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LICENSE AGAIN

Since the Herald came out last week many people have expressed themselves to the editor as agreeing perfectly with his remarks about amusement licenses. They cannot see why a resident of the city should be stuck for \$100 a year for furnishing amusement, while any transient that comes along with a merry-go-round or a trunk full of skates can open up and run indefinitely without the payment of a cent of tribute to the city treasury. Neither do they see why the city should not get the money, and some consider it an instance of decided laxity on the part of the administration that no provision has been made whereby the city can get it. City Recorder Lawrence informs the Herald that the manager of the merry-go-round came to him last fall to pay a license fee before starting his machine and was very much surprised to be told that he was free to go to it without a license. The last man who ran a skating rink here also talked the thing over with the recorder, expressing a perfect willingness to pay for a license, and saying that a license ought to be required. This is only the common sense view of the matter. There is only one side to the question. As a matter of fact, this matter was gone over quite copiously with the mayor last fall when an object lesson was in operation across the street from the laundry and the city was losing about five dollars a day because there was no provision for merry-go-rounds. The mayor said that there had been a difference of opinion as to whether the present ordinance applied to merry-go-rounds and skating rinks, with the result that no payment had been required of them; that the matter had been up several times before, but that in each case there was not time to change the ordinance or enact a new one in time to "get" the outfit then operating, and then the matter had been allowed to rest until a similar occasion again arose—with the same result. The impression was given by the mayor, perhaps not intentionally, that the license matter would be taken up later and the ordinance would be made to cover the two amusement devices mentioned. It appears that no one has thought of it since, and the best assurance that was advanced at the recent council meeting was an intimation that the license ordinance would probably be taken up and revised at some time in the future. The Herald will suggest that this is almighty poor satisfaction to a resident of the city who is asked to pay \$100 a year for a seven-day amusement license, and who has no assurance whatever that half of his business will not be taken away next week by some fellow who is invited to come in with a box of skates and run without a license. Aside from the consideration of fair play, which does not always count, the taxpayers of the city, of whom the picture man is one to the extent of his resources, are entitled to see the financial interests of the city protected, and they look to the mayor and council to do the protecting act.

PICTURE CENSORSHIP

The moving picture manufacturers and exhibitors of the country are making a strong fight against the enactment by congress of a national picture censorship law. There is a lot involved in this question, and there are two big glaring sides to it. There is certainly no more reason why moving pictures should be censored by the government than that the same sort of supervision should be given to the production of plays of the speaking stage—or the publication of novels or of newspapers. We have laws now that are tolerably effective in keeping the stage, the novel and the newspaper somewhere within reach of the bounds of decency, without a board of censorship. Similar laws could be enforced with equal, and in some cases far better, effect against objectionable pictures. On the other hand, perhaps a national board would tend to do away with the little local boards which bend into the ring here and there and put their towns on the map by condemning some picture that has been approved by the present national board of censorship and been exhibited over the rest of the country without objection. Portland has recently been afflicted with such a board, and an instance occurred lately, not a thousand miles from Coquille, where a public official got up and condemned in unmeasured terms a picture that had been presented here and about which he evidently knew nothing but the title, under the erroneous impression that it was the one that had been condemned by the Portland cranks. This illustrates what the picture men are up against under present conditions. Perhaps if all pictures were to run the gauntlet of a government board, as they must now run the gauntlet of a private board of national scope, the small fanatics would be willing to keep their hands off. On the other hand the censorship of pictures is no more to be defended than the censorship of the press, and the adoption of the first might only be an opening wedge for the adoption of the second. "Big Business" already believes that the press ought to be censored, and so do many big political bosses. Do you?



Juvenile Musical Trio

Lovers of good music and those who appreciate the development of that feature of the social life of their home communities, will anticipate with pleasure the appearance of the Juvenile Musical Trio, consisting of three of Coos County's foremost juvenile musicians: Melford Westler, Bandon, violinist; Byron Robinson, Bandon, boy soprano; Cecil La Chappelle, Marshfield, pianist, who will render a thirty-minute concert of classical and popular selections at the Scenic on Friday, February 25.

Under the direction of Prof. A. Richards of Marshfield and Bandon this trio has spent the past year in continuous training for their appearance on the stage. The development of their unusual natural abilities has been remarkable. They have attained a state of perfection in their individual efforts, rarely reached by the most industrious students of more mature mind and physique. Indicative of their talent is the perfect rendition of such numbers as "Cantilena" by Carl Bohm; "Serenata Amorosa" by Teyton Potter; "Serenade D'Amour," by Franz Von Blon; "Ave Maria" and a number of others of equal high standard, which compose the program.

A musical monologue, three acts in three minutes, will not only add variety to the evening's concert but will appeal to all alike as highly amusing. Some of the more favorite popular numbers will also find places on the program, and in all there will be thirty minutes of high class entertainment.

Random Rambles

(By a Rambler.)

O what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days.

But surely Lowell never visited Coos county when the hills and valleys were being flooded with the mild, life-giving February sunshine or he would have made an earlier date for his perfect days.

This week the Rambler wandered far, as the weather was "Just the loveliest ever" as the ladies would say. First we headed for Brewster as not since we toured the Yosemite have we seen such magnificent scenery. The gorge of the East Fork is a sight to see with the waters rushing and foaming over boulders, leaping and dashing and swirling, tossed high in spray, but racing on with a maddening endeavor to reach the sea. Add to this the mellow sunshine and the magnificent forests and you have a picture that would beggar the world's best artist to equal.

On the way in we stopped with Mr. Marcy on his fine ranch. Here we met F. A. Baker who, with a crew of men, was busy on road work, felling timber and doing other needed work. Mr. Baker was formerly supervisor and since the enlargement of the road district he has acted under Road Master Stout as foreman. They were cutting down a lot of tall dead trees which were causing a lot of trouble by falling and blocking the road and tearing down the telephone line.

Brewster Valley is a lovely little valley far up among the hills. There are only a dozen or fifteen families there but they are enterprising and progressive. The road is exceptionally good considering the enormous task of building in a country like this. They have a fine school and post office and most of the conveniences of modern life.

The Lairs are among the oldest and best known families of the valley. Three brothers reside here: J. H. J. D. and Walter. All have fine farms and a lot of cattle and horses. Mr. Laird, of the stage line, another brother, was visiting them.

The Harrys are another well known family. E. N. Harry has spent many years here and is well known. His son, O. C., also resides here. They each have a good farm.

F. A. Baker is building up a nice home though he has only been on the place about a year. Among other residents are J. R. Benham, J. A. Devaluit and Alec Austin, each with a nice farm home.

The old Coos Bay road goes thru here and is much traveled in summer but the heavy snows have put it out of commission beyond the valley. Brewster is a famous camping place in summer and many go

ed our stay with them very much. They are busy getting out logs so they can erect new buildings on the farms. The road is plowed to within two miles of Lee and is in fine condition, but where there is only dirt roads they are usually pretty muddy at this time of year.

This article would not be complete without mention of Grandma Mast. She is a fine type of the old Southern woman. In spite of physical infirmities there is a general, wholesome disposition that sheds a ray of light wherever her presence comes. We enjoyed her description of the war times and the sparkle in her eyes at mention of the "Yanks." Her husband fought in the Confederate army and she is still a staunch Democrat and vows that Wilson is sure of one vote if she is able to get to the polls. She gives the "Yanks" all due credit and says that though thousands of them passed her home in Tennessee she was never molested although she was left alone with her baby.

In conclusion let it be said that the more we ramble through Coos county the more enchanted we become with its matchless climate, its magnificent forests and its fertile soil. Here is natural resource being developed by human energy and brains. Here is a people that have kept, in spite of their isolation, a love of comradeship and good fellowship and who have brought intellect to bear on the problems of life. Here is society, free from the restraint of artificiality. Here is life, throbbing and pulsating like the mighty sea beside which it sprang.

Same Here

(Moving Picture Weekly)

Universal Film Exchange, Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen—I am sorry that "The Broken Coin" didn't have about fifty episodes instead of twenty. Grace Cunard and Francis Ford will bring more people to my show than Mary Pickford would. Every one of my patrons clamor for Grace and Francis.

J. H. NEIS,
Star Theatre, Ohio, I. I.

Roadmaster Murdock Taking Traffic Census

Roadmaster R. B. Murdock is taking a census of the traffic on the different roads of the county, and is sending out to each taxpayer a census blank with the request that it be filled out and returned. Explaining the object of the census in an accompanying letter, the roadmaster says:

It is well known that, even under the most favorable conditions, the maximum fund available would not be sufficient to improve all the roads in Coos County satisfactorily in one year's time. It seems, then, that the only practical and businesslike way is to lay out a program for improvements covering a period of years and, in so doing, it seems only just that attention should be given first to those roads which are most used by the greatest number of taxpayers. This does not mean that the maintenance of the lesser roads should be neglected but that permanent improvements should be carried on in their proper order, eliminating duplications and disconnected and aimless projects. It is hoped and believed that such a course will meet the approval of all.

The census is intended to include every resident taxpayer in the County. If any have been omitted, they may obtain blanks from the Roadmaster.

"Neal of the Navy" Thursday

After being balled up by wrong shipments, the "Neal of the Navy" serial picture bids fair to get straightened out this week. Two installments are promised for Thursday evening. These will be chapters two and three. Chapter three of the Wallingford series is also promised. This will bring both pictures up to date and on next Monday the regular schedule will be in force, and it is hoped that nothing will hereafter interfere with the showing of the pictures regularly on Monday evening, making, with the other Pathe pictures, a splendid program. "Neal of the Navy" made a big hit with the first chapter shown here and will be a splendid and popular serial. Remember, two chapters, four reels, with a two-reel chapter of "Get-rich-quick Wallingford" on Thursday evening at the regular price.

Woman's Study Club

Yesterday was domestic science day again and the members of that department of the Woman's Study Club met, as usual, in the library.

After the assigned lesson, Mrs. Long-stone gave a reading on "Vitamines," and Mrs. Epperson followed with one on "Vegetables and Fruits."

The lesson for March 6 will be the chapter on "Beverages and Condiments" commencing on page 152.

The literary department will meet next Monday, February 28.

Yesterday was the birthday of the domestic science leader, Mrs. H. W. Young, and she was pleasantly surprised in the evening when her home was suddenly invaded by the club members who came to wish her "many happy returns," to present her with a handsome set of sherry glasses, and to spend the evening. It goes without

saying that a very pleasant evening was spent. It was devoted to games and conversation, and at the last due appreciation was shown the dainty refreshments served.

Those present were: Mesdames Longston, Springer, Anderson, Lawrence, Knowlton, Perkins, Kistner, Rogers, Epperson, Young; Miss Marian Young and Mr. H. W. Young.

Signs of Spring

- Boy with a fish pole.
- North wind.
- Straw hat.
- Coatless man.
- Freckled face.
- Boy digging angle worms.
- Spaded flower beds.
- Pussy willows in bloom.
- Man purchasing fish hooks.
- Boys playing "hooky."
- Man whistling "In the Good Old Summer Time."
- Lady planting flower seeds.
- Men cleaning up their cars.
- Light dresses.
- Spring lists.
- Low shoes.
- White stockings.
- Shaved heads.
- A base ball.
- Coiled snake.
- Butterfly.
- String of fish.
- Spring chickens.
- That tired feeling.
- Parasol.
- A new style.
- The ice man.
- Chipmunk.
- Will dovers.

East Fork Items

Tom Kren saved a deer that had been caught by dogs and badly bitten. He put the deer in the barn, kept it for five days, then it was well enough to turn out and go with its mates.

Theodore S. Easton who has been attending the Adeox Auto and Gas Engine School in Portland came home Thursday. He says the Adeox School is all right.

The dangerous snags on the old Coos Bay wagon road are being felled.

The slide on Sumner mountain has been removed. Earl Endicott is now making the through drive to Sitkum.

R. A. EASTON.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, has filed his final account in the matter of the administration of the estate of Sarah J. Ferry, deceased, and that the County Court has set Thursday, the 16th day of March, 1916, as the day and the County Court room in the County Court House at Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, as the place for hearing objections to said final account, and the settlement of said estate.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1916.

WILLIAM FLOYD,
Executor of the last Will and Testament and of the estate of Sarah J. Ferry, Deceased.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon in and for the County of Coos

JOHN D. GOSS, Plaintiff
vs.
JOHN G. MULLEN as administrator of the Estate of John W. Negithon, deceased, Alfreda Negithon, John Doe and Mary Doe and all heirs known and unknown of John W. Negithon, Deceased, Defendants.

To Alfreda Negithon, John Doe and Mary Doe and all heirs, known and unknown of John W. Negithon, deceased. In the Name of the State of Oregon: You and each of you are hereby notified that you are required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you, in the above entitled Court and cause, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within six weeks from the 15th day of February, 1916 and if you fail to appear on or before the 28th day of March, 1916, said date being the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication, judgment will be taken against you and each of you, for want thereof for the relief demanded in plaintiff's complaint, a succinct statement of which is as follows:

That plaintiff recover from the above named defendant John G. Mullen as Administrator, of the estate of John W. Negithon, deceased, the sum of Six Hundred Dollars together with interest hereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 1st day of June 1912 to date and the sum of Seventy Five Dollars as an attorney fee herein together with the costs and disbursements of this suit. That a decree of foreclosure issue as against all of said defendants and all persons interested in the hereinafter described real property, and that the same be sold in the manner prescribed by law, to wit: The west one half of the southwest quarter (1/2 SW 1/4) of section three (3), the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter (NE 1/4 SE 1/4) of section four (4) and lot four (4) of section ten (10) all in township twenty-five (25) south range twelve west of the Willamette meridian Coos county Oregon. That all of the interest of the above named defendants and each of them and of all persons claiming by or under them in the above described real property be forever barred and foreclosed. That the plaintiff have judgment and execution against the defendant John G. Mullen as administrator of the estate of John W. Negithon, deceased, for any deficiency which remains after the proceeds of the sale of the above described real property have been applied to the satisfaction of said judgment herein. That Plaintiff or any

other party to this suit may become a purchaser at the sale of said real property; that the sheriff execute a deed to the purchaser and that said purchaser be let into possession thereof forthwith.

Service of this summons is made by publication pursuant to an order made by the Hon. John S. Coke, Circuit Judge, dated February 12th 1916, directing publication hereof in the within newspaper for a period of six weeks.

John C. Kendall
Herbert S. Murphy
1st Nat'l Bank Bldg. Attorneys for
Marshfield Oreg. Plaintiff.
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Announcement

To the Republican voters of Coos County—I wish to announce that I am a candidate for County Assessor subject to the action of the Republican primary next April.

AMOS L. NOSLER.

For Assessor

The undersigned announces his candidacy for the office of assessor for Coos County, subject to the action of the Republican voters at the May primaries.

J. P. BEYERS



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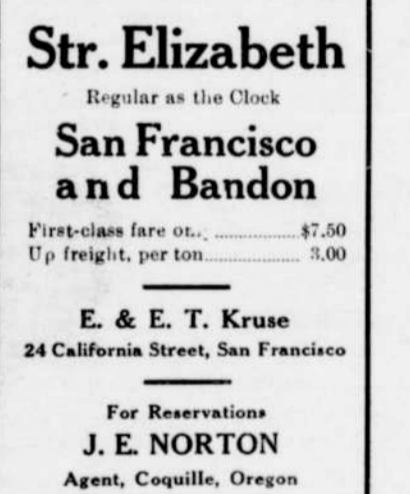
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