archie Phillip were filed last Saturday, May 11, by Henry Songstacken. The number of signers on the petitions against Judge Watson are 2692 and the number on those against Commissioner Phillip are 1094.

This is quite different from what we had been led to expect from newspaper reports, but petitions against Commissioner Phillip, bearing about 1900 names, were filed on the 15th of October, 1918, and could not be withdrawn from the County Clerk's office to refile again this spring, while the petitions circulated last year against Judge Watson seem to have been placed in cold storage to bring out now and add to the new petitions circulated this spring. How many of the names are of 1918 vintage and how many were secured this year we have found no one who will attempt to tell, though this appears to be a matter of some importance as will appear later on.

Seventy-five separate petitions against Judge Watson have been bunched together and certified by Attorney John C. Kendall, of Marshfield. Something less than half that number were sworn to in March and April this year, presumably by the men who passed them and secured the signatures. But Kendall's blanket affidavit covers all alike—last year's orphan petitions and this year's for which some one else stands sponsor. Yet singular to say Kendall's certificate is an affidavit only in form, lacking the signature of a notary or any one authorized to administer oaths. So it amounts to no more than an expression of his opinion as to the validity of the signatures.

The form of the heading of the petitions are entirely different. After reciting in each case that they constitute 25 per cent of the electors who voted for candidates for Supreme Judge in Coos county at the last general election, those against Judge Watson give these reasons for recalling him:

"That he has been arbitrary in his attitude toward the public and extravagant and incompetent in the expenditure of public funds."

Those named against Archie Phillip allege that:

"His judgment in public matters has not been sound; he has been violently partisan in discussion and acting upon county affairs coming before him, and has been incompetent and extravagant."

When the writer saw Commissioner Phillip Wednesday morning he said that his name was spelled three different ways in the 34 petitions that were filed last Saturday. In two petitions his name is given as Phillips, in seven it is "Phillip" and in twenty-two it is "Phillp," which is correct. But Mr. Phillip said that he would not attempt to take advantage of any such technicality to prevent an expression by the people on his case at the coming election. The people had petitioned for a chance to vote on his case and he wanted them to have it.

In Judge Watson's case the filing of two entirely different petitions or sets of petitions—as a single petition complicates matters considerably. When petitions were signed in August, September and October, 1918, the number required for a recall would be based on the vote in Coos county for Supreme Judge at the election held in November, 1916, whereas the petitions signed this spring would be based on the vote in November, 1918. In the former case the number of signers required was, as we remember 1962; in the latter it was somewhere between 700 and 800. More than this the same people who signed the petitions last fall again signed this spring. Indeed, we hear of one man, whose name appears on the petitions four times. He seems to have wanted to treat all the petition passers alike and show no partiality. It is hardly possible that names secured at such different times and under such different circumstances can all be counted on the same petition. Besides it is clear that plenty of men who were qualified voters a year or less ago may not be so now. Inevitably some have died and some have moved away.

All these facts indicate the need of a carefully drawn statute to govern proceedings in recall cases. As it is now a list of names, little matter how

obtained, and without any verification, appears to be all that is needed.

Another Bull Wheel Breaks

The Sitka Spruce Co. mill here has been shut down since Monday while a new log haul was constructing. The old chute had been in bad shape for some months but time had not been taken to make the repair. On Monday, however, it caused the breaking of a couple of cogs from the bull-wheel, and the management decided to repair with a new chute at once. This was completed yesterday and the mill started up again this morning.

Two Bad Boys at the Bay

Judge Watson held juvenile court over at the Bay Tuesday and heard two cases. Ralph Thomas had been arrested for stealing two hatchets and other tools, which he returned being caught in the act. He was placed on probation in the care of his parents. Archie King was tried for persistent truancy. His home surroundings were altogether bad and he was paroled in care of his brother, J. W. King.

ASKS HIM TO HURRY

In order to hasten the payment by the government of about half a million dollars of taxes due in this county on the Southern Oregon lands, (the Coos Bay Wagon road grant), Judge Watson this morning sent the following telegram to the commissioner of the general land office at Washington, D. C.:

Coquille, Ore., May 5, 1919.
Hon. Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington, D. C.

Owing to delinquency of taxes on grant lands during recent years Coos county has become a borrower and its interest burdens are considerable. As you are aware there is a large sum now due us from the Government account Coos Bay Wagon Road grant. As every month's delay in the payment of our claims means a loss of about three thousand dollars per month through interest payments we most respectfully urge early action by your office. We wish to take this occasion to assure you of our appreciation of the cooperation we have already received in these matters.

James Watson, County Judge.

Won't Redeem Such Bonds

Postmaster Leneve informs us that he has been instructed by the Postmaster General to redeem War Savings Certificates (Baby Bonds) only in the hands of the original purchasers, and not to accept any on which the name of the purchaser has been erased or mutilated. The little 25-cent Thrift Stamps have never been redeemable, and the only way one can get his money back on them is by buying \$4 worth and exchange them for a baby bond. Speculators had been buying baby bonds at all sorts of cut prices before this order was issued. Now they must lose all they invest in them.

Homesteader 89 Years Old

The Port Orford Tribune has a story about William Rumley, of Agness, who has just proved up on a homestead at Agnes at the age of 89 years. He was born in slavery and had eleven masters before he was taken to California by the last one and gave him the slip instead of going back to Missouri. He is held in very high esteem by all who know him, despite the fact that he is a colored man.

Circuit Court June 16th

Under the statutes the June term of our Circuit Court would begin June 2, but owing to the referendum and recall election coming on the 3d and the 6th being Naturalization day in the court the date for the opening of the term has been postponed until Monday, June 16. An adjourned session of court will take place, however, on May 26 and the grand jury will convene on that day.

About Soldiers' Insurance

Returned soldiers, who desire information concerning their government life insurance should call on Mrs. Virginia Lamb, chairman of the Home Service branch of the Red Cross, who has been furnished with all the data and instructions which the government wants placed before the men.

THE JERSEY MEET IN COUNTY COURT

County Agent Smith Invites Dairyman—Will Make Purchases

J. L. Smith, county agent, is going out next Monday morning to attend the meeting of the Jersey Breeders' Association at Portland. He says he will reserve places in the excursion for any Jersey breeders in this county, who will let him know that they will attend. We say "reserve places," not for the meeting but in the excursion of 300 or 400 cars that will make a two-days' round trip up and down the Willamette valley at the close of the convention and visit most of the big Jersey breeders' ranches in that whole section and be entertained at sundry banquets. It will certainly prove an inspiration to every visitor who is able to get away and enjoy this trip. The meeting at Portland and the excursion will cover four days, Monday, May 20, to Thursday, May 24.

Mr. Smith tells us that he is commissioned during his absence to purchase 100 head of Shropshire sheep, three pure bred Jersey bulls and six heifers, one Holstein bull and one Duroc and one Poland China boar.

The matter of a track meet by the high schools of Coos county this spring is yet undecided. The tobacco question enters into it. The anti-tobacco users at least will have a meet and how nearly that will include all of them is uncertain.

An Adventurous Youth

The most interesting stories we ever heard about the South Sea Islands were those told by a school boy in our town in Kansas, who went to sea in the Snark with Jack London and brought home lots of pictures and curios. The boy's name was Martin Johnson and his father was one of the leading merchants in Independence, Kansas. The boy took a trip to Europe as a stowaway while in his teens and when Jack London was building the Snark wrote to him for a place as one of her crew. London answered that he needed only a cook. Whereupon Johnson went into his mother's kitchen and proceeded to qualify, though we believe he was never a great success as a cook. He stayed with Mr. and Mrs. London, however, longer than any one else on the Snark, winding up in Australia. We remember hearing him tell about meeting a French outfit who were taking moving pictures on the Cannibal Islands at the time of the Snark's visit there. He has since lectured all over the United States. He and his wife later visited those islands and took many thousands of feet of film, but their experience among those savages were not such as they would be willing to repeat. These films are the ones you will see at the Liberty Theatre next Thursday and Friday evenings.

Shall We Celebrate?

The matter of the Fourth of July celebration at Coquille this year is now under consideration by the local Moose lodge and much favorable comment is heard. It is now six years since Coquille has done anything in this line, and we are sure a decision to celebrate the 143d anniversary of the Declaration of Independence would be heartily welcome to all in this vicinity.

"Chevrons" with Uniform

All the men who have returned from service in the army and navy either foreign or at home, should provide themselves with a "discharge" arm chevron, so that they may wear their uniform in the Decoration Day parade, announces the committee in charge of that day's program. And every returned soldier or sailor in this district is requested to be present and participate in that parade.

Tomorrow the Last Day

Tomorrow (Saturday) is the last day to register for the election June 3. Every voter certainly wants to vote for the \$2,500,000 for the Roosevelt Highway along this coast. Then there are the recall and a number of measures referred by the legislature in which everybody should be interested.

Tomorrow will be the last day to register for the June election. You will probably want to vote. Are you registered?

IN COUNTY COURT

Full Report of the Proceedings At The Recent May Session

At its May term the County Court appropriated \$500 to aid in boosting the Roosevelt Highway project. The money will be drawn from the War Emergency Fund. Another donation of \$200 from the same fund was made for the Community Labor Board at Marshfield.

The \$20,000, which the court is going to borrow from the State Highway Commission is to be used, \$10,000 to put the Marshfield road on line and grade from the end of the Perham contract near Cedar Point to the Burkholder place on Taylor street in this city; and \$10,000 in removing slides on the new grade between Cedar Point and Eagle Point, the latter being about a mile this side of Bunker Hill. This will prepare the road for paving by the state for which the contract is let and which is expected to begin soon now. The Court has not yet received official notice from the commission that the loan has been made, as stated in the newspaper reports, however. Practically all the slides to be moved are this side of Coos City.

C. J. Stadden, of Sumner, made application for permission for the Larsen dredge which is now at work deepening the channel of Catching creek to dump the dredgings on Water street there, which the court granted.

Roadmaster Sawyer was instructed to use not to exceed \$300 in eliminating some sharp curves in the Seven Devils section of the road between Bandon and the Bay.

Under a law enacted this year the county treasurer becomes the custodian of the school district funds formerly disbursed by the district clerk, unless the County Court decided to make a different disposition of them. The court here was of the opinion that the money could be handled more efficiently and satisfactorily by the county treasurer and so ordered the work done under the law without any exception. Warrants will, of course, continue to be drawn by the district boards for teachers' salaries and school expenses, but they will all be payable at the county treasury hereafter.

The court decided to build a mile of road north of the Bay to connect the landing point on Kentuck Slough, which is to be the northern terminus of the new ferry across the Bay from North Bend, with the present terminus of the Coast Highway North at Glasgow. The reason for this is that to run the ferry to Glasgow would necessitate the rebuilding of the long trestle there, which has already been destroyed by the terrors. A mile of road on land can be much more easily built and kept in repair than half a mile of wharf can be built and maintained out across the flats, which bar the approach to Glasgow.

The court decided to build 550 feet of new road to connect New Lake with the Bandon South road. Otherwise, the New Lake people, who are on the old road there, would be without any road at all when that trail through the brush is closed, after the new road is completed.

It was also decided to build a road a mile up Larson Slough from the Coast Highway. This is in place of the road recently knocked out by the courts on account of an error in describing its location. Julius Larson's fight against the road petitioned for was to prevent one from crossing his land. This the new road just established by the court will do.

The citizens of Road District No. 16 presented a petition and subscription list, agreeing to bear half the cost of hauling gravel to build a road a mile long from the E. D. Myers' place to the old Lee Hall place. The court agreed to do this work on the 50-50 basis suggested in the petition.

The same kind of a proposition was made by S. S. Reed and others, who wanted to grade the road on the west side of the South Fork from the Lundy Cheese factory to the John Whobrey barn. The court agreed.

Another mile of roadway on an even division of the cost of gravelling between the county and the residents of the locality was petitioned for by Ralph D. Krug and others of Road District No. 26. This stretch is from the foothill on the Stringtown road near Myrtle Point to Mathony creek. Here the county will have to do the

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Ladies to Start Improvements

Don't you think the appearance of our cemeteries could be improved? Could not our already attractive little city be made infinitely more so with the old shacks and fences and numerous other eye-sores dispensed with? A Civic Improvement club would deal with these matters, and the ladies are going to have such an organization, with the help and co-operation of each and every lady who will interest herself along these lines. Meet with us next Tuesday night at the City Hall at 8 o'clock.—Com.

Home Guards Called Out

The almost defunct Coquille Coos guard organization is requested by the committee in charge to participate in the Decoration Day parade. A meeting of the Guard is therefore called for Monday evening, May 26, at which time an hour will be spent in drill, with a business meeting to follow at which some disposition will be made of the \$45 still in the treasury.

H. A. Young, Capt.

FOR DECORATION DAY

The Woman's Relief Corps committee and the Commercial Club committee to assist them in preparing for the Memorial Day exercises met Sunday and named the following committees to take charge of the various parts of the celebration:

Program—Mrs. J. E. Norton, Mrs. W. G. Brandon and A. T. Boldon.

Speaker—Walter Sinclair.

Parade—Leo J. Cary and Ned C. Kelly.

Music—F. G. Leslie and Geo. O. Leach.

A. T. Morrison was requested to make arrangements for the memorial services on the Sunday preceding Decoration Day, and he announces a union service at the Federated church on the 25th inst. Rev. J. E. Conder will probably preach the sermon at that time.

The returned soldiers are all greatly interested in having this year's observance of Memorial Day the most complete ever attempted and we owe it not only to them but to the G. A. R. to comply with their wishes. Every effort should be made to secure participation in the parade of all the men who served in the National Army, as well as the G. A. R., W. R. C., Red Cross, Honor Guard, school children and other fraternal organizations.

The program for Decoration Day will be published next week.

That Wonderful French Canary

D. C. Krantz, of Fishtrap, who was in yesterday, says that everybody interested in the French Canary grass will do well to come to his place and see the five acres he is leaving to go to seed this year. There has been no stock on it and it now stands three feet high and so dense that there is no telling how many tons there are to the acre. He says it grows well on bench land, and he believes it will succeed well on two-thirds of the land in this valley. There is no other grass that has ever been grown here that will stand any comparison with it.

Tuesday Evening at City Hall

Next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the City Hall the ladies will meet en-masse to organize a Civic Improvement club, and it is hoped and expected that every lady in the city will be interested in, and show her interest, in this much needed organization. And it is particularly urged that the mothers of school children who are vitally concerned in the school situation of Coquille, attend this meeting. Tell your neighbors and friends and urge them to be present.

Dunham Gets Veteran's Jewel

At the recent meeting of the Knights of Pythias at Marshfield twenty-one men, who had been members of the order for 25 years, were decorated with veteran's jewels. Among them were Hark Dunham, of this city, and Chris Rasmussen, of Bandon.

Death of Pioneer

Mrs. M. J. Thrift, a pioneer woman of Oregon and one of the early residents of Coos and Curry counties, died at her home in San Jose, California, April 26th. Her husband, A. H. Thrift, died at that place about two years ago.—Port Orford Tribune.

THE CLUB MEETS

Things of Interest Discussed by Our Citizens Wednesday Evening

J. E. Norton, as chairman of the Bridge committee, reported to the commercial club Wednesday evening the result of their interview with the county court last week. The court promised to have their engineer prepare estimates at once for bridges at three different locations. One of these would be for a grade crossing at Ferry street, and the other two for overhead crossings. One of these would be on Willard street, alongside the Busy Corner, and the other midway between those two sites, landing on the bluff back of the J. A. Collier apartment house. The court promised to build the bridge next year—but not sooner.

L. H. Hazard reported for the Liberty Temple building committee total receipts of \$218.65, and disbursements of \$182.03, which with a \$20 donation not yet received brings the balance on hand to \$56.62. The only bill unpaid is that of E. E. Johnson for \$268.13, and from which he deducted \$68.13 as his donation. This leaves a deficit of \$143.38.

A committee consisting of C. W. Endicott, L. H. Hazard and F. G. Leslie was appointed to solicit funds to meet the deficiency and if possible to secure enough more to complete the building as originally intended.

A vote of thanks was extended the Lyceum committee consisting of H. O. Anderson, J. J. Stanley and R. E. Baker for the following report of the 1919 course:

Receipts	
Bal. from 1917-18 course.....	\$ 11.04
Receipts for season	623.35
Total	\$634.39
Expenses	
War Tax	\$ 56.66
Hall Rent	110.00
Piano Moving	8.00
Talent	415.00
Advertising	18.50
Sundry expenses	2.00
Total	\$610.16
Balance on hand	\$ 24.23
War Savings Stamps on hand	\$115.91

Since our last report the following names have been added to the membership roll, making the total now 119:

T. P. Hanley, J. D. Myers, Jas. D. Laird, G. O. Willite, E. H. Kern, C. L. Willey, Jas. Brockman, Jas. W. Laird, Thos. Teggison, R. L. Gimlin, A. H. Johnson, R. E. Nosler, W. G. Brandon, E. H. Harnden, I. T. Arnold, H. S. Tuttle, Oliver B. Hughes, J. A. Jackson.

Club Comes Across

Tuesday President Cary of the Commercial Club received the following message from Charles Hall and L. L. Thomas, were then at Portland:

"Roosevelt Highway association has asked Coos to raise \$1,200 to advertise in Portland papers, and also to send Mrs. Castner, president of women's federated clubs of Oregon through the whole state to campaign for the Roosevelt Highway. Hall has subscribed \$200. Thomas and Bateman have subscribed \$100 each. The balance is to be divided as follows:

"Myrtle Point, \$50
"Coquille, \$150
"Bandon, \$100
"North Bend, \$200
"Marshfield, \$300."

In response to the above, at their meeting Wednesday evening the Commercial Club authorized the Roosevelt Highway Association to draw on the club treasurer for \$150 for advertising purposes.

That this expense should not be met by the 119 members of the club exclusively, when the Roosevelt Highway will be a benefit to every man, woman and child in Coos county, is self-evident and the club treasurer, L. H. Hazard will be glad to receive subscriptions from any one who is willing to assist financially in boosting for this coast highway.

Judge Files Objections

Judge Watson this morning filed with County Clerk Oddy his objections to the calling of a special election for the recall of the County Judge, specifying in what respects the petitions filed fail to warrant such action.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.00.