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TO ADVISE COURT

Committee of One Is Named From Each Road District in County

The following is the advisory committee of one from each road district in the county named by the county court Wednesday night to meet with the court and advise about road matters throughout the county and especially within their own districts. They are named provisionally, subject to the districts approval and to be replaced by substituting some other man if desired.

If they do not, however, name another representative in the next two weeks they will be assumed to have approved the man named by the court to represent them on this council:

1. W. F. Bowron, Lakeside.
2. Nels Munson, Templeton.
3. Fred Larsen, Larsen Slough.
4. A. O. Kjelland, Kentuck Slough.
5. Chas. Edwards, Allegany.
6. Mr. Rodine, Upper Coos River.
7. Mr. Mercer, Cooston.
8. L. J. Simpson, Sunset.
9. Mr. Myers, Englewood.
10. James Scott, Sumner.
11. L. D. Smith, Lower Coos River.
12. A. G. Barker, North Fork.
13. L. A. Lawhorn, McKinley.
14. J. D. Laird, Sitkum.
15. J. D. Bennett, Gravel Ford.
16. Webb Mast, Lee.
17. M. T. Clinton, Norway.
18. Tenn Robison, Flahtrap.
19. T. P. Hanley, Lampa.
20. Bert Adams, Riverton.
21. Geo. W. Dafeo, Bullards.
22. E. M. Pressey, Two Mile.
23. Frank Flam, Bear Creek.
24. Wm. Slingby, Catching Creek.
25. D. H. Jackson, Ten Mile.
26. J. C. Shields, Bancroft.
27. A. Hayes, Broadbent.
28. A. H. Powers, Powers Coquille, Leo J. Cary, Myrtle Point, W. T. Dement, Bandon, John Dickey, Marshfield, Chas. Hall, North Bend, C. E. Winsor, Empire, Herbert Armstrong, Beaver Hill, L. A. Wheratt, Eastside, W. L. Walker.

This committee is called to meet at the court house for its first conference with the County Court on Wednesday, October 30.

Beginning next Monday night Mr. Harold Tuttle will resume the course of lectures begun before Dr. Fry's meetings. The course will consist of a lecture followed by free discussion on some phase of child development, from 7:30 to 8:15; with a lecture and discussion of some period of Hebrew history, from 8:15 to 9. The course is intended for parents, teachers and young people who are interested in either the background of the Bible or in religious education. While the topics are related, each evening is independent and complete in itself. The public generally is cordially invited. The lectures will be held in the M. E. church.

Her Hand Is Saved

We are glad to be able to state that Jesse Pointer, whose right hand was so terribly injured at the Laundry last week, is doing well and has not lost the hand as was expected. Indeed, contrary to expectation, she will have the use of all her fingers.

Miss Pointer asks the Sentinel to extend her heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed to her comfort in so many ways during the ordeal through which she has just passed. Their kindness will never be forgotten.

\$670 Wanted From Coos

Marshfield's quota in the Roosevelt Memorial Association drive next week is \$225 and North Bend's \$175. Coquille, Myrtle Point and Bandon are asked for \$75 each and Powers for \$50. L. J. Simpson is county chairman and Coos county's total quota is \$670. C. J. Fuhrman is local chairman in the Coquille section, L. D. Felsham at Bandon, R. A. Annin at Myrtle Point, and E. J. Loney at Powers. It is expected to secure the whole amount in one day.

Deputy Sheriff Resigns

R. W. Catton has resigned the position he has so long held as Deputy Sheriff and assistant in the tax department, and will become bookkeeper at the Schroeder & Ansen mill at Norway at a better salary than the county pays.

Send the Sentinel to eastern friends.

Auto Smashes Show Window

Trouble with the starter was one of the reasons why David Baker's car backed into one of the plate glass windows at Fuhrman's Pharmacy and smashed it into splinters about 1:30 yesterday afternoon. The glass was about 8x6 1/2 feet in size and at present high prices it will cost about \$250 to replace it. A couple of men were trying to help Baker start his car up Taylor street when he jumped on the running board and threw the lever in reverse. Then he seemed for some reason to be unable to stop it and the steering from the running board made the car act as if it had had too much booze, as it continued going and turned over across the sidewalk at the Fuhrman corner and gave the glass a solar plexus blow when it struck. Mr. Baker is from Lee and for some reason did not seem to be capable of managing a car at the time. Fred Slagle and E. H. Harnden were standing on the pavement when the car came down and Fred says he could easily have stopped it but supposed it would be stopped anyway.

Mr. Fuhrman had no plate glass insurance, so it looks as if Mr. Baker would have to foot the bill.

TEACHERS SAY \$1000 A YEAR

A minimum salary of \$1,000 for a nine months term, payable in twelve monthly installments, is what the teachers of the county demanded at the institute held at North Bend the first of the week. The vote on that proposition was 194 to 14.

The following are among the resolutions that were adopted.

Whereas, the United States Bureau of Education is urging that a minimum salary of one thousand dollars a year should be paid to every teacher, and, whereas, the wages of every other class of labor and of salaried employes have been increased over 100 per cent, while teachers' salaries have not been increased over 15 per cent, be it resolved that we, the teachers of Coos county, demand that the minimum salary for teachers in Coos county be \$1000, beginning with the next school year. We believe this to be necessary in order to increase the supply of teachers and to provide proper training for American citizenship.

Be it further resolved that we favor having the form of teachers' contracts changed so that teachers shall be paid in twelve monthly installments, with the contract to show length of school term.

Be it further resolved that we, the teachers of Coos county, pledge ourselves not to accept employment in Coos county at a teaching salary of less than \$1000 a year, and we further pledge ourselves to work to have all teachers in Oregon adopt a similar resolution and pledge themselves not to accept teaching employment at less than \$1000 a year.

And whereas, the district plan of financial support for our educational system is inadequate and unjust, and whereas, the county system of taxation for the support of our schools would be a step in the right direction but would still be inequitable and insufficient, therefore, be it resolved: that we hereby endorse and will work for a state system of taxation for our entire public school system.

The County Court was requested to make the levy for schools \$20 per pupil, instead of \$10 as in the past. That a raise will be made has been determined by the court, with \$15 for a minimum amount and a possible maximum of the full amount asked by the teachers.

Time Is Getting Short

A good many people who take a Portland daily are going to neglect to take advantage of the low rates we are offering in connection with the Sentinel until after Halloween. These rates expire Oct. 31 and will not be extended. \$7.50 for the Oregonian and the Sentinel for a year and \$5.50 for the Telegram and the Sentinel. These are bargain day offers.

Make Subscriptions to Fuhrman

Anyone who wants to contribute to the Roosevelt Memorial fund is requested to hand his donation to C. J. Fuhrman, the city chairman, at the Pharmacy. It is expected that the Coquille district will furnish \$75.

There are a number of extra good attractions coming to the Liberty Theatre this next week. See the program on page 7.

BOND TO THE LIMIT FOR ROADS

That Was the Sentiment Expressed at the County Road Meeting Here Wednesday Evening—Good Representation

The road meeting called by the county court and for which special invitations were sent out to one or two citizens in each road district, supposed to be most interested in road problems, occurred at the courthouse Wednesday evening. It was in many respects the most interesting road meeting we have ever attended in Coos county in spite of the parliamentary tangle in which it snarled itself up at the start.

Judge Wade stated the object of the meeting and called for nominations for chairman and the following were named:

- A. T. Morrison, of Coquille.
- J. N. Gearhart, of Dora.
- E. E. Weekly, of Bridge.
- L. J. Simpson, of North Bend.

Mr. Simpson withdrew his name as he would not be in the county for some time to come. The ballot resulted as follows:

Total votes cast 27, of which Mr. Morrison received 17, Mr. Weekly 11 and Mr. Gearhart 9. Mr. Morrison's choice was made unanimous, with considerable applause.

Wm. A. Reid, of Marshfield, was elected secretary.

Before the meeting adjourned a little after 11 o'clock, two motions offered by Charles Hall, of Marshfield, were adopted. The first was to the effect that if a satisfactory road plan was adopted we would favor the largest bond issue that could be issued for roads under the new law, six per cent of the assessed valuation of the county less the \$368,000 in bonds now outstanding—or about one million, two hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

The other was that before an election was held to vote bonds the advisory board on roads should be requested to name a committee to wait upon the state highway commission to ascertain how much state funds would be appropriated to this county if we should go the limit in voting bonds for roads.

It was also voted that it be recommended that Charles Hall and L. J. Simpson, who are familiar with the work of the commission should be recommended for members of that committee.

Almost everything that had been said during the meeting looked in the direction of such declaration, but it was noteworthy that the final rising vote on the first motion to issue all the bonds the law would allow was practically unanimous. All present except about a dozen voted aye and there was not a single no vote.

All the representatives from the various road districts were asked, when the meeting began, to announce their names and place of residence, and subsequently they registered on a paper circulated by the secretary with the following enrollment:

Frank Flam, of Parkersburg; W. L. Brandon, Coquille; W. F. Bowron, Lakeside; H. F. Slingby, Myrtle Point; C. T. Robison, Arago; Frank Harnish, Gravel Ford; J. D. Bennett, Gravel Ford; T. P. Hanley, Lampa; W. J. DeBoer, Gravel Ford; Marion C. Miller, McKinley; Nels Munson, Lakeside; Alex H. Austin, Sitkum; J. F. Van Leuven, Bear Creek; Leo J. Cary, Coquille; Chas. Hall, Marshfield; J. E. Norton, Coquille; J. D. Laird, Sitkum; C. S. McCullough, Coquille; Marion T. Clinton, Norway; J. N. Gearhart, Dora; O. C. Sanford, Coquille; A. H. Powers, Powers; E. J. Loney, Powers; C. E. Huling, Myrtle Point; H. A. Schroeder, Myrtle Point; J. L. Smith, Coquille; L. H. Hazard, Coquille; J. A. Lamb, Coquille; C. E. Mulkey, Coquille; R. E. Baker, Coquille; T. G. Barker, Coquille; W. L. Kistner, Coquille; W. A. Colver, Catching Inlet; C. R. Barrow, Coquille; A. E. Mercer, Cooston; K. H. Hanson, Myrtle Point; W. E. Smith, Myrtle Point; L. J. Simpson, North Bend; R. O. Kjelland, Kentuck Inlet; L. D. Smith, South Coos River; L. A. Lawhorn, McKinley; W. T. Dement, Myrtle Point; D. H. Jackson, Bandon; E. E. Weekly, Bridge; J. C. Shields, Bancroft; A. T. Morrison, Coquille; E. Dyer, Bandon; John Dickey, Bandon; R. M. Pressey, Bandon; B. R. Taylor, Bandon; James T. Jenkins, Parkersburg; W. A. Reid, Coos Bay; H. W. Young, Coquille.

In taking the chair Mr. Morrison said the best thing we ever did in Coos county was to vote the road bond issue three years ago. As a result the Coquille-Marshfield road had been placed on line and grade and would need no change for a hundred years—so not for a thousand. It had also resulted that the state highway commission had a very kindly feeling for Coos county. This sentiment was echoed by many speakers afterward, the general opinion being that if we had not voted that \$362,000 in bonds the state would not now be spending \$218,000 in hard surfacing the Marshfield road, nor would it have let the recent contract of \$350,000 to make a grade through Rock Creek canyon. So our own expenditure has been almost twice duplicated already by the state, with perhaps three-quarters of a million more to follow before the work on the road from Coos Bay to the county line on the way to Roseburg is finished.

J. N. Gearhart, of Dora, was one of the first to the bat with a statement that when the county road bonds were voted the East Fork people had been promised that their needs should be among the first to be considered for a "secondary road" after the trunk lines had been provided for by the bond issue. So he moved that the road up the North Fork and East Fork from Myrtle Point to Dora and Sitkum be declared a market road and the \$25,000 the state would give this county this year for market roads be appropriated to that road and the additional \$25,000 the county would have to give to match the state fund of the same amount. This with the back taxes the districts along this road would receive from the Southern Oregon lands and the amount they would vote in addition along the line would be estimated make a fund of \$100,000 for a market road up one of the most neglected lines in the county through one of the best agricultural sections.

Frank Harnish spoke very earnestly in favor of this proposition, saying that a sack of flour with a man on a buck board was the heaviest load team could haul up the East Fork in the winter. He also offered that if anyone in town would get a livery team and drive out over that road in the winter just to see what the road was like during the shut-in season, he would pay the bill.

Having ridden over that road from Dora to Myrtle Point no longer ago than last Sunday the editor of the Sentinel is certain the East Fork folks are right in their statement of conditions there and are asking no more than is due them in demanding county help to make a real road there. A. J. Sherwood in whose car we were then riding said that he first went over that road 35 years ago and that it is exactly the same now as it was then—absolutely unchanged.

Still the meeting could not approve a resolution to spend all the market road funds that would be available within a year on one "secondary" road when there were so many others that had received the same promise and were needing help just as badly. So that motion was dropped and the next hour was spent in trying to decide how the meeting should function. Finally it was agreed that the county court should name one man from each road district in the county to act as an advisory committee to the court on road matters, and the meeting took a recess while the court retired to make the list which they later announced as published elsewhere.

J. H. Shields, of Bancroft, had something to say about conditions at the head of Myrtle Creek where he lived. He told about a talk he had with Sam Hill, the champion road booster of the Northwest. Hill said he could convince him in 15 minutes that it didn't cost anything to build roads. He said if Coos county could tap the immense reservoir of idle money in this county and get plenty of money—enough to build a paved road to every farmer's door—the roads would begin right away to pay all the interest on their cost and \$100 beside to every man in the county.

Let's build all the roads to every

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Profitable Loganberries

L. L. Turner, of the Farmers & Merchants Bank here tells a loganberry story of considerable interest, for every detail of which he can vouch, as he saw the check paid for last year's crop. J. A. Surgeon, of Lafayette had a loganberry patch of exactly one and a half acres in his garden plot, which had been growing there for several years. He had never before realized any great amount but had sold to his neighbors and shipped some. Nor did he give any great time to the work of caring for them—cultivated them in the spring and trimmed them up and cleaned them out in the fall. This year, owing to the establishment of a cannery at Lafayette, he sold them all except an abundant supply for the table and for canning for a good-sized family.

He did not take his pay checks for each picking separately but waited until the end of the season and the check he received for the crop of that one and three-fourth acres of berries was \$1275, or at the rate of \$728 per acre.

Dressmaking at reasonable prices at Maybelle Ford's.

BANK ROOMS ARE RENTED

This week the First National Bank rented the two store rooms to the west of the bank proper and as soon as the necessary changes in the front are made both rooms will be occupied. The Mountain States Power Co. will have the east room for their office but it is their intention to run a partition through the middle of the room and sublet one side.

The other room has been rented by Jno. J. Bateman, the auto man of Marshfield, represented here by Fred Slagle, who will use it as display quarters for the line of cars he sells and as a sales room for auto parts and supplies, including tires, tubes, etc. A little later Mr. Slagle intends to associate himself with some one who will keep the store open all the time.

It is their intention to swing the plate glass on the west side of the recessed entrance straight back from the sidewalk, instead of on an angle as now, thus giving ample doorway to drive cars into and out of the room.

The power people are figuring on putting a grille across the south side of their room with a good-sized lobby in front. Workmen will start the first of the week making the changes and both concerns will move in as soon as possible.

Lecture for Women Thursday

Coquille's women and girls are to be privileged next week to hear a series of the finest lectures upon Social Hygiene ever given in the state of Oregon.

The Oregon Social Hygiene Society has secured the services of Dr. Louise M. Richter, formerly official speaker on women's work for the U. S. Government, and pays her expenses for this work. Dr. Richter brings a personal message that will help every woman and girl to a better understanding of herself.

It is hoped that every woman within reach of Coquille will hear her next Thursday, Oct. 23, in the Federated church at 8 p. m. No admission or collection.

New Officers at F. & M. Bank

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank last Saturday the resignation of R. H. Mast and F. E. McKenna as directors was accepted and John E. Ross and L. L. Turner were elected as their successors. Subsequently at a directors' meeting Messrs. Ross and Turner were elected cashier and assistant cashier respectively. No change was made in the offices of president and vice president which are held by J. E. Norton and C. J. Fuhrman. As bank agriculturist J. L. Smith also retains his position.

Take Workers Out in Autos

In order to secure the needed help for paving on the Coquille-Marshfield road, the authorities in charge of that improvement have agreed to furnish an auto bus to take the men to and from the work mornings and evenings, so that they can live at home. It is hoped to have the road completed as far as Coaledo this fall.

Today is naturalization day in the Circuit Court here.

MONEY IS SAVED

City the Winner When Taylor Threw Up His Grading Contract

The council was in session about an hour and a half Tuesday evening but aside from allowing bills no business was transacted.

Various street matters were discussed and the matter of establishing a grade on Fifth street from Henry to Taylor, to conform to the new grade of the latter, was talked over but action deferred. Wednesday morning several of the councilmanic body went out to inspect the connection of Fifth and Taylor and they decided to have an approach graded down to Taylor street but not to otherwise alter that street at the present time.

Today or tomorrow the grading of Taylor street will be completed, in just three or four days over six weeks, and the cost of the improvement will not go much over \$6,000. The engineer's estimate last summer was \$6,372 and the bid of Chas. Taylor, of Eugene, which he failed to live up to, was \$7,703, so there will be a saving of about \$1,500 in doing the work by force account over what the job would have cost had it been contracted. More than that, there were 17,000 yards of earth moved and placed in the embankment, whereas the estimate on which Taylor based his bid was 14,000 yards. Much of the credit for this showing is due to Allen McLeod, who has been superintending the work.

This demonstration of what the city can save by doing improvement work on force account will doubtless eliminate contracting to a great extent in the future.

Lost in the Mountains

Notice to search for a young man of Roseburg by the name of Colver who has been lost in the woods for about four days, was telephoned to Sheriff Gage by Sheriff Quips, of Douglas county.

The young man, about 21 years of age, went out with a companion to hunt. They became lost and separated, the other man coming in safely. After waiting a time, Mr. Colver did not appear and there are now about 20 citizens of the Roseburg vicinity engaged in a hunt for him. Mr. Colver was lost near Hubbard's creek. He is in possession of a gun and Allegany residents were notified by Sheriff Gage yesterday morning to be on the lookout for the man whom, it is believed, has probably wandered in that direction, says the Record.

Sheriff Gage says the man is liable to come out at Smith's basin on the upper Coos river or Loon Lake over towards Scottsburg.

Fire at Conlogue's Camp

A considerable fire occurred Tuesday at Conlogue's Camp about three miles back from Leneve, about which we find the following in the Record:

From what can be gathered the fire commenced in the cook house and destroyed that building and a nearby house. Those who were first on the scene say the hot water tank exploded and was blown through the roof. The range, which was one of the modern ones of the county cost about \$700. There was a big stock of supplies stored and these supplies, worth, it is estimated, almost \$20,000, were lost. It is not known whether the buildings were insured, but they probably were not.

Commercial Club Wednesday

All voters in the Coquille road district are requested to attend the meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening, Oct. 23, at 8 o'clock at the city hall, and take part in the election of a member of the advisory committee for the county court on road matters.

Leo J. Cary, President.

Ruth Stanley Promoted

Mrs. Belleu resigned last night as chief operator at the telephone central her and was succeeded this morning by Ruth Stanley.

James Bellamy was brought over here from the Bay the first of the week to answer to a charge of forgery. The case, however, was settled out of court by his payment of the amount of the check and he was discharged from custody on Wednesday.