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CONTRACTS LET

County Court Gives Coquille Ferry to A. S. Bean—Other Awards

At the meeting of the county court on Tuesday the budget was revised as to the following items:

The allowance for bailiffs, jurors' fees, witness fees, etc., in the circuit court was increased from \$6,000 to \$6,500. The third Howell murder trial will very likely cause these expenses to run over the revised figure.

The state tax was increased from \$74,398.43 to \$98,095.20, but the county levy for market roads was diminished by a corresponding amount. As it stands now there will be a state tax of one mill, amounting to \$23,546.24 for market roads and a county tax of exactly the same amount.

The item of district road maintenance was changed by reducing the amount which must be levied under the 90-70 provision from a ten-mill to a one-mill tax. This will result in there being \$23,546.20 to divide in these proportions instead of ten times that much; but the total for the districts now stands at \$140,113.06, only about \$18,000 of which will be expended by the districts.

The \$12,000 allowed for refunding money borrowed from the state highway commission for use on the Coquille-Marshfield road was reduced to \$10,000. The total amount in the budget remains about the same as before, but the court will not be hampered as it was feared in the distribution of the road funds.

The bids for the operation of the Coquille ferry monthly for the coming year were as follows for labor only:

Joe Peart	\$275
E. C. Conger	250
H. W. Miller	250
C. P. Kidd	240
A. S. Bean	235
V. G. Pettengill	230

The contract was awarded to A. S. Bean at his bid of \$230.

For the Eastside ferry at the Bay there were two bids for labor only:

Alex Hall	\$360 per month
F. E. Peterson	355 per month

Being practically the same Commissioner Kern was directed to investigate the matter, and the award will not be made until next week.

There was only one bid for the operation of the Richmond ferry, that of Mr. Hayter at \$60 per month. He was awarded the contract.

Dr. James Richmond offered to furnish medical attendance at the county farm and jail at \$3.50 a visit to the former and \$1.50 a visit to the latter.

Dr. G. E. Lowe offered to do the work at \$5 a visit to the poor farm—making one regular visit each week and as many more as were called for—and \$3.50 a visit at the jail.

The contract was awarded to Dr. Richmond.

The contract for groceries for the county farm was awarded to the Cash & Carry store at its bid which was a rather complicated one.

The Busy Corner bid \$12.25 a barrel for flour in January; \$12.75 for February and March; sugar at 50 cents a hundred above Portland wholesale prices and six per cent retail prices for other groceries.

The printing of the official notices for the county was awarded to the Coos Bay Times at its bid—legal rates. The Times and the Sentinel were awarded the publishing of the court proceedings for the coming year.

Advise Building Trunk Lines

Col. Wm. Grimes and Dorsey Kreitzer came over from the Bay Monday morning to attend the budget meeting of the county court, and the Colonel talked for some time about the road program, advising that the trunk lines should be finished before money was spent on laterals that wouldn't connect with permanent roads.

People Take Little Interest

Apparently the public did not take very much interest in the county budget as not more than four or five people were present at the hearing the county court gave on the case Tuesday morning.

W. C. Bradley appeared in the interest of the boys and girls club work and told how greatly some states had benefitted from similar work and urging the retention of Mr. E. R. Peterson, the club leader who had done so much among the boys and girls of the county last year and aroused an interest in pigs and poultry and other lines of work among the young folks of the county.

The same reasons that led to the discontinuance of the home demonstration work applied here also—the idea that frills weren't going to help on the ranch and that it was only those having ample means who could afford to put them—also settled it that Mr. Peterson should not be retained.

WON'T LET BOY LOOSE

The following from the Coos Bay Harbor voices a complaint of the treatment given Harold Howell here by the sheriff's office during his second trial:

"The defense pleaded for human treatment for the prisoner but without avail. The boy was not allowed outside of the four walls of the jail from the 15th of December until Christmas day, when the trial ended. His only exercise was that gained when he was conducted under guard from the jail to the court room, entering the room from the jail using the inner door. So virtually he was never out in the open air during that time.

"Mr. Kendall says that this was the order of the sheriff's office to his jailer and their pleadings for human treatment were without avail.

"The jury and other court officials were allowed freedom of the grounds, and the defense took the position that the same treatment should have been afforded the boy."

It is not the custom of the sheriff's office here to grant those under arrest or on trial for the crime of murder the same freedom that is allowed those charged with less heinous crimes. Neither do the laws which discriminate against those charged with murder in the matter of bail contemplate that one who is held for so atrocious a crime shall be given so much freedom as those charged with minor offenses. But Mr. Gage wonders how he is expected to treat one who is held for the most fiendish crime ever committed in Coos county.

The Howell boy has been permitted to come down town with Mr. Evland to have his hair cut in a barber shop and has had more liberties than Mr. Gage ever before accorded to a prisoner ordered committed to the jail here for the crime of murder. There is no claim that the boy is not well treated in the jail, only that he is not treated as well as the members of the jury against whom no charge whatever has been made.

Of course, what his attorneys are saying along this line is a hidden plea for sympathy, nothing more. If the boy is innocent, of course, he is deserving of sympathy; but how infinitely less than the girl whom a cowardly assassin shot in the back because she refused to become a victim of his lust. And until he is legally freed from the charge against him we take no stock in pleas for giving him more freedom and making a pet of him. He has so far failed to manifest the slightest sign of sympathy for the parents of the murdered girl or of horror for the crime.

The county or city health officer are the proper parties for the friends of the lad to appeal to if they think he is being mistreated or that his health is imperilled.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.00.

BUDGET CHANGES

A Few Items Will Differ—The Total Remains the Same

When the county court came to revise the budget Tuesday, it appeared that there was at least \$1,000 to turn back into the general fund of the county, which the court could dispose of as it pleased.

Judge Wade favored giving this amount to the home demonstration work which Miss Minnie Kalbus has been conducting for the past year.

Commissioner Yoakam opposed this very positively, as he did not believe in the desirability of work of that sort.

That left the matter up to Commissioner Kern to decide and he preferred the money should be used for advertising Coos county in a state publication. Another commissioner had previously said it would be better that book should not be published at all than that it should go out without any reference to Coos county. So Coos county will be represented in the Oregon Almanac this year but will have no home demonstration agent.

Miss Kalbus a few weeks ago turned down a proposition to become a member of the faculty of Ames College, the Iowa equivalent of our O. A. C., and has been in demand by other counties in Oregon, so she is not the loser by this decision of the court, except that like so many others, she had found the climate of Coos County very much to her liking.

Big Increase in Taxes

Now that the budget items have been fixed and it is too late to change any of them, it has been figured that the following levies will be required in the various cities of Coos county:

Marshfield, total tax increased from 39.5 mills to 50.5.

North Bend increased from 41.4 mills to 53.1.

Coquille increased from 42.3 mills to 52.3.

Myrtle Point increased from 42.5 mills to 54.2.

Bandon increased from 47.9 to 57.9.

Empire increased from 27.4 mills to 65.8.

The building of a new school house at Empire has more than doubled the taxes there this year. Here in Coquille, where in nearly all cases our taxes were lower in 1919 than in 1918, this year we get ten mills addition or just a dollar more on \$100 valuation, or \$10 on a thousand.

So where we paid \$42.30 on a thousand dollar valuation it will be \$52.30 this year. This will mean that all taxes in this city will be 23 1/2 per cent larger this year than last. The fact that the increase in taxes is away beyond the sixteen percent limitation is principally due to the addition of the two mill market road tax this year which was voted by the people and is independent of that limitation. This adds more than \$46,000 to Coos county's taxes this year.

County Court Takes a Stand

District Attorney J. F. Hall asked the county court Tuesday what they thought it best to do about the Howell murder case, which has been twice tried at considerable expense to the county without result. Commissioner Kern suggested the idea of a change of venue but it was understood that the state could not ask for that.

Judge Hall said that the jury thought he was guilty but some few had doubts.

Commissioner Yoakam voiced the sentiment of the court by telling the judge:

"Do your best; if you can't convict, why you can't."

E. W. Greig is putting up a building on the rear end of the lot opposite the Nosler Grocery, to be used for Willey & Son's plumbing business, while the old Herald office which they occupy is being refloored and repaired.

THE KINNEY SALE

Waite and His Attorney Still at Their Old Tricks, Playing For Time

The sale of over 2,000 different descriptions of land in the Kinney tract at North Bend by the Sheriff's office began here last Friday morning, according to notice, and continued day by day until Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 31.

Practically all the tracts were bid in by the county. A company composed of F. B. Waite, of Sutherlin, who is the largest creditor of this estate, and perhaps other creditors, called the Athena company, bid on these tracts the amount of the judgment for the 1907 and 1908 taxes and demanded a deed, without paying in addition all subsequent taxes, penalties, interest and costs as the law requires.

Acting on the advice of Mr. Liljeqvist, the special counsel of the county in this case, as well as upon his own view of the law, Deputy Sheriff Clyde Gage refused to make out deeds for these tracts on any such payment.

The provision of the law on which they relied in refusing to issue deeds for a small fraction of the amount due the county on these tracts was the following:

"All bidders except the county at sales of property for which certificates of delinquency are held by the county, shall pay the full amount of all taxes, penalties, interest and costs, for which judgment is rendered, together with all taxes, interests and costs for all subsequent years due on said property at the rate of sale."

This would not appear to leave Mr. Waite or his company a penny to stand on in their demand for deeds on payment of the taxes and costs for 1907 and 1908 only, but A. S. Hammond, their attorney, says he will go into court to try to compel the issuance of deeds for about one-sixth the amount due on these properties. Whether he can get anywhere by such a move remains to be seen. It may be that the object of this contention is only to delay the closing of this matter and protract litigation.

As it stands the county is now the owner of these tracts and can sell them for all they will bring, but, of course, it would be impracticable to do this by ordinary real estate methods, and an auction sale of another character than the foreclosure sale just held appears to be the alternative.

Trying to Beat the County

We do not imagine that the attempt of F. B. Waite and others interested in the Kinney properties to get tax titles on those properties by bidding them in for taxes for 1908 and the years prior to that time will succeed. It would be an anomalous result for the county to throw off ten years' taxes in order to get pay for two or three years.

However it may be for others a claim of this sort is a good thing for the lawyers, still further protracting the litigation in these cases.

Won't Favor Salary Increase

Mr. Thrift, who is soon to go out to attend the special session of the legislature asked an expression from the court in favor of a raise in salary for some of the county officers who are getting no more than they did five years ago. He was turned down, the idea being expressed that if a man didn't want an office at the present salary he could easily keep out of it.

Ma foi! There's a dash of French sauce in this tale of a man-hunting maid. See "A Temperamental Wife" at the Liberty Theatre Jan. 6 and 7.

The offer of the Sunset and the Sentinel both for one year for \$3.00 still holds good.

Will Pay For Lobbying

The county courts of Clatsop, Tillamook and Benton counties agreed to furnish \$500 each to pay the expenses of some road boosters to go to Washington, D. C., and work for a government appropriation for the Roosevelt highway if Coos county would do the same. The county court here thought this unwise and the district attorney advised that there was no warrant of law for such an appropriation, so it was recommended that this matter be referred to the commercial bodies of the county.

The result is that the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce agreed to donate \$150 of the \$400 asked from this county. Coquille had agreed to give \$75 and North Bend, Bandon, Myrtle Point and Powers are expected to come across with enough to make up Coos county's quota.

Fast and furious. The wife is fast and the husband furious. See "A Temperamental Wife" at the Liberty Theatre Jan. 6 and 7.

WANT SPECIAL TWO-MILL TAX

Referring to the demand of the State Teachers Association for a minimum salary of \$90 per month for twelve months, or \$1080 a year for teachers, the Sentinel doubts the propriety of fixing a minimum wage by law in this or other cases. In the case of teachers, those who make good are no doubt deserving of that price where the school is of at least medium size, but there are so many cases where there are very few pupils and so many more where inferior teachers must be employed because there are not qualified ones to go around, that we question the advisability of the demand.

The teachers, following the world war, has been to go to extremes in demanding increased pay for laborers in some lines. While we have never heard of a maximum limit talked of for the wages of laborers in any line, that would be just as reasonable as a minimum wage. And it might well be argued that if no person, however incapacitated, shall be allowed to labor for less than a minimum wage so no one, however gifted, shall receive more than a certain maximum wage. The subject is a big one and we make these suggestions to set people to thinking, realizing that there are two sides to every proposition involving radical changes.

Two Coquille Boys in Big Game

The big football game at Pasadena yesterday between the University of Oregon eleven and the big Harvard team, the leading eastern team this year, aroused more interest on the Pacific coast than any game ever played before. In Coquille the interest was greatly augmented by the fact that the two Leslie boys, Earl and Keith, were playing tackle and center respectively for Oregon. The score was 7 to 6 in the easterners' favor but there is very little glory in it for the crimson followers because they expected their husky favorites to eat up the lighter Oregon team and score more than one touchdown. An average of 20 pounds lighter to the man was a serious handicap for the lemon and yellow but they overcame it with speed. On the other hand the difference in climate between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts was a handicap to Harvard. From the score we judge it was a game which aroused the wildest enthusiasm.

Girls Give Fine Show

The performance put on by the Barry Studio of Dancing of Marshfield Wednesday evening at the Liberty Theatre, drew a full house and was greatly enjoyed. The little girls ranging in age from five to fifteen years, made a most creditable showing and were warmly applauded. The youngest performer was Harriet Neiman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Neiman, formerly of Coquille.

THE 1920 CENSUS

It Begins Today—List of Enumerators—President's Warning

The work of taking the fourteenth census of the United States begins today and the following are the questions each householder is by law required to answer:

1. On what street, road or avenue do you live?
2. What is the number of your house?
3. What is the full name of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family?
4. Is this home owned or rented?
5. If owned, is it free or mortgaged?
6. What is the sex of each person?
7. What is the color of each person?
8. What is the age of each?
9. Are you single, married, widowed or divorced?
10. What was the year of your immigration to the United States?
11. Are you naturalized or an alien?
12. If naturalized in what year?
13. Have you attended school since September 1, 1920?
14. Are you able to read?
15. Are you able to write?
16. What is the place of your birth?
17. What is your mother tongue?
18. Where was your father born?
19. What was his mother tongue?
20. Where was your mother born?
21. What was her mother tongue?
22. Are you able to speak English?
23. What is your trade, profession or particular kind of work?
24. In what industry, business or establishment are you at work?
25. Are you employer, salary of wage worker, or are you working on your own account?

The following are the enumerators for the districts in the Coquille Valley:

- Beaver Hill and Coaledo—L. L. Bunch.
- Myrtle Point and Sugar Loaf—John H. Carver.
- Cunningham, Fat Elk and Lee—Ned C. Kelley.
- Dora and Missouri—Edwin H. Kern.
- Enchanted and Rowland—Edwin F. Postal.
- Lampa and Norway—Harold K. Hodge.
- Bandon—Mrs. Nettie Adams.
- Coquille—Emma M. Pierce.
- Prospect and Riverton—Chas. A. Schroeder.
- Four Mile, Two Mile and Parkersburg—Arthur K. Hodge.

President Wilson has issued a proclamation in regard to the census in which after calling attention to the law enacted Mar. 3, 1919, under which the present census is being taken, and to the importance to the interests of the people of the county that this should be a full and accurate report of the population and resources of the nation he says:

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and make known that, under the law aforesaid, it is the duty of every person to answer all questions on the census schedules applying to him and the family to which he belongs, and to the farm occupied by him or his family, and that any person refusing to do so is subject to penalty.

"The sole purpose of the Census is to secure general statistical information regarding the population and resources of the country and replies are required from individuals only to permit the compilation of such general statistics. No person can be harmed in any way by furnishing the information required.

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