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THE CITY CAUCUS

Nine Named for Councilmen— Two For Mayor—One For Recorder

The city caucus last Tuesday evening was fairly well attended, although it did not require an adjournment to the court house to accommodate the crowd as has sometimes happened. About 35 or 40 were present. J. J. Stanley called the meeting to order and moved that Leo J. Cary be made chairman, which was unanimously done.

After reading the call for the caucus the chair called for nominations for secretary and H. A. Young was elected.

Mr. Stanley invited the meeting that as J. A. Lamb had resigned as councilman the previous evening it would be necessary to also name a candidate to serve the unexpired term of two years.

The decks being cleared for action, the chair called for nominations for councilmen to serve four years.

C. R. Barrow in nominating E. W. Gregg, stated that he thought all sections of the city should be represented on the council and as a candidate for the northeast section he named Mr. Gregg.

At this point the old question whether a caucus could name more than one ticket came up and Mr. Stanley related how the caucuses of previous years had decided the matter themselves, some years naming more than one man for each office and some years but one.

It seemed to be the opinion of most of those present that a choice should be presented to the voters in November without the trouble of getting a nominating petition signed and when L. H. Hazard moved that the caucus nominate as many candidates for each office as was desired, the motion was unanimously carried.

The business of naming candidates proceeded rapidly after that. L. H. Hazard nominated H. A. Young; H. C. Getz named A. L. Simpson; Geo. Davis nominated E. A. Wimer; Wm. Brown put Dr. C. W. Endicott's name on the list; C. T. Skeels named L. L. Turner; Mr. Turner spoke J. W. Miller's name and C. A. Machon nominated A. O. Walker. This made eight candidates for the three offices, so O. C. Sanford said that in order to make it one to three shot for each candidate he would nominate C. L. Willey, Sr. On motion nominations were thereupon closed.

For mayor for a two year term, J. E. Norton was placed in nomination by H. A. Young as one of Coquille's most progressive citizens, a man with varied interest in the city and one who always took an active part in all civic matters.

O. C. Sanford seconded the nomination with a fine tribute to Mr. Norton's excellent qualities, his progressiveness and readiness to lend his aid to any movement looking to the advancement of Coquille.

R. A. Wernick was then placed in nomination by Wm. Brown. In a few words he mentioned Mr. Wernick's progressiveness and his eminent ability to fill the office if elected. No other candidates appearing nominations were closed.

For City Recorder, the name of J. S. Lawrence was presented by C. R. Barrow, who said that his record spoke for itself, and his nomination to succeed himself was made unanimous.

For councilman for two years Walter F. Oerding was nominated by C. R. Barrow; Geo. S. Davis by O. C. Sanford; and Nick Johnson by Frank Burkholder. Nominations were then closed.

The nomination of Mr. Oerding brought a query as to the property qualifications necessary for service on the council. After consulting the charter the legal opinion was expressed that a candidate for mayor or councilman must be a freeholder, owning property within the city, and that the possession of stock in a corporation owning real estate did not fulfill the required conditions.

L. L. Turner and J. W. Miller informed the council that according to that charter provision they could not qualify as councilmen if elected. After further discussion of the matter Mr. Hazard arose and made a motion, which he said he had to do for he would like to see the three men remain on the ticket, that the names of L. L. Turner, J. W. Miller and Walter F. Oerding be omitted from the list of candidates to be filed with the city recorder and the motion was

adopted. The balance of those named were thereupon declared to be nominees of the caucus and the secretary instructed to certify their nomination with the recorder.

The injustice of a city statute which prevents a man, who may own thousands of dollars' worth of corporation stock, from either serving the city in an official capacity or from voting on bond and tax matters, was commented on quite freely. It resulted in a motion that the caucus recommend to the city council that a charter amendment be submitted to the voters at the same time the city election is held on Nov. 2, which will enable not only owners of real estate, but owners of stock in corporations owning real estate within the city limits, to qualify as mayor or councilman and authorize such persons to vote on bond and tax measures. The business of the caucus being finished the meeting adjourned.

To Film Kyme Story

Secretary Reid, of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, announces that the old Breakwater dock on North Front street has been secured as studio quarters for the movie picture company which will film "Kindred of the Dust" here. The dock is located on North Front street, near the city hall and it is believed will furnish the necessary room.

Helen Ferguson, a friend of the author, Peter B. Kyme, will it is said take the star part in this film.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

Large crowds are attending the Jerry Jeter revival campaign here. The people come through the rain and find the tabernacle dry and warm.

Mr. Jeter is painting many beautiful pictures every night and his cartoons are a delight to all who see them. Mrs. Jeter's Bible readings are good and all who hear them are greatly benefited. Some say that they like Mrs. Jeter better than they do her husband. They are entirely different in their methods of work, yet work together as one in their chosen field. Mrs. Jeter will give a Bible reading Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. Mr. Jeter will speak at the morning service. Mrs. Jeter will also speak to the Sunday School which will meet at the tabernacle. Following is the program for next week including Sunday night.

Monday, Rest Day, no service.
Tuesday, Mrs. Jeter at 3 p. m. 7:15 young people's sermon. Mr. Jeter will speak on "John the Wild Man, Converted."
Wednesday, 3 p. m. Mrs. Jeter and young people's meeting at 7:15. Mr. Jeter will speak on "Meeting the Conditions."
Thursday, Mrs. Jeter as above. Mr. Jeter's subject, "What Are You Waiting For?"
Friday night, "The Great Story of Jim and Jerry, two old school mates, cartooned by Jerry."
Saturday night only. Mr. Jeter will speak on "What Then?"
Mr. Jeter will speak Sunday morning and Mrs. Jeter at 3 p. m. Mr. Jeter's subject for that Sunday night will be: "The sort of a young man a young woman should marry and the sort of a young woman a young man should marry." This sermon is a live wire, so Mr. Jeter states.

From the State Fair

Special to the Sentinel, Salem, Ore., Sept. 23—Coos county's Holstein and Jerseys arrived safely after 51 hours on trip from Myrtle Point. Simpson's big bull is the center of attraction. There are the largest entries of stock ever shown here. The Tillamook exhibit arrived with six carloads of Holsteins, Jerseys and Guernseys, and one car of decorations and banners. They occupy one whole barn and have twenty attendants. The Tillamook county court appropriated \$1000 for the expenses of the trip and the special train that brought them came through in 11 hours. The court there also paid \$500 for the expense of judging dairy cattle Tuesday.

Archie Phillip.

Hollenbeck Now Day Man

A. T. Boldon has resigned as street man and day officer, and Mayor Johnson has appointed Bert Hollenbeck to take the position. He entered on his duties yesterday.

Butter Wrappers and Trespass Notices for sale at this office.

SHOOTS HIMSELF LOGANBERRIES

Otto Epps of Rink Creek Commits Suicide Wednesday Morning

Otto Epps shot himself between seven and eight o'clock Wednesday morning at his home on Rink creek. He had been in poor health ever since an attack of the flu last winter and complained of a good deal of pain in the region of the liver besides stomach trouble. Indeed he seemed to be holding his hand over his right side a good deal of the time. No other reason for the rash act is known, so it is supposed his nerves were so affected by his troubles as to make him temporarily insane. He bought the L. L. Bunch ranch where the Assen Bros. lumber camp used to be located and moved the commissary building down to use as a residence.

He had never said anything about intending to kill himself until that morning, and then half an hour before he did it he went up to the old house and got an old pistol that Mr. Bunch used when he went trapping. His folks sent for H. D. Carter, who lives across the road and they all tried to get to him and get the gun, but Epps warned them away when they approached him, and Mr. Stewart says the look on his face convinced him that it wouldn't be safe to try to get near him.

He soon placed the pistol just over his right ear and fired the fatal shot, living about an hour after, but never regaining consciousness. He had no financial trouble or family trouble, though when he visited Dr. Bunch's office here in the city to have some dental work done on Tuesday he did say something about not having received his milk check.

He was still indebted for the place which he bought last year from J. D. Myers, of this city, but he had it on long time and easy payments and had no occasion to worry about that.

After the shooting Dr. Richmond was summoned and Dr. Law came out with Sheriff Gage; but he was already dead, and the shooting had been seen by so many people that it was not deemed necessary to hold an inquest.

The funeral services were to be held at Fairview at 11 a. m. today, both he and Mrs. Epps having relatives buried there.

Besides his widow he leaves four children, three sons, Stephen, Leslie and Gordon, aged 21, 18 and 12 years and one daughter, Hazel, aged 16.

Mr. Epps, who was 53 years of age is said by his neighbors to have been of a happy and jovial disposition, and the last one who would have been suspected of an intention to take his own life.

The stricken family has the sympathy of the entire community in this deplorable calamity.

Veneer Plant May Come

One of our leading merchants received a letter this week from a concern which is seeking a location for a veneer plant. The proposition is to make veneer from Port Orford cedar, yellow fir and Sitka spruce for the furniture factories of Grand Rapids, Mich., and according to the statements it would mean a plant with a capacity of cutting 40,000 or 50,000 feet of logs daily. The equipment for this plant has been ordered and the gentlemen interested have a very favorable opinion of Coquille for the location of the mill if timber in sufficient quantity and at the right price can be secured. There is no question about the amount of such timber available in this section and the question of price should be as easily settled here as elsewhere on the coast.

The communication did not state how many people a plant with such a capacity would employ but it would necessarily add considerably to Coquille's payroll.

Arago Carries Off Honors

The people of Arago are jubilant these days over their success at the Coos and Curry fair, having captured first prize for community exhibits, two first and two second prizes on boys' and girls' cub work. Christina Vetter first and Irma Schroeder second on sewing. Irene Schroeder first and Irma Schroeder second in pig club.

The Jersey cattle exhibitors carried off nine blue ribbons out of ten classes entered, or nine out of a possible fifteen. This looks like living up to the slogan of "Watch Arago."

LOGANBERRIES

The Rupert Contracts Still Hold And Are a Good Thing For Growers

Mr. W. C. Bradley, who last year made contracts with ranchers and gardeners of this valley to plant 253 acres of loganberries and sell the product to the A. Rupert Company, incorporated, for a period of ten years at a price not less than 4% cents a pound and as much more as the market rate might be, sends us the following letter recently received from that company:

Aug. 18, 1920.

Mr. W. C. Bradley, Marshfield, Ore.
Dear Sir:—Regarding the agreement entered into with you by Mr. Rupert and the work which has been done under that agreement, have to advise.

The death of Mr. Rupert early in the year, and the consequent changes made necessary in the plans of this organization because of it, which added to the financial and economic conditions of the country, has made it necessary for the A. Rupert company, Inc. to abandon their plans for erecting a cannery at Coquille.

It was for this reason that the committee composed of Mr. Butt, Mr. Matthews, and the writer visited you at Marshfield last week and made arrangements for terminating the contract which existed between the A. Rupert Company and yourself.

We regret extremely the necessity of this action as we fully realize the value of the territory around Coquille as an opening for a cannery and we regret that conditions have made it necessary for us to abandon our plans in that connection. We appreciate fully the preliminary work which you have done and the efficient way you went about it.

We realize that the necessity of abandoning this plan has been a very severe disappointment to you as it has been to ourselves, and we trust that at some future time an opportunity may offer itself to show fully our appreciation.

Yours very truly,
A. Rupert Company Inc.
Walter A. Frost, President.

Though the company says nothing in this letter as to what they will do with the product of so much of these 253 acres as may be brought to Coquille to sell to them under the terms of that contract, there is no doubt that they are doing a heap of thinking about it and earnestly hoping that not an acre more of berries will be planted, and not a pound of berries ever offered to them under that contract.

On the other hand, we can see nothing on the horizon now that would be of greater financial benefit to Coquille than to have those 253 acres all planted to berries. And there is nothing that will stimulate the planting and cultivation of loganberries so much as the contracts which Mr. Bradley secured from the ranchers of this valley. Prices on most food products are already receding from the peak records due to the war. And in all human probability loganberries will be worth on the market less than 4% cents a pound long before ten years have elapsed.

In the interest then of the people here who have made these contracts, as well as of the community at large whom the establishment of the berry industry cannot fail to benefit, we should like to see every acre of these 253 planted next spring, or at the earliest possible date.

Probably if Mr. Rupert had lived, and the cannery he proposed to erect here had been built, before another year contracts would have been made for as many more acres, and there would have been a total of 500. But the danger is that, most of those who have made contracts will be likely to look on the matter as a nullity, now that Mr. Rupert is dead and no cannery is to be built here by the company, and throw up the contracts. Of course, this is what the company hopes will be the result, or they would not pass the matter over without any allusion to them, as they do in the above letter to Mr. Bradley.

These contracts are with fifty or more people and range from 15 acres in one case down to a single acre in several cases. We have heard no expression of late by any of the people who made these contracts as to what they expect to do, but Mr. Bradley informs us that he and Mr. Thompson purchased

expect to go ahead and plant five acres of loganberries at their place in Fairview, the fruit to be furnished the A. Rupert Co. under their contract.

We are anxious, however, to see every farmer and gardener go ahead and plant the berries. To get them to do so will require a concerted effort by our people, either through the commercial club or city officials. The plants could be purchased at wholesale for all who will plant them, and supplied at much less cost in that way than if each grower had to look out for his own.

A list of those who have contracted to plant these 253 acres can easily be secured—in fact we believe it has been published in the Sentinel. But some one has got to take the lead in this community enterprise, or the A. Rupert company will be gratified that it has so few berries to buy at Coquille during the next nine years.

One point, which we have not mentioned, is that the A. Rupert Co. is not only a going concern now, but that it is a corporation that cannot go out of business until all its contracts are fulfilled. In view of the fact that its solvency is unquestioned and that its financial standing is first class, it would seem that those who plant berries in fulfillment of these berry contracts are taking no risks, but on the other hand are insuring a fine income for years to come.

We hope that this matter will receive the attention its importance appears to warrant.

THE RECORD'S BACK TAXES

Considerable misleading information having been published about the taxes due and unpaid on the Marshfield Record property which is scheduled to change hands next Tuesday, the Sentinel man has obtained the following facts in relation to those long unpaid taxes from Deputy Sheriff Clyde Gage:

The sum of \$360.23 has recently been paid to cover the Record's taxes for 1918, 1919 and 1920. The 1921 taxes have also been paid by Mr. O'Brien for the Record Co. There is a question whether the 1916 taxes are to be paid by A. E. O'Brien or the Record Publishing Co., of which the O'Briens own most of the stock.

As to the unpaid taxes for 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915, they are due, if due at all, by Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, who were the sole owners of the Record before the Record company was organized in 1916. Mr. O'Brien claims that the county court retained moneys due him to apply to the payment of those taxes. Whether he includes in those moneys, the considerable amount by which the county court cut his bill for tax list publication, which they claimed to be too large, we are not informed.

One question appears to be whether the Record plant can be held good for the taxes due it from 1912 to 1916. There seems to be no question that the law as it now stands would warrant holding the property; whether the old law would is not quite clear.

There is another nice question involved and that is whether, under the Bulk Sales law enacted some years ago, the property is not liable, because the county was given no notice of the change in 1916 when the Record property was transferred by A. R. O'Brien and M. H. O'Brien to a company in which they were the principal stockholders.

Mr. Gage says it is up to District Attorney Hall to see that these taxes are collected and that it is not a matter which concerns Sheriff Gage's bondsmen. As we understand it, these taxes are no longer in the hands of Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist or J. C. Savage for collection.

Didn't Guess Right

The Sentinel man was away off his guess as to how the prizes should be awarded for the community exhibits at the fair last week. Arago got first; Norway second; Broadbent third, and Bridge fourth. Perhaps the fact that we were not pinned down to a score card, as the judges were, may explain the difference between our judgment and theirs. All the displays were most excellent and we hope to see twice as many next year.

R. A. Wernick, of the Coquille Lumber Mills is said to have already shipped 700,000 feet of lumber to Marshfield on the cars he recently

SCHOOL STARTS

All Grades Below High School In The Old Building— Changed Plans

The pupils of the common schools of Coquille to the number of 338 began work in the former high school building Monday with a corps of ten teachers in charge. The additional teacher seems to provide properly for the surplus pupils who have so badly congested two or more grades each year for many years past, and as a result no room will have more than about forty pupils in attendance at any one time unless the enrollment greatly exceeds expectation.

The school work is being taken up by pupils and teachers in a spirit of entire co-operation and with a zeal and interest which promises a most successful school year. Additional play apparatus will be provided as soon as possible by the school board, and it is hoped and expected that the younger children and their teachers will have many comforts and conveniences that have hitherto been lacking.

The desks and furniture for the new high school building are necessarily stored in the halls and basement, but this inconvenience will soon be removed. It is confidently expected that the new building can be occupied not later than October 4.

As there are but eight rooms that can be used for classes, the eighth grade occupies one room in the morning beginning the session at 8:30 o'clock, and the seventh grade occupies the room in the afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock and dismissing at 4:30. Mrs. Lorenz with her pupils occupies one room in the morning and Mrs. Chase with her pupils uses the same room in the afternoon.

As no eighth grade teacher had been secured at the opening of school, Mr. Baker has temporarily taken charge of the grade until another teacher is secured.

The school board has approved of the organization of a junior high school, and Superintendent Baker has been authorized to work out plans for putting it in operation. This is a feature of modern high schools which seems to be a decided improvement over the plan of having eight grades of common school work and four years of high school. Under this plan the pupils of the first six grades are grouped as common school pupils, those of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades are organized as a junior high school, and those of the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades are organized as a senior high school. All the subjects of the junior high school will be taught on the department plan, there will be more flexibility in regard to fitting the work to the needs of the pupils, and failure in one subject will not mean that the whole work of the grade will have to be repeated as is now necessary under the state examination system. It is believed that as thorough work can be done as under the old plan, and that many additional incentives will be offered to children who might drop out of school too early to continue their education long enough to properly equip them to take the part of a fully developed man or woman in the duties and responsibilities of adult life.

Scientific apparatus has been ordered for the high school so that the teaching of all the branches of science outlined in the state course of study may be made as effective as possible. A large enrollment in both junior and senior high schools is indicated by inquiries. Last year by far the largest number of tuition high school pupils attended school here that has ever been enrolled, and it is probable that there will be several more this year.

The enrollment and grades of each room in operation this week are given below, a new division of the third and fourth grades which will be made Monday being given in the enrollment as listed:

First B, Mrs. Chase, 30.
First A and Second B, Mrs. Lorenz, 26.
Second B, Second A, Miss Kennedy, 28.
Third B, Third A, Miss DeLong, 30.
Third A, Fourth B, Mrs. Hansen, 32.
Fourth B, Fourth A, Miss Wren, 29.
Fifth B, Fifth A, Miss Fitzgerald, 34.
Sixth B, Sixth A, Mrs. Brandon, 31.
Seventh B, Seventh A, Miss Wilkinson, 26.
Eighth B, Eighth A, 30.