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## CITY COUNCIL PASSES NEW ORDINANCES

The city council met in regular session Monday night, Mayor Quick presiding, all members of the council were present, as were also the city attorney and city recorder.

Following the regular order of business a petition, signed by a large number of representative men and women was presented to the council asking that an ordinance be passed prohibiting all theaters and moving picture houses to open their houses for business on Sunday nights. The petition was referred to the ordinance committee.

A number of the residents of Spurgeon hill were present and asked that an ordinance providing for improving Spurgeon street be passed and that bids for doing the work be asked for by the council. The ordinance was passed with the emergency clause attached.

The ordinance provides for the improvement of Spurgeon street from the east to the west end of the extension of the street, substantially as follows: That the street be graded the entire width of the roadway, with crown one foot above the gutter; levelled to a smooth, uniform surface except the center 16 feet, which is to be excavated to a depth of nine inches and filled in with gravel. A space of five feet was provided for in the ordinance for sidewalk purposes but the property owners have changed their minds on this and will get up a petition asking to have that space changed to four feet on a six-foot line. This will allow two feet between the walk and the property line. The matter of permanent walk will be taken up later.

An ordinance giving the council more power in dealing with the saloon question, and repealing ordinance No. 65, was passed, after the emergency clause had been eliminated.

Under the old ordinance the council could not revoke a license once given, and upon a saloonkeeper being convicted of violating the ordinance could never grant him a new one. This latter provision was deemed too stringent, and it was feared a court would not uphold it.

Section 1 of the new ordinance provides that the council may refuse to grant a license to any person or persons, etc., if such are not deemed fit and proper persons to be granted a license.

Section 2 provides that the council may refuse to grant a license to a person or persons who have been convicted of violating the ordinance within a period of one year prior to date of application.

Section 3 provides that the council may revoke a license at any time if a saloonkeeper has been convicted of violating the ordinance, and may remit the license fee for the unexpired term if they desire, although this is not mandatory.

E. A. Beckett asked for a renewal of his saloon license, but as he had been convicted under the old ordinance, which is in force until the new takes effect, the license could not be granted. He will have to close his saloon March 10 and wait 30 days for the new ordinance to become operative, when, since his conviction was more than year ago, he may be granted a license. Had the ordinance passed with the emergency clause this delay would not have been necessary.

The following bills were allowed:

General Fund.	
John Hickam, marshal salary	\$37.50
John Hickam, horse hire	10.00
A. W. Kelly, recorder salary	50.00
N. Plyler, deputy marshal salary	70.00
L. A. Liljeqvist, city attorney salary	41.88

## PLAN TO OPERATE MINE ON EXTENSIVE SCALE

A prospectus of the Pike coal mine property was received here this week which gives additional information on the plans and purposes of the company.

The name adopted by the company is the Pulaski Coal & Navigation company, and the following are the officers:

F. D. McClure, president.  
W. S. Richman, vice president.  
J. R. Riggins, secretary and treasurer.

M. E. Ward and H. B. Guthrey, directors.

R. E. Doan, field superintendent. The company is incorporated for \$500,000 of common stock and \$500,000 of 7 per cent preferred stock.

The land is said to be underlaid with at least five veins of commercial coal, totalling 30 feet in thickness, and the U. S. geological survey shows six more veins, the size and quality of which are not yet determined. It is said that a competent authority states that there is under the 329 acres at least 12,000,000 tons of coal; that with the enterprise properly equipped the output should be 1,000 tons daily.

The upper vein of coal, as shown for 1/2 of a mile by open cuts and a tunnel 100 feet has a thickness of 9 1/2 feet of good commercial coal, exclusive of two partings, each 8 inches thick. The second or middle vein 100 feet lower has some open cuts showing 6 feet of extra good commercial coal, exclusive of 2 partings, one 3 inches thick and the other 2 feet thick. The third vein, as shown in each of the 3 open cuts and a 100 foot tunnel, covering a distance of over 1/2 mile on the outcrop has 6 feet of good commercial coal on the roof. The fourth vein as shown on the plat has 3 feet of good commercial coal very compact; then follows the 5th vein, no work done only 14 foot facings showing thickness of coal measure. This measure shows several stratas of extra good commercial coal of 8 to 15 inches thick each. The sixth vein lying 100 feet further below shows 2 1/2 feet further below shows 2 1/2 feet of coal on the roof, an 8 inch parting, then 3 feet of coal on the floor, with the bottom of the floor not yet reached, showing coal throughout from the parting as far as opened below.

The bunkers are to be located on the river and vessels will be loaded by gravity. It is claimed that a 500-ton vessel can be loaded in two hours by the improved appliances to be installed.

R. H. Mast, treasurer's salary	8.33
A. T. Morrison, fire chief's salary	5.00
E. H. Kern, surveying	45.50
A. W. Kelley, office supplies	3.75
Irvin Hodson Co., blank books	57.00
Pearl Bros., coal	4.00
Beaver & Chadwick, painting	3.00
Harry Flanders, team work	1.75
Jas. Medlock, street work	5.00
Kime & Von Pegert, blacksmithing	2.35
J. B. Pointer, team work	4.00
Baxter Hotel, meals for prisoners	7.75
L. S. Martin, use of rope	2.25
J. D. Sweet, street work	2.00
Home Tel. Co., telephoning Frank Morse, street lights	126.80

Water Fund.	
John Hickam, water supt. salary	37.50
Jas. Medlock, work on water system	24.50
J. H. Oerding, work on water system	7.00
Wm. Hickam, work on water system	11.00
Ooquille Hdq. Co., hardware	20.50
W. C. Laird, return of meter	8.40

C. M. Beard, who has been confined to his home for about a week with the grip, is able to be out.

## C. M. SKEELS' DEATH SHOCK TO FRIENDS

The community was greatly shocked to learn early Monday morning that C. M. Skeels, one of the best known business men of the city, had passed away during the night. Death was caused by heart failure and was a great shock to the family.

Mr. Skeels had not been feeling well for about a week previous to his death, although he was not confined to his home. He had intended to start on a visit to his mother in Ohio last Saturday, but postponed starting for a few days.

Sunday he was out for a short walk, and attended church in the evening, where he sang in the choir.

Monday morning Mr. Skeels did not appear for breakfast, but nothing was thought of this until a grandchild, who had slept in the same room, came down and said he did not appear natural. Mrs. Skeels rushed to his room, when he was found to have already passed away.

Mr. Skeels had lived in Coquille about 12 years, most of which time he had been in the general merchandise business.

Deceased leaves to mourn his loss, besides a large circle of friends and acquaintances, a wife, an aged mother in Ohio, four daughters, Mrs. Chas. Lorenz, of Bandon; Mrs. Fred Nosler, of Bridge; Mrs. George Baxter, of Creswell, and Dollie, who is at home, and two sons, Charles and Paul of this city.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. S. Macco.

## ROSEBURG MAN PROMOTES ROAD

J. W. Perkins, formerly owner of the Hillcrest orchard at Medford, but now secretary of the Douglas Development company of Roseburg has left for points in Minnesota where he goes to look after business matters connected with the construction of the proposed Coos Bay railroad. Mr. Perkins says that money is at present easy in the east, and that actual construction work will be commenced on the line within 60 days.—News.

## STARVING CHINESE BATTLE FOR FOOD

Hankow, China, March 3.—Twenty-one persons were trampled to death at Spayang, Hoapeh, province today when a horde of starving Chinese fought for the food which missionaries were attempting to distribute. A great many others were injured.

The work of relief is attended with some peril to those who have taken supplies into the famine districts for the stricken ones mad with deprivations. A considerable amount of foodstuff was received today by the missionaries, who immediately planned a systematic distribution.

Their work was hardly begun when thousands of desperate men, women and children, who had learned that there was a chance of their hunger being half satisfied, swooped down on the supply depot. An uncontrollable riot followed, each fought for himself and the weaker went down and were ruthlessly trampled. The fighting continued as long as there appeared to be anything to fight for. The missionaries are helpless.

The Educational League will meet Friday afternoon at the school house. A full attendance is desired. Mrs. M. C. Horton, of Marshfield, is to speak.

## LITTLE GIRL SHOT AT LAMPA

A sad accident occurred at Lampa last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, when little Gladys Sell, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sell was accidentally shot and killed by her brother, a boy 10 years old. The ball penetrated the heart and caused instant death.

The lad's mother had taken down the gun and given it to him to shoot a hawk. The gun was rusty and did not work well, and Mrs. Sell returned for some oil. In the meantime the boy was working with the mechanism of the gun hurriedly, and the little girl, who had been sitting in a chair holding her doll, jumped up and ran in front of the muzzle just as the weapon was in some manner discharged. She was so close that the powder burned her clothing.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 o'clock near Riverton, at the home of Geo. Sell, grandfather of the little girl, where the body was laid to rest. Rev. T. B. McDonald conducted the services.

## DEPOT SAFE IS BLOWN OPEN AT MYRTLE POINT

Safe blowers blew open the safe in the depot at Myrtle Point Tuesday night, and secured about \$5 cash and an express package containing jewelry valued at \$25. The cracksmen departed without leaving a clue, and up to the time of going to press no clue had been secured as to their identity at the sheriff's office.

They gained entrance to the depot by removing a door to the warehouse and opened the safe with a charge of nitro-glycerine. No one heard the report of the explosion.

## Conger-Sigsby.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, George L. Sigsby, near Coquille, March 2, Mr. Earl Conger and Miss Eva Sigsby, Judge E. G. D. Holden, officiating. These young people are "to the manor born" of this county, whence the best wishes of many friends go with them in their new relation to each other and to the state.

## Leave for San Francisco.

L. A. Liljeqvist and George Gage left Wednesday for San Francisco in the interests of the Riverton coal mine. If they accomplish what they expect to it will mean an additional vessel to load at the mine, and other good things for Riverton and the river.

## Sunday School Club

The Cozy Corner Sunday school class of the Christian church met at the home of Nina Kelley on Monday evening, and made arrangements for the furnishing of their new quarters at the church. They also organized the Cozy Corner Class Club. The club expects to meet every two weeks at the homes of the members. After the business matters were completed the young folks spent a very enjoyable evening with games and music. The first club meeting will be at the home of Miss Hazel Moody on Friday evening, March 10.

Dr. Wetmore, of Myrtle Point, attended Mr. Skeels' funeral.

Birdie McCloskey, of Norway, was a Coquille visitor Wednesday. D. H. Johnson went to Myrtle.

Point Wednesday to take Mr. Davenport's place in the butcher shop at that place, Mr. Davenport having cut his hand quite badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baxter and little daughter arrived from Creswell Monday evening, coming to attend the funeral of Mrs. Baxter's father, C. M. Skeels.

## LIEUT. HOWEY WRITES FROM PHILIPPINES

The following letter from Leland Howey, who is a lieutenant in the constabulary service in the Philippines, will be interesting to his many friends here. Lieut. Howey has "made good" since entering the service, and is now stationed on the Island of Samar.

Baguio, P. I.

My Dear People:  
I have already one letter off on this mail and this one will not perhaps come amiss. I got that "whacking" big co-operation and installment letter Thanksgiving Eve and as I was invited out to a "baile" that night and did not get back till 1:00 P. M. and as I started for Santa Tomas next morning I could not write sooner. I got a letter from Cora the same day so both together I had considerable to be thankful for.

Friday morning at 9:10 twenty-two of us loaded ourselves down with canned chow, bread, meat and cameras, spy-glasses and revolvers and took an eighteen kilometer hike straight up to Mt. Santa Tomas. It sure was some "hike" through some of the most beautiful country I have ever seen. The vegetation of the whole country is as luxuriant as I have ever seen, everything from tree ferns common old Oregon ferns, pines, firs, bamboo, wild Martha Washingtons nearly as high as I am in full bloom and all manner of strange flowers and shrubs to just plain grassy prairies, with grass knee high. The height of the mountain is 6295 feet, and from its summit the view is as beautiful and far greater in magnitude than the Pali of Honolulu. Looking downward at an angle of about 45 degrees to the west, I looked toward Lingaven Gulf and the China Seas it sure was beautiful. We were far above the clouds and these moving over the landscape kept the view constantly changing. One cannot realize until he has visited these Islands what they are and even then he cannot imagine the magnitude of Luzon until he has climbed Santa Tomas. To the south a level, palm-clad river divided valley from twenty to forty miles wide and one hundred miles long stretched to the mountains and Manila Bay to the south.

To the north and east one vast sea of mountains stretched as far as the eye could reach, interspersed here and there with cultivated valleys and grass and pine plains. We reached the summit at 2:45 p. m. and stayed all night so as to enable us to see the far famed sunset and sunrise in the morning, and either one of these occurrences paid us for our trip more than ten times.

Toward evening the atmosphere of the valleys to the west thickened up and covered with shifting whirling clouds so that only at rare intervals could the earth be seen. Just before the sun went down however the clouds burst in every direction, some of them rising and boiling straight up leaving a wide channel thro them that gave us one of the most beautiful sunsets I have ever seen. The valley to the south and the mountains toward the east took on a bluish-purple tinge resembling, at least I so imagine the purplish haze of Scotland's heather clad hills. The sea and clouds were shot with golden streaks and two little streaks across the water were as red as blood. After the sun had gone down we stayed on and for Jozens of miles in all directions the lights began to twinkle like stars in an inverted heaven. It is absolutely impossible to tell you all that I saw and if I could you could not appreciate it. I feel that in the past few months I have been especially fortunate in seeing this old world and feel myself many times over for

## BOILER EXPLOSION KILLED FOUR MEN

Four men were killed outright one was so badly injured that he died within two hours, another was battered beyond prospect of recovery, and still another was slightly injured in a yarding or donkey engine explosion near Estacada, on the property of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, at 6:55 Saturday morning.

What caused the boiler to blow up probably never will be learned. The fireman, Negbise, who had just been employed by the logging foreman, says that he went to the engine between 5 and 6, put in some wood and returned to the boarding-house to eat his breakfast. Before he finished, the logging crew, which is employed by the Pittman Bros., began assembling for the day's toil. Some were warning their hands. In their midst was James Pittman, one of the contractors in charge of the plant, and who was acting as foreman. He had evidently reached the engine some moments before it blew up, and had there been any dangerous steam pressure apparent he would have known how to relieve the situation.

Pittman and all those about him were killed except the man whose name has not yet been learned and who was hastened to the Good Samaritan Hospital and is yet unconscious. Fireman Negbise says that he was approaching the engine and had come within 30 or 40 feet of it when the explosion occurred. He was knocked down by the concussion, but as he went down saw the 30-horsepower boiler dart through the air and the bodies of his fellow workman flung in every direction with deadly force.

## ASSESSOR T. J. THRIFT STARTS DEPUTIES MON.

County Assessor T. J. Thrift left Monday for Marshfield and North Bend to take over the supplies and start the deputy assessors in the field work, which began throughout the county Monday.

An increase of about \$3,000,000 is expected in the assessed valuation this year, making a total of about \$19,000,000 for the county.

Following are the deputy assessors who will assist Mr. Thrift:

C. J. Vanzile, North Bend.  
W. J. Rust, Marshfield.  
C. H. Jackson, Coos river and north end of the county.

Archie Collier, on the Coquille river between Myrtle Point and Bandon.

J. S. Lawrence, tributaries of the Coquille in the east part of the county.

Mr. Thrift will do the work in Coquille and Bandon.

## Fish Granted License.

Albert Fish, bartender for E. A. Beckett, was granted a saloon license at a special meeting of the council at noon yesterday. Beckett could not secure a license, so it was taken out in Fish's name to avoid closing the saloon until the new ordinance becomes operative.

The dangers I may run in later years, if as you say the Japs think they want these islands.

I am sending you a sprig of fir found on Santa Tomas. It is cold up there, so cold that I nearly froze wrapped up in two heavy wool blankets and all my clothes on. I am also sending a picture of four of us, Lts. Howey of Oregon, Capleman of U. of Florida acting as officer of the day, Lt. Hoffman of Mich. A. College and Lt. Eckman of U. of Ohio. I don't look so far removed from a hood carrier do I? It is a very poor picture of Hoffman too. He looks like a fretful kid in this picture.

I must close as in five minutes will be taps, so good bye. Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, I am as ever, Yours,  
Leland.

## COUNTY COURT IS BUSY WITH ROAD MATTERS

The county court has been working on routine business so far this term, one of the principal matters being the consideration of road questions.

A few of the business men appeared before the court and asked that the Fairview road be completed. The court, however, would not agree to complete the road this summer, although they stated a great deal of work would be done. It is estimated that it would require about \$6,500 to complete the road.

It was ordered that the contract for completing the entire road could be let at a lower price per mile than a part of it, which the court admitted, but stated that it would be impossible because of other roads in the county having to be repaired.

It has been decided to purchase a steam or gasoline roller for county road work, to be used in preparing roadbeds for graveling and in packing the gravel. The bridge committee appointed by the commercial club took up the bridge question with the court again last week, the object being to get the court to agree on Ferry street for a site and, if possible, begin building this Summer.

The court is still partial to the Collier site, however. The members would not commit themselves on being asked whether they would agree to the former location, if a petition signed by a majority of the voters asking for the same, should be presented.

The court went to Bandon Tuesday, on invitation of the Bandon commercial club, to attend a good-roads meeting. A general discussion on road matters occupied the meeting. The chief speakers were Judge Hall, F. F. Eddy, W. T. Dement and R. H. Rosa.

## DAIRY ASSOCIATION TO TAKE CHARGE OF O. K.

A meeting of the Coquille Valley Dairy association was held Saturday, at which a board of directors was elected and plans perfected for taking active management of the O. K. creamery. Geo. E. Peoples returned from San Francisco the last of the week, where he completed arrangements with the owners of the building to lease the same to the dairymen, and made his report at the meeting.

Another business meeting of the association was held Wednesday, which was given over principally to discussing methods of landing cream and by-products.

Following are the directors: J. D. Graham, W. H. Hull, J. P. Clausen, C. E. McCurdy and J. W. Miller.

The directors met Wednesday afternoon and elected the following officers for the association:  
J. D. Graham, president.  
J. W. Miller, secretary-treasurer.  
W. S. Graham was hired as buttermaker.

The creamery will be open for business Monday morning.

**Candlin Home From Curry.**  
Wm. Candlin returned Tuesday from an eight day business trip to Gold Beach, Port Orford and other Curry county points. Mr. Candlin reports the roads very bad in places, but thinks the Curry county end better than in this county. At Gold Beach they have let the contract for a new \$2,000 school house, and prospects are good for a large amount of building at Port Orford.

Wm. M. Way, who has been away from his desk at the depot for a few days because of an attack of the grip, is reported to be improving.