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## BRIDGE REPORT

### The River Bridge Site Here and Others in the County Looked Over.

The plans and data for the Coquille river bridge required by the War Department went forward to the district engineer's office at Portland a couple of weeks ago. The papers had been submitted to the district attorney for approval and when among the requirements named was found a copy of the state law authorizing the construction of the bridge, Judge Hall cut that out as superfluous and unnecessary, as the bridge was to be built under authority of the general law and not of any special statute. But the engineer's office at Portland has its own ideas about the red tape necessary to be unwound in such a case and sent the papers back here to have that omission filled.

So Roadmaster McCulloch inserted Section 337 of the Oregon laws and returned the papers. Beyond this the request was found in due and proper form and by this time has no doubt gone forward to Washington with the O. K. of the engineer's office at Portland, which will probably insure its approval and the speedy granting of the permit at Washington.

C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer of the State Highway Commission, was down here Wednesday to look over the proposed site of the bridge at the ferry here. He says the site is well chosen and he can see no reason why the permit for its construction should not be granted.

The plans will be for a swing draw bridge of the balanced draw type and it is thought the work of preparing detailed plans in the state engineer's office can be completed in two or three weeks.

Roadmaster McCulloch and Engineer McCullough went out to Cooper Bridge Wednesday to inspect it and determine whether it is heavy enough to carry the increased traffic which it becomes part of the proposed market road from Sitkum to Myrtle Point, which will be a hard surfaced road. The bridge, which has been in use about 15 years, is of a peculiar design, and the question as to its fitness could not be determined by a cursory examination, so it has been decided that the Highway Commission will send an expert down here to give it a thorough going over before it is determined whether it will stand up under the heavier traffic expected.

A hundred and fifty feet span was decided upon for the new highway bridge at Powers.

The near completion of the Coquille-Marshfield hard surfaced road, also brings up the question of the availability of the present Coal Bank Slough bridge in the southern part of Marshfield, and the state engineer's office will also draw plans for the changes needed in that structure for the county court.

### Douglas Comes Across

Douglas county was the only county besides Coos which had any Coos Bay Wagon road lands within its limits and it got only \$55,000, or about one-tenth of the entire amount the United States treasury has paid on the Southern Oregon taxes. On this one-tenth the Douglas county court has paid Ex-Governor Oswald West his claim of \$2,103.17. There had been paid him before \$100. His bill of \$19,685 for services rendered Coos county, in addition to \$400 already paid, is at the same rate per cent as Douglas paid.

### McKinley Will Build

In the distribution of the Southern Oregon tax funds the McKinley school district received \$2,065.54. The people there very naturally concluded that with such a nest egg on hand it was a good time to build a new school house. So they are to hold a meeting tonight to talk over plans and decide what sort of a building to erect. County Superintendent Mulkey is going out there to attend the meeting.

### Begins Market Road Survey

Roadmaster McCulloch has secured the services of Major McGinnis, of Marshfield, to survey the proposed market road from Myrtle Point up the North Fork and East Fork by way of Gravel Ford and Dora to Sitkum. The Major, whom we knew as city engineer at Woodburn when there was much street work going on there, went up to Gravel Ford Tuesday to begin work there.

### Killed in Logging Camp

Russell M. Miller, who was working in a logging camp at Davis Slough, was fatally injured there yesterday and was taken to Mercy Hospital at North Bend, where he died at 5 p. m.

Just how the accident occurred we are not informed, but it is reported that while he was falling a tree a log swung around and struck him.

He has a wife and two children living at Lempa, and his remains will be brought to Coquille this afternoon. The funeral services will be held at the Undertaking parlors at 2:30 Sunday afternoon and will be conducted by Rev. A. B. Barry of the Federated church. The interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

The deceased had been working in Coos county for several years, but his old home was near Homedale in eastern Pennsylvania, where he has brothers and sisters living. He was born Dec. 21, 1875, and was nearly four months over 44 years of age.

### Two Miles to Build

For the market road from Coos Bay north to Hauser there yet remains to complete the portion from Glasgow on the bay to the 2-mile post, and Engineer McCulloch, of the State Highway Commission, is to go over that this week, before returning to Portland.

## MUST BE CUT

### \$27,000.00

The advisory board to the county court on road matters has been called to meet here this morning, but it is improbable that they will take any action before the hour on which the Sentinel goes to press. When Roadmaster McCulloch came to add together the estimates for the county and each road district he found that the total exceeded the \$1,050,000 which is our bonding limit, by about \$27,000.

Where to apply the axe is of course the question, as it is necessary that the exact amount for each project should be stated in the call for the election, and neither the roadmaster nor the county court feels warranted in cutting the appropriation for any district. To make a pro rata reduction all along the line would seem to be the most satisfactory way of disposing of that \$27,000 over-estimate, but there is no question that some projects can stand a cut much better than others.

But for this uncertainty as to the exact amount to go to each project the Sentinel would have this week presented the full details of the road plan to be submitted at the coming bond election, with the definite boundaries of each project to be provided.

### To Match Uncle Sam

The state board of control at a meeting at Salem on Saturday last authorized the issuance and sale of highway bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000 to match federal aid for the construction of post and forest roads in Oregon. The state highway commission had asked for the issuance of \$2,500,000 of these bonds, but informed the board of control that only \$1,000,000 of that sum was necessary at present.

It was reported to the board that about \$4,000,000 of federal money is available for road construction in Oregon, but the state will not be able to match more than \$2,500,000 of that amount until such a time as the present indebtedness limitation of 2 per cent based on the assessed valuation of the state is extended. A measure providing for extension of this limitation to 4 per cent will be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the special election May 21.

Issuance of state highway bonds to match any amount of money appropriated by the government for road construction in Oregon was authorized at the special session of the legislature in January. The total bonded indebtedness of Oregon at present is \$10,665,000, according to a financial statement submitted to the board. Practically all of this indebtedness represents road bonds.

### Wade Seeks Re-election

In another column appears the announcement of Judge Wade as an independent candidate for re-election as County Judge. He will not be a candidate at the primaries. So far Judge Wade has made an excellent record as County Judge and we see no reason why the people who voted for him last year should not give him their support for re-election.

## GIVE LIBERALLY OVER THE HILLS

### High School Teams Meet Much Success in the Armenian Drive.

Ten teams went out last Friday from our city high school to talk to the schools from Riverton to Dora in the interest of the Armenians. The young people were instructed, after making talks telling of the starving conditions of those people, not to attempt to take up any collection unless specially requested to do so. Hence some of the teams have no report yet to make of contributions received as the result of their visits, though these will no doubt come later.

The Riverton team consisted of Pauline Chase, Irma Price, Olive Taylor and Evelyn Woodward. They report contributions of \$42.78 there.

Jeffie Beckham and Almond Martin got \$12 at Fishtrap, but were unable to visit upper Fishtrap district, as the school there was closed owing to sickness.

Maxine McGilvery and Fred Wimer went to Fairview where they obtained \$42.74.

Alvin Neely and Ralph Collier went to Fairview Thursday, on to McKinley Friday, where the contributions reached \$30; and then made the long hike over the hills to Dora where \$19.10 was realized.

The Arago team consisted of Hope Neal, Theresa Willard and Teresa Clinton. There the people had already raised \$70, but a collection of \$14.45 more was made.

Robert Willard and Lawrence Moon were the Norway committee but here the drive had already been made and \$100 raised.

The team for West Norway was Jennie Price and Alice Barker.

Lowell Simpson, Irving Lamb and Audrey Fraedrick were sent to Lee, but both there and at the Roy district only cars were left.

The team to visit Johnson's Mill consisted of Lundy Church and Emma Schroeder, and they report \$25 received.

The Coaledo team consisted of George Martin and Odie Beckham.

The team for the Conlogue camp school consisted of Mary Rollins and Crystal Lafferty. They had a strenuous day, making a two and a half mile hike over the hills to the Conlogue camp where they found the loggers at dinner and got \$90. At a meeting at Beaver Hill they got \$29 more, making \$119 for the day.

Taking it altogether it is thought that this high school drive will result in putting several hundred dollars into the Near East Relief fund directly and indirectly.

Besides the experience in public speaking and public work the pupils obtained in taking charge of this drive will be of incalculable value to them. The morale of the school, Prof. Tuttle says has been vastly improved by this undertaking.

### Last Night's Winners

There was a large attendance and much interest at the Oratorical and Declamatory contests at the Federated church last night.

In the Fifth and Sixth grades contest, Annie McAdams won; in the Seventh and Eighth grades Ellen Baker was the successful contestant. In the High School contest Jeffie Beckham won the declamatory contest and the gold medal, and Errol Sloan won the oratorical contest. The two latter will go to North Bend tonight to represent our city schools in the county oratorical and declamatory contests.

### Ellingsen Will Run Again

At the urgent request of friends and supporters both here and on the Bay side, Ed Ellingsen has decided to enter the race again this year for the republican nomination for sheriff. Ed was beaten for the nomination two years ago by about a dozen votes and with the encouragement he has thus far received, feels that he will be a few votes over this year, instead of short. He is the second candidate to announce for that office on the republican ticket.

### Liljeqvist May Prosecute

Attorney General Brown, who was asked to conduct the prosecution of Harold Howell at his third trial, which will occur here next month, said he couldn't comply with the request, but would recommend his assistant, L. A. Liljeqvist, our former prosecuting attorney.

### Possible North Fork Water Supply for This City is Investigated.

Councilman Lamb, who has taken the position that it should not be necessary for this city to use filtered Coquille river water, and J. E. Norton made a reconnaissance trip to the headwaters of Rink creek Tuesday, going a mile and a half above the present intake of that source of water supply near Dean's Mill, and almost to the top of the divide between that creek and the valley of the North Fork.

They found a roaring torrent all the way up, through a narrow gorge, with rock, gravel and sand as the bed of the stream all the way and free from rotting logs or vegetation. More than that, there is practically no merchantable timber, only a dense growth of underbrush and some maple trees, assuring that such a waterway would always be shaded in the summer months, and that no logging would interfere with, nor running of stock contaminate the stream.

It also would furnish nature's own purifier for any water turned loose at the top of the hill and is of sufficient fall to insure that such a stream would reach the intake and eventually the city's reservoirs. No piping would be necessary on this side of the divide. At four o'clock they turned back without reaching the top, but they were close enough to be certain that there was no obstacle on this side to utilizing the water from the North Fork for our city water system.

The question now resolves itself into whether the city can afford to pipe the water from the North Fork, between Lee and Fairview, to the top of the hill, a distance of a mile to a mile and a half, and to a height of from 450 to 600 feet. Mr. Lamb is of the opinion that this can be done at an expense no greater than Mr. McNamara's estimate of the cost of a filtration plant—\$25,000, but of course an engineer's survey and estimate would have to be made before this fact could be established.

In logging camps it is quite often the case that a stream of water is pumped to an elevation of 400 feet by a donkey engine, and while a larger stream of water would be required here, it would simply be a matter of providing more power. However, such power might be supplied, either by utilizing the fall of the river, an over shot water wheel and pump, or boiler and pump; it should not prove an insurmountable expense to get it, and the city would then be supplied for year with an inexhaustible amount of mountain water—at least until Coquille is considerably larger than it is now.

True, there are ranches along the North Fork where stock pollute the stream to a certain extent, but running water purifies itself in a couple of miles and even in its natural condition it is better than the Dutch John supply we are now using.

From the quotations on iron pipe which he has, Mr. Lamb estimates the cost of laying the line from the North Fork to the top of the hill at not to exceed \$15,000, although this is not based on actual distances. It might also be necessary to build a half mile of flume from the point where the river begins a rapid fall to the point where the power machinery would be installed. As it would not be expected to pump more than three or four months during the summer, the expense of a man to take care of it and keep it going should not exceed, at a maximum of \$150 a month, \$600.

The most logical thing for the city to do in this matter of investigation would be for the council and as many citizens as desire, to form two parties, one to start from the Rink creek intake, and the other from the nearest point on the North Fork to the gap in the divide, and both to ascend the hill and view the lay of the land. If the plan looked feasible to the lay mind, the matter of survey and estimates could then be attended to.

And even if it did cost more than a filtration plant we should know that the water thus secured would be incomparably better than the river water at Coquille.

April is usually a month of both smiles and tears, but so far this year she has been for the most part a sob sister.

### Broccoli Expert to Come

Chester C. Farr, County Agent, has made arrangements with the Extension Service of the Oregon Agricultural College, to have Professor A. G. Bouquet, head of the department of vegetable gardening, deliver a series of talks to farmers on raising broccoli. His assignments are as follows: Coquille, May 6; Fairview, May 10; Myrtle Point, May 11; Coos River, May 12;

Professor Bouquet has the reputation of knowing more about vegetables than any man in the United States, besides being a convincing and interesting speaker. He will be glad to give advice and instruction on raising of broccoli. Broccoli has long been an important and profitable crop in Douglas County, especially near Roseburg, but has never been raised commercially in this section. In personal letters, Professor Bouquet has stated that he believes this section is better adapted to raising broccoli than Roseburg on account of climatic conditions, and he is desirous to have his judgement verified by having some acreage planted here this year.

All interested are invited to hear his talks.

Butter Wrappers and Trespass Notices for sale at this office.

## PERHAM WILL SPEND \$30,000

Two meetings of the school board have been held the past ten days. At the first E. G. Perham submitted an estimate of the cost of materials necessary to construct the new high school building, amounting to \$30,806.75. In accordance with his contract with the district, he was authorized to order all the materials listed in his estimate, and a building fund warrant of \$500 payable to him was ordered drawn as a contingent fund from which he pays small incidental bills.

At the last meeting, on Wednesday of this week, the board ordered 1450 square feet of blackboard at 22 cents per square foot, less 10 per cent; also 65 sanitary school desks.

In order to strengthen the basement foundation walls, Mr. Perham was directed to add sufficient cement to that provided for in the specifications to make five sacks of cement to one cubic yard of concrete in place.

A warrant for \$1335 was ordered drawn in favor of Tourtelotte & Hummel, the architects, which, with the \$1000 already paid them and according to agreements made with them, settles their account in full.

### Crossing Wins the Day

Fred A. Williams, of the Public Service commission, came down here Wednesday morning accompanied by Benjamin J. Forbes, the commission's stenographer, to hold a hearing on the right of way case at Johnson's Mill. The county has laid out a road there extending about a mile up the river, which connects with the Coquille-Myrtle Point road just west of Johnson's Mill. This necessitated a grade crossing of the Southern Pacific, to which the railway company objected. Hence the hearing at which Attorney Paul Farrans appeared in behalf of the company, and Roadmaster C. S. McCulloch for the county.

After a discussion of the case, Mrs. Farrans withdrew his objections to the grade crossing with the stipulations, to which the county agreed, to secure a clearer vision of the highway from the cabs of approaching engines, the grade of the road, or roadside should be cut away, and the brush along the roadside should be cut for a considerable distance.

### Hatchery Protests

The hearing of the Coos River Boom case over at the Bay was yesterday postponed until some time in June. The strongest opposition to the grant of boom privileges asked is expected to come from the fish hatchery. Attorney General Brown has asked District Attorney Hall to look after the state's interest in that case.

### Howell Trial Here May 5

Judge John S. Coke has set the third trial of Harold Howell charged with the murder of Lillian Leuthold, for May 5. He will hold an equity term here next Monday and will leave Friday for Curry county, which will give him a week to conclude business there and get back to open the Howell trial.

## A BOND ELECTION

### City Asked to Vote \$25,000 for Improvement of the Water Works.

The council met Monday evening to pass ordinances relative to the special election it was decided to call for Thursday, April 29.

The first ordinance provides that a shorter time than 60 days be authorized in which elections may be called, thus permitting the water works bond election to be held in time to get action on the improvements to be made, before the dry season begins.

The second ordinance provides for the manner of calling and holding general and special elections, makes the city laws conform to the state laws on that subject, places an ordinance on the books which makes the charter provisions concerning elections operative, which latter might or might not have been before; and permits the council, if necessary to call more than one special election in a year, providing all members of the council vote in favor of it.

The third ordinance provides for the holding of a special election on April 29 to vote on one charter amendment and two bond issues. The amendment is in regard to city caucuses for the nomination of candidates for office and provides that such caucuses shall be held not less than 35 days nor more than 45 days before the election is to be held. The old charter provision was not less than ten nor more than 20 days, and the change is to be made to permit conformity to state law.

The second measure to appear on the ballot is the question whether to vote \$25,000 in water work bonds, bearing 6 per cent interest, optionable after 10 years and payable in 30 years.

The third measure to be submitted is whether \$5,000 in bonds shall be authorized to purchase the Lamb Grove. These will be general fund bonds, bearing 6 per cent interest, optionable after five years and payable on or before ten years.

Frank Burkholder and Z. C. Strang were named as judges, and Ned G. Kelley and Ben Curria as clerks for the election, which will be held in the city hall between the hours of 8 a. m. and 7 p. m., April 29.

The following is a section of the ordinance showing for what purposes the proposed \$25,000 of water bonds may be used:

Bonds are to be issued for either or all of the following purposes:

a.—For carrying into effect the provisions of the charter of the city of Coquille relative to a water works system.

b.—For acquiring by condemnation, purchase or otherwise, any water, stream of water, water rights, rights of way, reservoir sites, dam sites, diverting points and any and all other rights, land or property necessary or convenient for a water works system within or without, or partly without and partly within, the corporate limits of the city of Coquille.

c.—For constructing, wholly or in part, a new water works system.

d.—For relocating, changing, extending or reconstructing in whole or in part, the water works system of the city of Coquille and for installing and laying new pipe lines and water conduits and filters and purifying plants for operating and keeping the same in repair.

e.—To provide and furnish the city of Coquille and the inhabitants thereof with an adequate, sufficient and wholesome supply of water.

### Churchill Goes to Curry

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent, was here Wednesday on his way to Curry county where he will deliver several addresses in behalf of the proposed two-mill elementary tax and investigate an application for the consolidation of the Port Orford and Langlois school districts. On his return trip he will speak here and at Bandon.

### Probably a Strenuous Session

On Tuesday, April 27, the county court will hold a special meeting at which Ex-Governor West will be present and ask for the payment of his \$19,685 bill. It will be an interesting occasion, if not a memorable one, and quite a gathering may be anticipated.

Call on us for Stationery.