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Bughouse Oswald

The Times says that Judge J. F. Hall has received a telegram signed by Oswald West, Governor asking the expense of the recent I. W. W. deportation investigations and saying that he would try and compel A. H. Powers and C. A. Smith to pay it.

Both Were Right

Judge Harlocker has consented to act as peace-maker between Orville Dodge and the editor of the Herald in the matter of the old Isthmus Transit railroad. He smoothes down the feathers by saying that we are both right. When the road was first put in and before a locomotive was received, the space between the rails was planked and horses or mules were used for a time to haul the cars to Utter City. Later, the locomotive was put into service and the planks were torn up. This must have occurred prior to the summer of 1875, as the engine was in use at that time.

"The Seas Meet"

At 11 o'clock last Friday forenoon President Wilson touched the button and dynamite did the rest, in the removal of the Gamboa dike, which let the waters of Gatun lake into the Culebra cut and theoretically completed the Panama canal. The event was celebrated up and down the coast by the blowing of whistles, and other big noises, although every one seems to have been a little short of breath in Coquille, and the moment which means so much to every harbor on the Pacific was allowed to pass quietly. All the poetically inclined newspapers have made much of the idea that the Atlantic and Pacific kissed each other when the dike was blown out, but strict accuracy demands the statement that if they kissed they did it by proxy, for the meeting took place some eighty odd feet above sea level, and the osculatory salute passed between waters that had never seen either ocean. However, the big ditch is now open, and the commerce of the world will soon be passing through it.

School Board Does Business

A meeting of the school board was held Saturday forenoon. This may seem like a rash statement in view of the frequent assertion that we have no school board, but the meeting was held, nevertheless, and considerable important business transacted. Directors Mast and Burns were present, constituting a quorum. Director Burns stated that he had notified Mr. Skeels, whose status as a director is a matter before the courts, but that gentleman was not present. It is surmised that Mr. Skeels stayed away to avoid bringing any controversy before the meeting and to leave the other two directors, as a quorum, to transact some pressing business.

J. S. Lawrence, who had handed in his resignation as clerk, was also present and was persuaded to withdraw his resignation, on the understanding that he was not to be made the storm center of any further hostile demonstrations on the part of the opposing factions

Warrants were ordered drawn in favor of the teachers for the salaries due them, and instructions were given to the clerk to pay the teachers for the balance of the term as their salaries become due, without further action of the board.

A warrant was ordered drawn for Mr. Lamb on the high school plumbing work for $500, and that necessary improvement will now be finished.

Provision was also made for the payment of the premiums due on the $13,000 insurance of the building and equipment, thus putting an end to another embarrassing situation.

Petitions Too Late

The petitions asking for the submission of the question of bonding the county for good roads were not acted on by the county court, for the reason that they were not filed before the commencement of the term, as the law provides. This defers the matter until the November term, and it will be necessary to call a special election instead of submittion the question at the one already called. It is also stated that, on account of the reduction made in the assessment, an issue of $450,000 would exceed the legal limit, and it will be necessary to scale the figures somewhat. New petitions will be circulated.

The Open Forum

The Herald will in the interest of a free discussion of public questions, publish under this head communications of moderate length, without endorsing the sentiments expressed.

Editor Herald:

I wish you would inquire thru the paper why the list of premiums awarded at the County Fair has never been published. Also why oil paintings, water colors and pastelles were not on the premium list at all. Also why only one lady was appointed as judge of all the departments in fancy and domestic work. It is usual to have three, as long as they are not exhibitors.

A large number of farmers said that unless the fair was under different management another year they would not exhibit any more.

The way things were run was simply awful.

FAIR PLAY

Material All Here

The last of the new material for the installation of the day service was received by the Oregon Power Co Saturday, and Manager McKenna says that we may expect day juice in about two weeks. Everything is being done to hurry matters along as fast as it is consistent with good work, and a crew of men are now making the changes to separate the street lighting circuit from the others. The new street lamps have been received anp will be a great improvement over the old ones Eighty candle power Edison Mazda series lamps will be used, and a large reflector will throw the light down where it will be of some use to our citizens, rather than letting half of of it go up to the stars where it is not needed. Both the old and new plant are now being used and will be until the new one is fully prepared to take the whole load. People are appreciating the care that is being taken to prevent any interuption of the servide, and Manager McKenna has reason to proud of last month's record, which shows that the lights were out but twelve minutes during the entire month.

Had Good Sport

A. J. Sherwood returned Thursday evening from the interior, where he had been called on business. He took his gun and hunting dog with him and enjoyed some sport in Lane county in pursuit of the festive China pheasant. He told how many he killed, but as he stuttered a little before coughing up the statistics, we refrain from publishing them. Mr. Sherwood says that the China pheasant is certainty a fine game bird and hard to bring down. When they rise they simply leave a long crack in the atmosphere, and when they light they make it their immediate business to put as great a distance as possible between themselves and the place where they came down He brought back a specimen of the handsome bird, which was an object of great interest to our local sportsman along front street.

S. S. Association Organized

Delegates of the various Sunday Schools met at Coquille and organized a Sunday School association for Coos county. The officials were elected as follows: President, W. A. Reed, Marshfield; secretary treasurer, F. H. Adams, Coquille; vice-presidents, Ed Lewellen, Myrtle Point; Claude Nosler, Bridge; Bertha Wilkson, Bandon; Mrs. Lewis, North Bend; A. T. Morrison, Coquille. Department superintendents: Training for service, E E Coulter, Myrtle Point; Elementary, Hattie Sweet, Coquille; Home and Visitation, Mrs. Adelle Harriot; Organized Adult Work Rev. A. Thomas, Coquille; Secondary Division, M. O. Hawkins, Coquille, Temperance and Good Citizenship, Rev. A. F. Bassford, Marshfield; Missionary, Mrs. E E Coulter, Myrtle Point; Evangelism, G. L. Hall, Marshfield, This association will hold its convention each year. The place for next year is yet undecided,

Ellsworth E Coulter,
Secretary Pro Tem.

Fire at Cedar Point

A fire at the Smith-Powers hoisting works at the Cedar Point boom last Saturday destroyed the building and damaged the macninery, causing considerable loss and putting a temporary stop to the loading of logs at that point A new building will be erected at once and the machinery put in shape for the early resumption of activity.

Myrtle Point Pointers

Max Dement and family returned on Friday from their trip to Portland and the Salem Fair. They all enjoyed the trip and Max and daughter Teresa, whose health has been very poor, are now in the best of health.

Mrs. Jap Yoakam, who lives below Coquille, passed through town Friday enroute for home, having spent the previous ten days visiting her parents at Dora.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Abbott and two children left Friday for Marshfield, to take the steamer for Portland, They go to Linn county where they will spend the winter, hoping to improve Mr. Abbott's health, which has been very bad for a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Rose go to Needles, Arizona, on the 15th inst., via Roseburg, where they will winter.

Mrs. C. H. Southmayd has been quite poorly for some time, but under Dr. Johnson's care is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pressler sailed from Marshfield for Oakland, California the 12th where Mr. Pressler has a business engagement for the winter and Mrs Pressler will take an advanced course in music.

Chas. Adams is stirring things up a good deal. He has moved the building used for a town hall onto his lot at the corner of 5th and Maple, and will move his large building, where the I. O. O. F. Hall is located, from 1st and Spruce onto the 5th st. lot, from which he removed the other building.

It is rumored that Spencer and Shelley will move their goods to North Bend, where they will engage in business.

OBSERVER.

The County Roads

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taxable property in the county. The law provides that 50 per cent of the road tax shall be apportioned "to the several road districts, in such proportion as the amount of taxable property in each district shall bear to the whole amount of taxable property in the county, and the remaining 50 per cent shall be appiled to roads in such locality in the county as the court may direct." This applies to the general road tax. The special taxes are the concern of the districts voting them.

The law provides that the road supervisor "shall be a resident of the road district for which he is appointed." The law provides that the road supervisor "shall receive for each day necessarily employed in the performance of any of the duties required by this chapter the sum of $2.50." Thus hedged in on all sides by a bunch of road laws which by their own provisions prevent the county from paying compensation for road work equal to what any of the supervisors could and do earn when employed on any other work in any other line, the only wonder is that as much has been accomplished. The truth of the matter is that the majority of the road supervisors hold this profitless job for the sole reason that they want to get the roads of their neighborhood improved, and are willing to make some personal sacrifice to do it. The road supervisors of Coos county are as a whole a mighty intelligent and efficient body of men, with little money to spend and a big mileage to maintain. Some are veterans in the business of building roads, and all are alive to the necessity of ample drainage, wide roads, easy grades and turns, but from lack of money are unable to make a showing with permanent work except in isolated cases. What these men have done with insufficient money for use at any one time, is no criterion of what they could or would do were they provided with the funds for permanent construction. As notable intances in verification of this, take Homer Holverstott of Fairview. The work he has done on the Coos Bay wagon road is as fine a piece of grading as can be done in the formation he had to contend with. The roadway is of uniform width, on smooth even grade, fit to put a city pavement upon, after normal settlement has subsided. The curvatures are easy, drainage excellent, is first to last a first class job, and was done for fifteen per cent less than a contract could have been let for. Take E. N. Harry of Sitkum. The best the county could get in the way of contract for this heavy rock work was about $100 per rod, but Mr. Harry put in a part of the new Brewster grade for $79 per rod, and did a first class job of grading.

I could name scores of others who have conspicuously made good in spite of the often heard contention that the work of the supervisors is wastefully expensive. There may be isolated instances of actual waste, and I suppose there are, but that happens in any line of business occasionally, but by and large there is no merit in the argument and little truth in the statement. After all is said on both sides of the proposition, we are brought down to the naked fact that these much maligned roads are worlds better than their abandoned predecessors, have served the settlers for decades at a very low cost per mile for construction and maintenance, and that at the time they were constructed there were not sufficient funds available to do better.

True it is that the locating of many of the old roads was not what it should have been. The old system of climbing a hill to enjoy the rest (?) of going down again, was the apology of the old time locater for his lack of foresight. Gradually the main roads have been resurveyed, the grades equalized, the curvatures lengthened, and even cursory view of the county will reveal a surprisingly large amount of relocation constructed, considering the funds used. The main arteries of travel through the county have all been resurveyed, and some good construction done. There is room for improvement in some matters of line and grade still, but in the main the new surveys are topographically good.

The matter of paving highways of the county is a simpler problem than it looks at first blush. Our climate, with its heavy rainfall, eliminates the need for experiment in this line to a great extent.

My recommendations to the county court in this matter will be for a standard asphaltic surface on all permanent work for the future. What the base will be, will necessarily be dependent upon considerations of cost, accessibility of materials, demands of traffic, and the nature of the formation of the subgrade. Roads will not remain permanent in Coos county unless povided with unyielding subgrade, through drainage, an intact solid base, and a couple of inches of waterproof asphaltic wearing surface put on as a separate mixture, molten hot, and compacted by sufficient rolling. Many small bridges will have to be removed, and in their place concrete culverts and fills put in. All of which costs money, which brings us down to the proposition which will go before the people of the county soon, the question of voting bonds for highway improvement.

The purpose of the foregoing is to make clear that with the present mileage of roads in the county, and the total sum of the road tax if levied and collected to the limit, and most wisely spent, would hardly increase the pace of permanent road construction, unless financial assistance be had through the proposed bond issue. True, by squeezing down general road fund assistance to the outlying districts, levying special taxes, adding the proportion due the main arteries from the funds of the districts they traverse, and practicing the most rigid economy in the matter of new roads which are cropping up continually, we might accumulate with which a little paving might be done each year but the progress would be mighty slow. We must not overlook the disagreeable fact that there are $40,000 worth of bridges which will have to be rebuilt during the next two or three years, and more going to pieces right along; there are the county ferries to maintain, and the possibility of more to be installed, all of which simply sets us back to the proposition that we must do what other communities have done, go outside for the money with which to do the permanent work which will benefit the living generation, and be returned not by our posterity, but by the tax on the increment in values which will be without question the result of our having a system of paved highways to encourage immigration to our county, reduce our wear and tear and time-consumed-in-transportation costs.

P. M. HALL-LEWIS, C. E.
Coos County Roadmaster.

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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned that Frank L. Lowe, has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of David J. Lowe, deceased, and that letters of administration have been duly issued to him out of the County Court of the state of Oregon, in and for the County of Coos.

Now therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers, duly verified as by law required, within six months form the date herefof, at the office of James T. Hall, 11 Eldorado Block, Marshfield, Coos Counto Oregon.

Frank L. Lowe.
Administrator of the estate of David J. Lowe, deceased. 9-16-5t

Notice For Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, September 27, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that George W. Cornwall, of Lampa, Oregon, who, on December 22, 1906, made Homestead Entry Serial No. 01416, for SE¼, Sec. 20, T. 28 S., R. 13 west Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Edgar A. Dodge, United States Commissioner at Myrtle Point, Oregon, on the 7th day of November, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses:

John Culbertson and E. L. Webb of Lampa, Oregon; and George Robinson and Tenn Robinson, of Coquille, Oregon.

B. F. JONES,
9-30-6t Register

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final report as administrator of the estate of Wm. Hutchinson, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County, and that the Judge of said Court has made an order fixing the day for hearing objections thereto on the first Monday of November, 1913, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at his office in the Court house of said County, at Coquille, Oregon.

W. R. PANTER,
Administrator of the estate of Wm. Hutchinson, deceased.
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Notice of Hearing of Final Account

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final report as Executor of the Estate of Moses A. Welch, in the County Court of Coos County, State of Oregon, and that the Hon. John F. Hall, Judge of said court, has fixed Monday, the 3rd day of November, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at his office in Coquille, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final report.

GEO. C. WELCH,
Executor of the Estate of Moses A. Welch, deceased.
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Notice of Sale of Tide Lands

Notice is hereby given that the State Land Board of the State of Oregon will sell to the highest bidder at its office in the Capitol Building at Salem, Oregon on November 18, 1913, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., on said day, all the State's interest in the tide and overflow lands hereinafter described, giving, however, to the owner or owners of any lands abutting or fronting on such tide and overflow lands, the preference right to purchase said tide and overflow lands at the highest price offered, provided such offer is made in good faith, and also providing that the land will not be sold for, nor any offer therefor accepted, of less than $7.50 per acre, the Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Said lands are situate in Coos County, Oregon and described as follows, to-wit:

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Applications and bids should be addressed to G. G. Brown, Clerk State Land Board, Salem, Oregon, and marked "Application and bid to purchase tide land."

G. G. Brown,
Clerk State Land Board.
Dated Sept. 11, 1913.
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