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Signing of the Declaration, Philadelphia, July 4, 1776.

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QUESTION NOT YET SETTLED

Longston Contracts Go Over Till Wednesday Meeting of Council

The decision of the burning question of the Longston bids on street contracts, that has been the subject of discussion at all meetings of two or more citizens on the sidewalks or in the barbers' shops for the past week was last night again postponed, when the city council was adjourned until Wednesday evening without action.

There seems to be quite a mixture of opinion as to whether the Longston Construction Co. should be held to its figures on certain parts of the work which are conceded to be too low, while the city itself takes over the part on which the figures were manifestly high. Mr. Longston, who is by many considered the only responsible member of the firm, considers that he has a grievance by the rejection of his bids on part of the work and the acceptance of those on which he would undoubtedly lose money. On the other hand, some of the city dads hold that the call for bids plainly stated the conditions and that Mr. Longston is old enough to know what he is doing. At the same time, there is no desire to cinch Mr. Longston, and it is universally acknowledged that the work that he has done here has all been first-class and done upon honor.

Mr. Longston says that he will not sign the contracts, and the council says that it has a \$1200 check in its possession that says he will.

The bids on the work in question were opened at the regular meeting of the council Monday the 26th, when, after several hours spent in considering them, the matter was continued to a special meeting last Wednesday. At this meeting the council decided to accept the bid of the Longston Construction company for part of the work, excluding the lowering of sewer laterals, the building of bulkheads and the laying of culverts. It was decided to do away entirely with the bulkheading and to have the other work done under the supervision of City Engineer S. E. Henderson.

The notice to bidders asked that bids be submitted for either the whole work necessary to complete the proposed improvement in its entirety, or for such subdivisions thereof as would not materially conflict with the remaining portion. It also specified that all bids be made in lump sum but provided unit prices upon certain details. The Longston company's lump sum was \$22,570.25, but unit prices on bulkheading placing culverts and other details were not given, the bids stating that this work would be charged at actual cost plus 10 per cent.

Among the unit prices which were included in the bid were those for the lowering of sewer laterals at 30 cents per foot for four inch, and 45 cents per foot for six inch. The engineer's estimate on this work was 12 cents and 15 cents respectively for the two sizes. The bid on excavating was 35 cents per cubic yard. On wooden curbing the bid was six cents per lineal foot and for plank 50 cents per lineal foot. According to Engineer Henderson these last two items are below the actual cost of the material used.

The engineer's estimate on the lump sum needed for the improvement was \$27,561.70 and his estimate for the lowering of sewer laterals, building of bulkheads and culverts was \$1,350. Adding this to the lump sum of the Longston company's bid it amounts to \$23,920.39 which is still about \$3,010 below the estimate. By eliminating the necessity of bulkheads it is expected to save about \$1000.

The death rate from typhoid fever in the United States has been cut in half since 1900.

The U S Public Health Service has reduced malaria 60 per cent in some localities?

Bridge Briefs

Miss Nellie Knight returned to her home at Myrtle Point Thursday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. D. R. Cribbins, and friends.

J. M. Thomas, the game warden, is looking after business in our vicinity.

The Parent-Teacher Circle met with Mrs. R. A. Cribbins Thursday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames A. Ford, Mary Machado, C. S. Murphy, D. R. Cribbins, E. E. Weekly, J. H. Rookard, R. J. Montgomery, Misses Helen Murphy and Flossie Cribbins. Dainty refreshments were served.

Miss Pernie Root of Arago recently spent several days at the home of her uncle, W. A. Lett, and family.

C. H. Nosler and sons, Lyle and Bryce, went to Myrtle Point Thursday to meet Miss Alice Nosler, who had been visiting relatives in Coquille for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Ray, of Norway, were at Bridge Saturday. They brought Mrs. C. G. Price and baby, of North Bend, out from town. Mr. Price began a two week's evangelistic meeting at the Christian church here today.

Ada Warner, of Bancroft, has returned to her home after a visit at the home of Mrs. Mary Machado.

Sunshine Endicott came home Saturday from a week's visit with friends at Coquille.

H. Hatcher made a short visit home last week. He has been in Myrtle Point for some time training his horses for the races.

O. E. Hill is planning to go to the Round-up at Pendleton. He will make the trip in his auto.

Mobley and Dollie Welch went to Powers last week. Their mother is spending the summer there.

Misses Della and Audrey Bryant are at home now, for a visit with her folks. Miss Audrey will return to her school at Delmar after the Fourth.

BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

Trustees Re-elected

Mrs. W. J. Longston, Mrs. L. H. Hazard, E. E. Cook, O. C. Sanford and H. O. Anderson, the trustees of the Public Library were all re-elected at the annual meeting of the library held last night.

The following financial report was handed in by Secretary Anderson. Below is given, for the purpose of comparison, the report for the year ending July 6, 1915.

CASH RECEIVED	
Balance on hand July 6, 1915	\$129.97
Collections	37.35
Entertainment proceeds	7.10
Fines	15.34
Payments on lots	120.00
City of Coquille	105.30
Total	\$415.06

WARRANTS ISSUED	
Librarian's salary	\$120.00
Incidentals	27.58
Papers and magazines	26.25
Books	104.64
Total	\$278.47
Balance on hand July 6, 1916	\$136.59

CASH RECEIVED	
Balance on hand July 6, 1914	\$68.79
Dues	35.00
Collections	102.45
Entertainment proceeds	31.05
Fines	11.85
Book rent	4.50
Payment on lots	70.00
Total	\$323.64

WARRANTS ISSUED	
Librarian's salary	\$104.00
Incidentals	20.92
Papers and magazines	24.75
Books	44.00
Total	\$193.67
Balance on hand July 6, 1915	\$129.97

NEW BUILDING TO BE A HELP

Will Relieve Congested Condition in Court House --Bids Friday

Next Friday is the day set for the opening of bids by the county court for a new building to be erected as an annex to the court house, to be used for the offices of the county clerk, the tax collector and the sheriff. The jail will also be located in the new building, which will be erected just west of the court house.

Reinforced concrete is the material to be used for the structure and there will be practically no wood used—even the window casings being metal. The plans and specifications of the building were drawn by W. G. Chandler and the estimated cost is \$28,000.

The building is to be 60 ft. by 40 ft. and will contain three stories and a basement. The main entrance will front toward the west and there will be entrances to the basement both on the north and south sides. The entrance on the north will have a driveway leading directly into the basement.

The basement will contain a storage room, fuel room, furnace and vault. Upon the first floor will be located the main office of the county clerk, a typewriting room, the private office of the county clerk and a room for abstractors.

The tax collector's main office, the tax collector's private office, the private offices of both the sheriff and deputy sheriff, a private stenography room, a vault and a large vestibule will be located on the second floor.

The entire third floor will be occupied by the jail department. This will include a men's department of six cells with toilet and lavatory in each. This department also includes a sort of recreation gallery and a bath room. Besides there will be an insane department with a padded cell, a consultation room, a jailer's room, a matron's room, a juvenile and a women's department. The last three will all be provided with a private bath.

With the extra room that will be provided by the new building, it is hoped that it will be possible to do away with the congestion that now exists in the main building which makes it almost impossible to carry on the office work in some departments with any great degree of efficiency.

No More Permits

Those who have been in the habit of asking for permits to keep fawns as pets will be refused hereafter says J. M. Thomas. He finds that the habit is not for the best interest of the game, that many abuse the deer and that some have been allowed to die from starvation and from being chased by dogs. Permits to all will hereafter be refused. He says that in his trips about the county he finds evidence of hundreds of deer, that they are more plentiful this year than ever and that he expects some excellent hunting when the season opens. He says that the season may be deferred by the government but that so far he has not been advised.—Harbor

After the War, What

(Contributed)

After the war, what? That's up to us. There will be no lack of opportunities, but are we going to be alive enough to make the best of them? The world must be rebuilt anew, governments must be remodeled and remade, commerce enlarged and extended. The centers of commercial activity will shift from the old world to the new and from the shores of the Atlantic to the shores of the Pacific. A great day is dawning before our very eyes, but hav-

ing eyes we see not the matchless possibilities that are already opening before us. With the crash of empires at the close of the war in Europe there will arise an activity undreamed of on the shores of the Pacific, both on this coast and in the Orient. Are we ready for the new day of human progress and prosperity or will we be hopelessly crushed by the rush of events we were too blind to see?

Deerslayer Fined

Walter Billings and C. S. Murphy of Bridge were arraigned before Justice J. J. Stanley yesterday on a charge of killing deer out of season, and the former plead guilty and was fined \$100 and costs, the fine itself being remitted. Murphy plead not guilty and was released on his own recognizance to appear in answer to the charge next Friday. The two men were arrested by Game Warden J. M. Thomas Sunday.

In March 1915 Murphy was convicted upon the same charge and was fined \$100 and costs, \$40 of which he paid, the remainder of the fine still hanging over him.

Coos County Dairymen Go in for Improvement

The Coos county cooperative breeders' association has put the stamp of efficiency on its activities by making one of its first official acts the purchase of eight pure bred bulls for the use of its members.

"These bulls are the best, pure-bred registered animals that could be secured," says G. L. Hurd, who assisted in effecting the organization. "They were selected from the best herds of the valley by W. A. Barr, cooperative field dairymen representing the United States Division of Dairying and the O. A. C. Extension Service."

"Three members of the association also purchased three pure-bred heifers. "The bulls will be used at eight designated farms for a period of two years then by a system of rotation all will be changed to other farms. This plan of rotation will be continued for 16 years, during which time the members will have received the benefits of the use of eight pure-bred sires at the cost of one. "The purpose of the association is to improve the dairy herds, cooperate in dairy business, hold educational meetings; combat disease of cattle, make economy tests, and advertise their community stock."

"Members have agreed to sell no grade Jersey bulls for dairy sires, retain their pure-bred sires until the value of their daughters is tested, and to keep the animals of which they have charge in prime condition."

The Extension Service of the State College is lending assistance to the organization of community breeders' and bull associations in various parts of the state.

A Recipe.

"Here is a recipe for gray hair." "Gosh! Who wants gray hair?"—Lenterville Courier-Journal.

Sheriff Asks that Investigation be Made

Believing the acute crisis in school district No. 9, on Twomile below Bandon, may result in very serious trouble, Sheriff Alf Johnson was in Marshfield Saturday consulting with Judge Coke and District Attorney Liljeqvist about calling together the grand jury. He asks that a complete investigation be made.

Trouble has been evident for months past. It seems to be caused over the location of the school house, one faction wanting it left where it is and the other wanting it on the district line. Last fall the school house burned down. Incendiarism reports were rife. School is now being held in a wood shed on the premises. A short time ago the office of Arthur Covell, former clerk, was burned, and school records destroyed.—Times.

DR. HAMILTON MAY GO TO WAR

Enlists in the First Volunteer Regiment of Oregon as Surgeon

Dr. V. L. Hamilton went to Portland the first of last week and returned on Wednesday. While in the Oregon metropolis Dr. Hamilton offered his services as surgeon to the 1st volunteer regiment which is being formed there by Col. Gantenbein. Dr. Hamilton says that with rumors abroad that things may yet be settled in a semi-peaceful manner in Mexico, there is a chance that the regiment may not go; but added that if it did he did not want to remain behind.

In speaking of the work of Col. Gantenbein, who is a circuit judge of Multnomah county, is doing in forming his volunteer regiment the Oregonian says in part:

Recruiting officers who will receive enlistments for membership in Judge Gantenbein's proposed regiment of infantry are now installed in three parts of the city.

The enlistments that have been received at Judge Gantenbein's headquarters thus far approximate 150.

One of the men to enlist is Rev. C. E. Cline, a veteran of the Civil War, but still "able to fight."

Judge Gantenbein yesterday received applications for the enlistment of companies for his regiment from Eugene, Salem and Hood River.

A telegram was received by Judge Gantenbein yesterday from Representative Sinnott to the effect that consideration would be given the regiment he is raising in the event that volunteers are called for.

Cleaves Popular With Boys

The Roseburg Review says: "Members of the student body of the Roseburg High school are circulating a petition here asking that Rev. C. H. Cleaves, for the last two years in charge of the study hall, be reinstated by the school board."

"Rev. Cleaves is well liked by the student body of the Roseburg schools and it was with considerable surprise that they learned he had not been retained by the school board for another year. In the event the school board fails to act on the petitions now in circulation, the parents of the district will be asked to go before the board and demand his reinstatement. According to members of the high school, Rev. Cleaves' dismissal from the schools was not due to incompetence or because of anything against his character, but was the result of personal differences among the faculty."

"Rev. Cleaves and family are now visiting in the east, but are expected to return here late in August."

Rev. Cleaves was formerly pastor of the M. E. Church South in Coquille, leaving two years ago to take charge of the Roseburg church.

Farmers Buying to the Margin of their Capacity

Spokesman Review: The reports of great businesses that have specially to do with farmers constitute exceptionally trustworthy barometers of economic conditions throughout the United States. According to two of the very largest firms in the country our farmers are purchasing well up toward the margin of their financial capacity. Sales this year are larger than last year, agricultural buyers manifest the general drift toward higher standards of living, and yet they are not extravagant.

One firm discerns no evidence of recession as a result of high prices and present scarcity, except in some manu-

facturing lines. The significance of this feature springs from the fact that farmers curtail purchases more quickly than townsmen when prices rise sharply. The sales of farming implements and staples have increased about a fifth and continuance of the expansion depends only upon good crops. The purchase of automobiles remains enormous. Sales of pianos and of finer qualities of furniture enlarge constantly. But good mortgages on farms are scarce and collection of debts from farmers has improved.

The second firm, which has about 7,000,000 American customers, corroborates these statements. So do several managers of leading railways.

Kilburn Engineer Arrested

The Times under the date of June 29 says:

William J. Mooney, chief engineer of the steamship Kilburn, was arrested this morning, immediately after the vessel docked here from Portland, on the charge of bootlegging. He was brought before Justice C. L. Pennock and pleaded not guilty, declaring to the judge that he knew nothing about the matter.

That he sold booze to Thornton Fleishburg, of this city, is the direct charge made by the district attorney. It is said there are several other instances in which he has sold liquor from the boat and it was strongly rumored that there might be other persons implicated though no further arrests have been made.

Late Saturday Mooney and several members of the Kilburn crew were called to the office of Deputy District Attorney R. O. Graves. They were closely quizzed by Graves and Deputy Sheriff W. C. Laird. The arrest of this morning is the direct result of that investigation, though it is known that the officers for several months past have been suspicious and have been making rigid inquiries.

Last Friday Mooney appeared before Judge Pennock and pleaded guilty to the charge against him and paid a fine of \$300.

"Do you love me, George?" "Huh! Do you suppose I'd be laughing my head off every night at your father's stale jokes if I didn't love you?"—New Idea.

"I saw a baby today that gained twenty pounds in two weeks on elephant's milk." "Whose baby was it?" "The elephant's."—Journal of Race Development.

Domestic Science Demonstration Given

Miss Anna M. Turley, the able domestic science demonstrator from O. A. C., who is now touring Coos county, demonstrated here on Friday and Saturday, in the basement of the M. E. Church South, under the auspices of Woman's Study Club. At each session there was a good sized audience of deeply interested women. Several men who happened in also showed due appreciation.

The subjects were as follows: Friday afternoon—Labor Saving Devices. Friday evening—Meats. Saturday afternoon—Home Canning and Jelly Making. Saturday evening—Home Decoration.

Miss Turley's host of friends here, made when she was with us over a year ago, hope to greet her in Coquille many times.

Hens Beat Own Record

After having shattered all records for one week's laying at the Storrs, Connecticut, Egg Laying Contest, the Oregonians, entered by the Poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural College, came right back the following week and did two eggs better. The first week's record that excited the comment of poultry journals and newspapers all over the United States, was 62 eggs by the pen of ten hens. This was

RURAL CREDIT BILL IS PASSED

Provides Complete Machine for Handling Loans to Agriculturalists

The Moss rural credit bill which was passed by the Senate early in May, passed the House last Thursday by a vote of 313 to 10. Democratic members are said to have demanded the final roll call in view of the Republican platform which condemns the bill as unsatisfactory.

The bill provides entirely new machinery for the handling of farm loans. There is to be a board at Washington, like the Federal Reserve Board; there are to be twelve regional land banks like the Regional Reserve Banks; then there is to be a set of entirely new local institutions all over the country that are to do the actual business of making loans on farms.

In speaking of the opposition against the rural credit bill J. E. Jones, Washington correspondent to The Herald says:

The farmer has never gotten anything in this country without making a fight for it. The large commercial interests of the great cities kept him out of the stage routes, and the parcels post and the rural free delivery. If Wall street and the capitalistic class had its way the farmers would still be in the isolated back woods. This attitude is being repeated in the opposition directed against rural credits, and one of the big New York mouth-pieces of the dangerous financial interests. In opposing rural credits, it does so on the ground that it threatens "an enormous credit inflation in the hands of people whose appetite for credit is insatiable, who confuse solvency with politics, and who are notoriously not the most prudent borrowers in the world." Or in other words, if one wishes to take the mask off the devil the whole answer is that rural credits mean that the government will get behind a new banking scheme, in the same way as was done with the Federal Reserve act, which is in the interest of the commercial and industrial development. When Uncle Sam authorizes rural credits, the insurance companies and trust companies and bankers who have been trimming the farmers in many sections of the country by charging them eight, ten and twelve per cent interest on their loans, lose their graft. The credit bill will guarantee to the farmers a method by which they can secure loans at about five per cent per annum. This is bound to be a good thing for the farmer and for rural communities. It does not require very much thinking to understand why the big Wall street and the "small Wall streets" of the nation are in opposition.

an average of 6 2-10 eggs per hen a week, almost an egg a day. The following week's record was 64 eggs or an average of 6 4-10 eggs per day. The grand average of all pens and varieties for the same week was 45 eggs per pen.

Leaves for Mexico

Mrs. M. Nosler last week received word from her son M. Earl Nosler who enlisted in the 3rd Infantry Band at Portland on June 20th, that the company he belongs to left for the Mexican border last Thursday. According to Mr. Nosler Coos county is well represented in the troop Oregon is sending considering the fact that there is no regular national guard organization closer than Eugene. Among those known in Coos who were at the Clackamas training ground Mr. Nosler named Ralph Jackson, Chas. Meyers and "Doc" Slocum.