

COUNTY COURT

Mr. Jeter's Work Done by the Two Members Present

The county court convened on Wednesday of this week, but was only in session one day—and that headed at that Mr. Jeter being on the sick list—but the other two members made a good showing of work accomplished in addition to the reading of the regular list of bills.

Only six of the batch of seven-year-old warrants advertised in the Herald a couple of months ago, were called for, including, of course, the largest, which was for nearly \$25. The rest of the batch were cancelled by order of the court.

John Anson was allowed \$400 to reimburse him for work he had done in excess of that amount on county road at Albany.

The court appropriated \$200 to match the \$200 donated by the people of this county for blind demonstration work.

F. Dryke, of Prussia (Beaver Hill), was given a license to run a dance hall of 1200 square feet floor capacity until Jan. 1, 1922.

L. A. Edgerton surrendered his certificate for collecting delinquent personal taxes in 12 job order districts that J. C. Savage's contract on that work should be extended until Jan. 1, 1921, and then terminated.

Read districts 12 and 15 were subdivided as district No. 12, the new district to include districts 12 and 15, and the old district.

Mr. L. H. Ross, of Marshfield, was appointed county assessor. Mr. Ross, the county assessor to be in connection with the city of Marshfield and the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce and such other duties as may be assigned to him in this matter. Mr. Ross is elected with the full power of a assessor in marsh, register and collector under the provisions of the constitution. The assessor to be elected in 1922 will be elected in 1922.

Miss Cora E. Marvin, librarian of the state library, was present and explained the county library law under which the county can either assist in maintaining a county library or take it over altogether. What the county will do was left undecided, but the court will take the matter up and come to a decision when they are making out the 1921 budget next month.

Appoint Bridge Committee

At the regular meeting of the Commercial club this week the report of the 1918-1920 Lyceum committee was read, showing a balance of \$24 in that fund. This is the same amount on hand at the beginning of last season, but the committee had to dispose of the \$122 worth of baby bonds in order to pay expenses for the season. This was due to the failure on three occasions of the advertised attraction to arrive.

J. J. Stanley, after four years' service on this committee, tendered his resignation to the club, but owing to the near approach of the first Lyceum number for this year, Oct. 20th, he has been requested to continue for a time at least.

The president of the club appointed the following as a committee to wait on the county court at their next regular meeting to request that they include a sufficient sum in their budget this year to enable them to build the bridge here at Coquille next year: J. E. Norton, J. A. Lamb, R. S. Knowlton, A. J. Sherwood, C. T. Sheeh, B. H. Burns and A. T. Morrison.

In the budgets of the last three years \$32,500 has been apportioned for this purpose and if, as E. G. Ferham states, the bridge can be built for \$40,000 another \$10,000 or \$15,000 apportionment this year will raise all the money needed to build the bridge.

Norma To Be Speeded Up

The Myrtle Point Transportation Co. intend to have the Norma make the trip from Bandon to Coquille in much less time than the Chama now does, aiming to reach Coquille in time for the passengers to take the morning train to Portland. This is certainly a move in the right direction providing much better service for the people of Bandon and lower river points.

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COME VERY NEAR GOAL

Adolph Walker, the bookkeeper of the city collection office here, says they came very near getting that \$200,000 in taxes that Edgerton and Monday, according to his estimate. The amount for which receipts have already been made out is \$225,000 and probably there is \$10,000 more collected yet to be reported for.

Mr. Walker makes another statement that will be of interest to all the taxpayers of the city and that is that the amount of property taxes collected in 1920 was \$1,000,000. This is a record for the city and it is a very fine record.

As an instance of the way Coos county is pushing on towards new greater than the budget estimates, he tells us that among the payment of taxes received during the past week was about \$3,000 from the addition to the town of Bandon, known as the City of Coos Bay, comprising 100 blocks and 2,000 lots more or less.

Its owners, who invested \$50,000 in that property and have as yet sold but a very small percentage of it, have just paid the full taxes on their holdings for the years 1918 and 1919. For 1918 they paid \$277 in taxes and \$540 interest and penalties. That is the way Coos county's delinquent taxes have been bearing fruit in recent years. It should also be noted that the Coos City people say they are going to pay their 1918 taxes shortly, but leaving them to go over until this time means a five per cent penalty for the county.

Children's Health Clinic

If you have a baby or a child under eight years of age, you are invited to bring it to the children's health clinic to be held in the school house at Coquille from 3 to 5 p. m. Tuesday, October 12th. A physician will be in attendance, who will give the children a thorough physical examination and mothers will be advised how to keep them well and strong. Every child must be free from communicable disease and must not have been recently exposed to any contagious disease. Mothers are requested to bring a small blanket to wrap around the child while it is undressed.

Please add that the children will be weighed and measured. Elizabeth Campbell, county nurse.

New Transfer Business

It's a transfer station in front of the Sentinel office now that the mid embargo is on. Trucks come up to this point and transfer the groceries for places north on Taylor street to a stone boat or sled, for which a horse furnishes the motive power. No wonder the agitation for better streets and roads never stops.

Constance Talmadge, latest picture at the Liberty.

FOR CITY BALLOT

Council Submits 3 Propositions To Be Voted on at Nov. 8th Election

The council met in regular session Monday evening but postponed action on business until Thursday evening, devoting the time to a discussion of the propositions recommended by the Commercial Club to amend the question of buying the Myrtle Grove in the voters at the election next month. Lee J. Cary and L. H. Hazard, of the club, both spoke in favor of purchasing the grove, explaining how much better a proposition it was now, with a frontage of 116 feet on Willard street, than it was when submitted last May.

But the council did not seem to favor a stamp vote, as the commercial club requested, stating that the proposition submitted last winter was all the authority they needed to buy the grove—if funds were only available. Mr. Hazard held the new proposition up a week later one and expressed the belief that one reason the bond was defeated before was that they were on the ballot at the same time as the water bonds.

The mayor and several council members favored putting the question of buying the grove on the ballot, but at present no action was taken, on the belief again and submitting it at the regular election next month.

The council's attention was also called to the recommendation of the city council that the charter be amended to qualify anyone owning stock in a corporation which owned real estate within the city limits, to hold office as mayor or commissioner in or out of tax and bond measures.

To enable the city attorney to prepare the ordinance necessary to put these measures on the ballot, the council adjourned until seven o'clock last evening.

In addition to the two foregoing measures, at the suggestion of Mayor Johnson, Mr. Hazard also brought up the ordinance a third question, that of issuing \$20,000 worth of water bonds for extending, improving, relocating or changing the present system, as the council might deem best.

When the council met last night they voted unanimously to submit the three measures and they will appear on the ballot in November. The charter amendment will be submitted to the entire electorate, but the two bonding propositions to freeholders only.

The water bonds proposition is practically the same as submitted last May, the only difference being that \$20,000 worth may be voted while before it was for only \$25,000. But in talking with Mayor Johnson this morning we learn that the council has no definite plan as to the spending of all or a portion of these bonds if voted. It is only to provide funds with which the new council, which takes the reins of government the first of next January, may be able to provide an adequate water supply before next summer.

There has been a considerable change of sentiment since the water bonds were defeated last spring, and in view of the imperative need for more water during July and August, it is thought the issue will be approved.

The same idea holds for the Myrtle Grove question, many who voted against the bonds last May, now expressing their intention of voting favorably this fall.

Lack of time this morning prevents the Sentinel from going into detail on these two propositions this week, but it behooves everyone interested in the progress and material advancement of Coquille, and especially the Commercial Club and the Woman's Club, to leave no stone unturned in putting these two measures across next month.

Has Three Nominations

Congressman W. C. Hawley was a caller at the Sentinel office this morning. Having the republican, democratic and prohibition nominations for office to succeed himself, he is not making a political campaign, but is renewing old acquaintances, making new ones and looking over the needs of the various localities in the district. As a political necessity he is urging the election of E. N. Stanfield over Geo. Chamberlain this fall, the question of republican control of the U. S. senate being the only one in doubt this fall.

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TO LOCATE PHONE OFFICE

Chas. Hall and Sgt. W. E. Gates, of the telephone company, were over here from the Bay yesterday. They stated that they expected to receive the equipment for the new telephone system soon after the first of the year. They were interviewing various citizens, trying to learn which location would be satisfactory to the public—an upstairs entrance to one of the brick buildings or a ground floor office in a new building. They are now at the street northeast from the Sentinel. Mr. Hall was talking to several people up such a building of their own and spending about \$1000 for poles to make the new building and the present workable proposition. While this location would not be in the business center, we believe, the ground floor office would offset the greater distance required to reach it.

Mr. Hall says, however, if they can ascertain what the public desires in the matter of location that they will be guided by that in making their choice.

Gets His Wires Crossed

District Attorney Hall says that the Coquille Sentinel was wrong in its statement that Sheriff Gage had to appeal to Attorney General Brown regarding the collection of taxes on the plant of the Marshfield Evening Record which has been transferred to Tom T. Bennett, G. A. Martin, Rev. James T. Anderson and associates.—Coos Bay Times.

Record Is Renovated

The Evening Record of Marshfield was transferred to its new owners last Friday and now appears under the heading, "Southwestern Oregon Daily News," with Glenn L. Foster as managing editor and James T. Anderson as business manager. There is but little change in the appearance of the paper except that the advertising patronage has increased. In spite of that, we can discern a disposition for the better—very much less of the yellow.

To Improve Beach Street

At their meeting last night the council instructed the city engineer to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for the improvement of Beach street from First street to the Knowlton Heights bridge. The plan is to improve that block with a plank roadway. All the property owners but one are said to favor the improvement.

Total Population 195,822,192

The figures for the total population of the United States, not including our insular possessions, were announced yesterday. There are 195,822,192 of us—quite a big family.

WONKALL WINTER

That Is What Will Be Done On the Marshfield Road When Weather Permits

Wednesday afternoon Engineer Chandler, of the State Highway Department, was quoted by the Coos Bay Times as saying that the road between Marshfield and Coquille will be closed to all traffic from now on until the road is completed. He said that twenty days of continuous good weather would have enabled them to complete it, but with periodic working, such as will be possible from now on, he doubted if he road would be completed before early spring.

The Scandia company also proposes to work on the end of the line whenever the weather will permit until their portion of the road is finished. While the state has not yet consented to pave from the Burholder corner to the Sentinel corner on this highway, we have always been of the opinion that if this matter were properly advocated before the Highway commission that would be done. Meanwhile, until the question as to whether the state, the city, the county or the abutting property owners shall pay for the improvement of these these blocks is settled, we understand that the city council will get the T bridge in condition for traffic so that cars can be detoured that way until the rest of the paving is Taylor street is done.

The reason that work is to be kept up all winter until it is finished on the two unfinished sections of the road to Marshfield is that both the State Highway Commission and the Scandia company have consented on hand to finish the job, which must be used as soon as possible to divert the transportation that will come, if it is held over until next summer. At least we shall expect to see the road open for travel early next spring. It seems to have been a long time in getting the Willard street bridge done.

Corn Show Committees

The following is the list of committees appointed for the Sixth Annual Corn Show to be held here on the 12th and 13th of November. Executive committee—J. E. Norton, L. H. Hazard, A. T. Morrison, C. W. Endicott, A. E. Campbell. Finance committee—L. L. Turner, A. N. Gould, J. W. Miller. Committee on Booths—N. N. Nelson, Ed Ellingren, J. B. Barton, W. G. Brandon, Walter Oarding, T. B. Currie, A. C. Malheur. Committee on Exhibits—C. C. Farr, J. L. Smith, Frank Burtholder, C. I. Kline, Harry Mast, T. G. Barker, Walter Laird, James T. Jenkins, Otis Anson, Arthur Brown. Entertainment—J. A. Lamb, A. J. Shapess, A. N. Gould, F. G. Leslie and J. E. Norton.

Meetings Close Sunday

The Jerry Jeter revival campaign will close here Sunday night. Friday night will be a great young people's night. Saturday night Mr. Jeter will speak on "If I could Begin Again or Blotting out the Past." Sunday morning he will speak on "Power that Lifts Men." In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Mrs. Jeter's great Bible reading on "The Greatest Book in the World." At night Mr. Jeter will speak on "The World's Greatest Detective Story."

The meetings have been a great success and notwithstanding the rains the crowds at times have been close to a thousand people. Many have joined the churches. Mr. and Mrs. Jeter leave for Corvallis Tuesday morning where they will conduct another tabernacle campaign.

Big Crowd Sunday Night

The meetings at the tabernacle during the past week have been very interesting and profitable, many conversions having taken place. Last Sunday night when Mr. Jeter talked about the sort of man a young woman should marry and the sort of woman a young man should marry there was a crowded house, the young people appearing to be very much interested in that subject. The meetings are to close Sunday evening.