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MUCH BUSINESS DONE BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

County Salons Looking After Taxpayers Interests in Matters of Some Importance.

At its last meeting the Board of County Commissioners transacted the following county business:

The report of the board of viewers as to the petition of W. R. Bailey et al. for a county road in section 36 tp 37 s. r 5 was read for the first time and passed to the next meeting.

Similar action on the application of H. O. Williams in the town of Placer for a county road.

The county viewers were directed to meet and view the road asked for by C. O. Bigelow et al. Monday, October 14 and then to make report of their doings at the next meeting of the board.

Quite a list of bills were passed upon and the following were ordered paid: Sam Egger, work on roads, \$37; C F Lovelace, viewer of roads, \$4; Frank Stevenson, same, \$4; H C Perkins, same and making plate, \$13; E N Provolt, road work, \$2.50; Glenn Provolt, road work, \$2.50; Thos. Gilman, road work \$4; H C Perkins, work on Placer road, \$14; C F Lovelace, same, \$5; Frank Stevenson, same, \$4; J J Roberts, same \$2.50; H O Williams, same, \$2.50; Thos. Gilman, \$4; J C Smith, ex. insane, \$5; Witness fees, September term of court, \$51.90; jurors fees same, \$348.90; Rone & Hogen, lumber for roads, \$10.08; Noel Thompson, work on poor farm, \$10.08; A U Bannard, furniture for Treasurer's office, \$47.55; Geo Cronk, burial of pauper, \$6; L A Lucas & Son, mdse for poor farm, \$4.20; J R Yetter, account Co. hospital, \$845.22; Geo D Walter, work on court house \$139.50; R H Gillilan, cement for poor farm, \$2.50; G P Steam Laundry, for jail, \$2.60; Edgar Woolfolk, brick for poor farm, \$3; H L Wilson, mdse for roads \$8.40; W Marshall, work on road, \$13.75; Wm Light, same, \$56; O R Penny, same, \$10; C Corder, same, \$15; Geo Corer, same, \$12.50; W C Frye, same, \$15; National Dry Co., drayage to poor farm, \$3.50; E C Dixon, mdse for prisoner 70 cents; South Pacific Hospital, services for paupers, \$18.70; A L Esby, work on roads, \$13.50; Merlin Merc Co., mdse for paupers, \$30; Williams Bros. D & L Co., lumber for roads, \$69.60; McCann, mdse for roads, \$2.55; W H Freed, work in Sheriff's office, \$1.50; W E Dean, mdse for paupers, \$4; Ed Egger, work on roads, \$24.50; Hair-Riddle Hardware Co., for poor farm, \$5.85; McGowan & Co., mdse for paupers, \$17.50; Emil Gebers, work on roads, \$5; J J Brown, same, \$10; J M Jones, board for paupers, \$13; Stephen Jewell, expense, conveying charge to Boys & Girls' Aid Society, \$28; L B Hall, coffin for pauper, \$14.50; G P Grocery Co, mdse for pauper, \$5.40; Hair & Christy, lumber for roads, \$22.56; L Speaker, mdse for pauper, \$9.90; Hair-Riddle Hardware Co. for court house, \$5.75; J C Randle, serving subpoenae, \$15.15; Geo Geber, work on roads, \$16.25; Bushong & Co., blanks for coroner, \$7.30; J R Olsen, witness fees, \$1; Jas Holman, Justice fees vs Jno Doe, \$1.85; same vs Messenger, \$3.45; Henry Hiller, juror, \$1; L B Hall, same, \$1; J A Lucas, same, \$1; P H Barth, same, \$1; Lou Heberlie, same, \$1; A Morris, same, \$1; Geo Hartman, same, wit fees, \$1; Bert Farren, same \$1; Fred Cheshire, same, \$1; J C Randle, fees vs Messenger, \$6.00; Jas Holman, fees vs Beuson

et al, \$5.80 J M Eubanks, wit fee, \$1; Luce Bayse, same, \$1; W J Russell, same, \$1; W J Russell, board for prisoners, \$39.78; Jas Breeding, work on poor farm, \$10; M H Wertz, team, \$7; Condor Water Power Co, September, lights, \$4.30; R R Water Co, September water, \$8.15; S V Hamlin, work on poor farm, \$16; Ed Van Dyke, serving subpoenae, \$6; J Wimer, services, \$12; J C Randle, fees vs Spencer, \$39.65; National Security Co, premium on Sheriff bond as tax collector, \$70; A Wertz, commissioner and mileage \$18.80; W J Russell, conveyance of prisoners, \$6; Oregon Observer, printing, \$17.95; Richard Swacker, work on poor farm, \$4.

The liquor license of Calvin Burby, of Placer was extended to July 4, 1908, the \$100 having first been paid over to the treasurer.

The clerk was directed to draw a warrant in favor of Jos. Moss, in payment for overpaid taxes, to the amount of \$5.16.

The order made at the last meeting of the board, appointing J. C. Smith as secretary of the county board of health was rescinded.

By mutual consent the contract between the county court and Geo. Hansen, for the retimbering of the county bridge over the Rogue River, at Grants Pass, was cancelled.

D. Eisman was directed to construct and fence a county road through his premises, down Rogue River, for the sum of \$175.

INTERESTING REPORT OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

Some Vital Statistics Which Will Prove to Be of More Than Passing Interest.

County Health Officer, Dr. D. P. Love has just made his report for the month of September and it contains some interesting statistics and important information.

For instance he has only had nine births reported to him, although he feels confident that there have been a great many more and the law is very explicit about such matters being reported to him by at least the fifth of the month following their occurrence. He will gladly provide all the necessary blanks for making such reports.

The number of deaths have been equal to the births reported, nine in all which is quite an increase over the number reported for the month of August.

Health Officer Love was called to Kerby, Sunday, to investigate what seems to be an epidemic of typhoid. He tells the Courier that he found six bad cases and a number of others having pronounced symptoms. He says that the whole trouble is due to an irrigation ditch which runs back of the town carrying impurities down into the wells and cisterns. While he was there the citizens held a mass meeting and appointed various committees and set about to clean up the place, burn rubbish and take every precaution possible to prevent the spread of the dread disease.

He has reported the matter to the State Board of Health and is waiting to see what other steps that body will recommend.

Happy comedy and lots of it is to be found in the newest comedy drama "Uncle Josh Perkins." The play is by Lem. B. Parker, whose name is to be found attached to many successful productions that have pleased our theatre goers for the past several seasons.

CITY ELECTION ATTRACT CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION

Already Prospective Candidates are Being Mentioned for the Various Offices.

Interest in the approaching city election seems to be growing more intense as the time for holding the primaries comes nearer. Candidates for the various positions are being mentioned and City Recorder Clements informs the Courier that registration is very lively, which indicates that the average citizen is taking more than a passing interest in this important matter.

The retiring city officials, whose term expires are as follows: Mayor J. C. Smith; Treasurer Col. Johnson; Councilman W. M. Hair, 1st ward, J. T. Tufts, 3d ward, Peter Gravlin, 3d ward and T. Y. Dean, 4th ward. These, together with the following appointive offices will be the places to be filled as a result of the next election: Recorder C. H. Clements, Chief of Police Lincoln McGrew, Night Watchman Jas. Swearingen, Street Commissioner C. E. McLane and City Engineer W. T. Wright.

Although no formal announcements have yet been made, some names for the various places are being mentioned. For instance, Mayor Smith's friends think that he is entitled to another term, although it is said that L. B. Hall's friends will seek to have him run again for the place. But the report is that the church people will work for the nomination of Mark Day, the contractor, for mayor.

As to councilmen, it is said that each of the retiring officials would like to succeed himself. Other names are mentioned as follows: In the first ward, W. C. Barrie, T. P. Cramer and A. C. Hough; second ward: James Holman and Wm. Alfred; third ward: Lincoln Savage and W. H. Dana; fourth ward, Frank Fetsch. Other names will undoubtedly be added to the list as the time draws near for making nominations. It seems to be conceded that Col. Johnson will succeed himself as custodian of the city's wealth, a place he has filled so long and so well.

The question of the municipal ownership of water promises to enter largely into this campaign, and the recent raise in rates by the company now operating here has given the movement quite an impetus. However, in view of the fact that a competing company seeks to enter the field, the people may decide to wait and see what will be the outcome of some keen competition.

Undoubtedly the saloon and anti-saloon question will also cut quite a figure this time and the contest promises to be quite lively. In the adjoining county of Jackson, the moral forces are going to make a big effort to rid the entire county of saloons and such a plan may be inaugurated in Josephine county.

Other matters of much importance to the welfare of the community will be brought forth, as the time for holding the primaries, November 2, draws near and by December 2, when the election occurs, things will be pretty well worked up and a red-hot municipal campaign may be confidently expected.

FINE OPPORTUNITY TO GET ANOTHER FACTORY

Grants Pass Citizens Have Splendid Chance to Secure Promising New Enterprise.

The people of this entire valley are deeply interested in anything that affects the fruit growing industry and they one and all should be taking a lively interest in the proposition now before them which has for its object the establishing of a factory for the making of "Coleman's Perfection Fruit Evaporators."

After several years of experimenting and close observation, A. Coleman, of Kerby has brought out what is regarded by competent judges to be the very best idea ever invented for the successful work of this important kind.

He has one of the large machines on exhibition at the corner of H and 6th streets, where it is attracting much attention. He took the Courier man over the plant and explained it in

every detail and it was found to be very successful and nicely adapted for such work. He was drying some squash, old-fashioned pumpkin, tomatoes, apples, pears, peaches and corn on the cob. He very plainly demonstrates what a great thing it will be for the fruit growers all over this valley and for everybody, when some such plan is put into successful operation. His former effort along this line was pronounced by the Scientific American to be the best plan ever devised for fruit drying, but Mr. Coleman thinks that his latest idea is far in advance of that in every respect.

He has on exhibition samples of the fruits and vegetables and grains which show most conclusively that the plant does its work well and that it is as near perfection as can be desired. The color and flavor of the products dried are excellent and seem just as fresh and appetizing as though taken from the can, or when just fresh. Indeed his work has been found to really surpass that done by the sun driers at Fresno, Cal.

There are some particular points in which the Coleman Perfection Evaporator excels all others. For instance, he claims that it is 100 per cent cheaper than any of them; that it is the finest, handiest to use; that it can be transported to far distant points on a farm wagon, with ease, thus bringing the grower 15 miles away in touch with the local market, as he can dry his fruit at leisure and bring it to the city with very little trouble, not being hampered by the poor roads and last, but not least it requires no skill to manipulate it. He says that a 12-year-old child can run it as efficiently as a grown-up person.

Mr. Coleman evidently has a splendid proposition for already he has been approached by outside parties one in the Willamette Valley and two in the Rogue River Valley not so very far to the south wanting him to come into their respective localities and put up a factory as he plans to do for the building of those driers. But Mr. Coleman is too loyal to the Rogue River Valley to get away from here and he proposes to establish a factory right here at Grants Pass if the people of this city and county will take hold and assist in the matter. He feels confident that \$2000 will build and equip the plant needed for the present although he already has many good-sized orders for the driers and there will be plenty of work ahead for the plant, for several months to come. So if Grants Pass wants the said new establishment, now is the time to take action. Let everyone have a hand in this excellent undertaking. Here's another fine chance to get another nice payroll. But the chance will not go begging very long. If the people want it, now is the time to say so in word and action.

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the Grants Pass, Oregon, Post office for the week ending October 5, 1907. Persons calling for the same will please give the date advertised. A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery:

- Bury, Mrs May.
- Carender, Miss Jewel, 2.
- Cleveland, Chas.
- Clemous, Mr. N. J.
- Clark, Mrs M L.
- Deardoff, Miss Gussie.
- Emmons, Miss Lizzie.
- Fischer, Mrs W H.
- Glacoda, Mining Co.
- G aizer, Cass.
- Gardner, Mrs Lilly.
- Howard, Miss Ruth E.
- Ingram, Miss Mae.
- Klum, Blaine.
- Kluse, Walter.
- Long, A.
- McFarland, J H.
- Mathews, Mrs Susie.
- May Queen Mining Co.
- Papor, Yenez the.
- Rare, Mrs C.
- Race, H M.
- Shepherd, C.
- Stone, Miss Louisa.
- Staeland, M.
- Thornton, Miss Louisa.
- Wigle, J D.
- Wilson, Edward.
- Welch, Miss B.

C. E. HARMON, P. M.

While Joseph Moss and A. C. Hough were out enjoying life Sunday, fishing on the Rogue River, they had the misfortune to have their team get away and it was about midnight when the anglers arrived home. Mr. Moss says that hereafter he will not trust even a cow, so greatly was he deceived in those hours.

For the purpose of looking after his extensive property holdings in this city, C. E. Glidden has been in the city this week from Sison, Cal.

GRANTS PASS MAY HAVE ANOTHER WATER SYSTEM

Portland Capitalists Petition the City Council for a Franchise for That Purpose.

The city council held an important special meeting, Monday evening, when the following matters were attended to:

Cramer Bros. given permission to obstruct portion of street, while building new warehouse on south side of H street, near their store. They also petitioned for a party wall agreement, relative to the city hall and the city attorney was instructed to prepare the necessary papers.

Committee appointed to interview Manager Clarke, of the Water Co., regarding the raise in rates, reported that he wanted more time in which to communicate with the head office in Portland regarding the matter.

Some firms and persons having refused to pay the fee and take out license, the chief of police was instructed to proceed to collect same or bring action against said persons.

After being reduced to \$10 the McKoin bill was finally allowed.

A large list of bills was passed upon the following were ordered paid:

- I W Smith, street work, \$45; J H Ward, same \$77; I W Smith, same, \$5; W F Woodson, same, \$55; Frank Wilcox, gravel on streets, \$116; F M Wichman, hay and grain, \$155; T Y Dean, mdse, \$5.45; Mrs L W Smith, boarding city prisoners, \$21.47; J D Hammond, police duty, \$32; P P Proctor, registration supplies, \$3.95; Williams Bros D L Co, \$10.40; Club Livery Stables, \$10; Hair-Riddle Hardware Co, mdse \$397.65; Fashion Stable, \$2.50 G P Hardware Co, mdse \$12.52; C F Dixon, feed \$15.75
- For the site of September 11, the following firemen were each allowed \$2.00; Fred Roper, F Williams, P A DeGensault, Hornig, Elmer Wertz, and Mr. Harmon was allowed \$2.50 for hauling the hose cart to same; Ike

Davis same, \$2.50; F W Capp, extra police duty, \$2.

Street Supt. was directed to order all sewer connections to be made and if not done at once, then he is to do so at the expense of property owners.

Granite sidewalk ordered on east side of north 6th street, from lot 9 block G, of Bourne's add to the city of Grant Pass.

Ordinance passed, placing license of \$125 per annum upon opera house operators and imposing fine of \$50 upon violators.

Officers for the coming city election were selected as follows: 1st ward—Judges C G Ament, J B Paddock, Mr. Tumes, Clerks—J E Peterson and Will Ireland; 2d ward, Judges—J C Campbell, N B Mead, H Freed; Clerks—Ed Van Dyke and Wm. Cheshire; 3d ward; Judges—F O Wilcox, F M Wimer, Henry Smith; Clerks—Lincoln Savage and W M Hair; 4th ward, Judges—E Tutbill, Geo Cronk, G Burns; Clerks—Aug Fetsch and Wm Alford.

Upon the showing made by an agent for a patent flush tank, the council decided to order one.

The Thompson Water, L and Power Co., of Portland asked for a franchise and the matter was referred to the auditor.

Petition for granite sidewalk from corner of L and 10th streets to corner L and 8th referred to committee, same to be acted upon at next meeting.

Upon favorable reports being made, granite sidewalks were ordered on Burgess street, between blocks 15 and 16 and also as requested by H. B. Hendricks and other property owners.

This week Dr. F. D. Stricker was called to Klamath Falls, to perform an operation upon the wife of Richard Guthrie, who need to reside in this city. Word comes that the operation was very successful.

This week Russell Holderman, advance agent for the "Josh Perkins" troupe was in the city, making arrangements for the appearance of that excellent aggregation at the opera house next Tuesday evening.

Our Customers

ARE OUR BEST ADVERTISERS

For they always find in our big store the latest designs in the housefurnishing line, and then we sell at prices which are sure to please the people. : : :

AS A MATTER OF COURSE

Every lady wants her house nicely furnished and that's where we shine. You should come and see for yourself the many useful and attractive articles which we offer, another carload just arrived and we ask you to come in and look them over. All we ask is that you come and see our goods and compare prices, we'll risk the rest. : : :

Your's to Please

Furniture and Carpets, Linoleums, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Mattresses, Pillows, Cots, Wall Paper, Clocks, Mirrors, Window Shades, Pictures, Picture Moulding.	<h3>J. H. O'Neil</h3> <p>THE HOUSEFURNISHER</p> <p>Front St., bet. 6 and 7</p>	Stoves and Ranges, Granite ware, Agate ware, Thaware, Woodenware, Willowware, Cutlery, Crockery, Lamps, Glassware, Fancy China, Go-Carts, Baby Carriages.
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A BARGAIN

160 Acres on Rogue River close to Grants Pass. 20 acres of first class apple land, about 50 acres of Al grape land, south slope, and balance timber. About 2000 cords of oak, fir, and pine wood on the place. Fair buildings and fences. Price \$2500. One half cash.

If you want a good place for a little money, look this up.

W. L. IRELAND
THE REAL ESTATE MAN
Ground Floor, Opera House Block