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MORRIS BROS. WILLING TO SELL WATER PLANT

Will Meet People of Grants Pass More Than Half Way in This Public Matter.

F. S. Morris, of the firm of Morris Bros., the Portland firm which owns the Grants Pass waterworks, was in this city, Monday and Tuesday for the purpose of meeting the city council and also to discuss with that body and the citizens of Grants Pass the probability of the city's purchasing the plant of the Rogue River Water Co.

Mr. Morris, in conversation with a Courier representative remarked that his firm was convinced that it was only a question of a very short time until Grants Pass would be wanting to take over this plant, as had been the case with other plants owned by the firm. He said in his estimation it was the proper thing for any city to do to own its own water system. "The business is a good one and we can show that it is earning good money. We will not expect to receive even what the plant has cost us and we will give your city one of the best equipped plants to be found anywhere. The pumping station is right up-to-date and should one pump stop, there is another one ready to be started up on very short notice."

"The people of Grants Pass have treated us very nicely and we do not care to have any trouble over this matter. We believe that your people will admit that we have endeavored to give the the best service we could provide."

"You see, when we installed that plant, we had an understanding with the city council then in power that we were to raise the rates, as we could not afford to keep the old ones in vogue."

"As to the present controversy, I am convinced that we would win out, and I base my calculations upon the advice of the best legal information we have been able to obtain. But, as I said, we don't desire to get into any controversy over this matter, as we realize that it will eventually come to this and the city will sooner or later be wanting to take over the plant."

"We have had several other plants and find when things get to this stage that then is the time to let go. For instance, up at Chehalis, Wash., two of our men committed suicide and another became a defaulter and we had all kinds of trouble, and it all ended in our selling to city and they gave us much more for the plant than we had been asking but they didn't do this until after they had taken the matter into the courts and we were given our rights in the matter. You see we have rights in conducting a system of waterworks, just as you have in running a newspaper. But, as I said, we prefer to meet your people and then to come to some amicable agreement."

Mr. Morris stated that his firm was perfectly willing to have the matter of the valuation of the plant left to experienced and disinterested parties. And as to the pay for same he remarked: "We do not care for the money. The city can issue bonds, readily, upon a vote of the people and we will be perfectly willing to accept the bonds in payment for the plant." He left for California, where he will look after some business affairs, expecting to return to Portland in time for the meeting for the reorganization of the Merchants National Bank, which occurs on the 14th inst. In the meantime he stands ready to confer with the representatives of the people regarding this matter of great importance to every citizen.

Monday evening the regular annual meeting of the Grants Pass Volunteer Fire Department was held. P. P. Proctor was re-elected chief; Harry Marsh, assistant chief; Fred Roper, secretary; Frank Ellis, treasurer and Fred Cook, foreman. The report showed the affairs of the organization to be in excellent condition. Chief Proctor informed the Courier reporter that some improvements were contemplated in the matter of providing the city with a cheap, but effective fire alarm system. He has figured it out that one, connected with the telephone system could be had for something like \$450 and it is proving to be very satisfactory in other places.

OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR COMING ELECTIONS

Judges and Clerks Selected by County Commissioners for the Next Contests.

This week the county court selected 96 residents of the various voting precinct of Josephine county, who will preside at the coming primaries and other elections. The said officials named are as follows:

North Grants Pass—J C Campbell, N B Meade and H M White, judges; G A Savage, George Slover and J D Fry, clerks.

South Grants Pass—W E Dean, W M Hair and Chas Burkhalter, judges; T Y Dean, J H Challen and W C Smith, clerks.

West Grants Pass—J E Peterson, Ben Dimick and J Christie, judges; Miram Revnold, Herbert Smith and R W Clarke, clerks.

Wolf Creek—S C Ruble, Uriah Miller and Henry Gross, judges; Ben Rogers, J M Booth and M C Davis, clerks.

Leland—A A Porter, H P Walter and T J Mackin, judges; H L Wilson, W A Klum and George Porter, clerks.

Placer—H O Williams, H H Conger and J J Roberts, judges; Alfred Clements, Frank Foss and Paul Howard, clerks.

Lucky Queen—H M Graham, Arthur Howland and A M Cherry, judges; W H Pollock, Charles Payne and Charles Byrum, clerk.

Merlin—Hugo Garbers, D W Mitchell and Joseph McCaslin, judges; C D Sexton, Charles Crow and Charles Ladd, clerks.

Galice—H L Lewis, T K Anderson and Ed Friday, judges; C L Barlow, Frank Mitchell and J R Harvey, clerks.

Murphy—O F Gentner, W B York and Thomas Leih, judges; E M Cockerline, L W Carson and O O Bunch, clerks.

Williams—C O Bigelow, J N Gotcher and J T Hartley, judges; J M John, E N Provolt and Marshall Stiles, clerks.

Slate Creek—James McCann, John Brown and W J Riggs, judges; A E Sheehan, C F Lovelace and J H Robinson, clerks.

Selma—M D L Crooks, T G Harmon and Jacob Hanseth, judges; E F Hathaway, George Kiphart and W J Smith, clerks.

Kerby—Ed Daley, Frank Dessing and J F Stith, judges; C G Sawyer, J O Turner and Ed Burke, clerks.

Althouse—W L Bibcock, Ed McCann, H H Gibbs, judges; J J Hodgdon, Will Trefethen and A N McVey, clerks.

Waldo—E M Albright, R P George and D S Shaffer, judges; Bob Veatch, W J Winner and George Epperley, clerks.

BIG COYOTE HUNT OUT AT WILLIAMS CREEK

People Planning for an Exciting Round Up of the Wild Animals Soon

Edgar Cox, of Williams Creek is at the head of a movement set on foot to have a big coyote hunt, out in that vicinity, soon. It seems that the animals are becoming entirely too numerous and are getting to be quite bold. So a slaughter of them is to be on a large scale. For the past week or so a bait has been placed for the "critters" and an ideal spot for them is found in the field of John Kincaid, where in the center there is an un-cleared portion of dense brush and this is to be the place for the rendezvous.

No guns will be allowed, only dogs being used for the chase, but there will be some mighty good sport for the fun loving people of that region and they have invited the sports of the county seat to join in the exciting chase.

It is planned to have the big hunt Saturday, January 18, and this will be followed by a big supper at the Williams hall, after which will come a varied literary and musical program, the evening's pleasures winding up with a social dance.

There will be a meeting at Provoit, next Monday, at 1:30 p. m., of the farmers of that community, for the purpose of selecting a captain and a number of lieutenants, as well as attending to the appointing of committees to have in charge the evening's entertainment.

Everything indicates that the affair will be a grand success, in every particular and that the vicinity will have a jolly time of it.

COUNTY COURT LOOKS AFTER MUCH BUSINESS

County Commissioners Find Important Matters Claiming Their Attention.

The Josephine County Commissioners have been having a regular siege of it, the present session lasting from Thursday morning of last week until Wednesday evening of this week. It was the longest session of the year, as there were many important matters which demanded attention and which had to be looked after.

Among other things, the following matters were acted upon: Upon presenting the receipt for \$200, from County Treasurer Taylor, the liquor license of George Strong, of Leland, was extended another six months.

W. A. Massie presented a request for permit to run a ferry across Rogue River, on the Galice Creek road, having already paid to County Treasurer Taylor the \$24 yearly license fee. As soon as a good bond in the sum of \$200 is filed the license will be issued.

There was quite a wrangle over the granting of the liquor license at Leland, asked for by Wiseman & Light. The first ruling was that it be not granted, but upon additional information being offered, the court decided to give the saloon men three months, extending the time to April 4, by which time they are to dispose of their stock of liquors and be prepared to go out of business at Leland.

The road viewers are directed to meet Monday, January 20 and view and lay out the county road at the old ferry landing, on Rogue River, asked for by T. J. Everton, et al. and make report of same at the February term of court.

A like order was issued concerning the county road desired by J G Hill et al. in sec 34, tp 34 s. r. 6, west, the viewers to meet on Tuesday, January 21 and then report at the February term of court.

The tax levy for Josephine county's running expenses was made as follows: county tax, 5 1/2 mills; state 2 mills; school, 4 1/2 mills; High School, 1/2 mill; roads, 2 mills, making a total of 14 mills. This makes the levy for the city of Grants Pass, 2 mills, as against 27 1/2 mills last year, which ought to be welcome information to the taxpayers of the county seat.

Road supervisors were appointed as follows: Districts 1—A Morris; 2—Gus Gebers; 3—Chris Eismann; 4—Henry Gross; 5—Out; 6—Ed Friday; 7—Wm Light; 8—W C Frye; 9—O G Ward; 10—O F Gentner; 11—Frank Topping; 12—J J Brown; 13—George Duncan; 14—J G Hiatt; 15—James E Lewis; 16—D S Snaffer and 17—R Pierce.

Two election precincts were changed as to their boundaries, as follows: Mount Reuben was made a part of Leland precinct and all that part of Kerby lying east of the west line of tp 39 s. r. 7, west, and north of Sucker Creek, was amended and made a part of the Althouse precinct.

Lee Sill was appointed stock inspector for Josephine county to serve during the year 1908.

After much discussion, wherein the applicants were represented by Attorney C H Clements and the people protesting by Attorney Oliver S Brown, a liquor license was issued to Garout & Eusted, to conduct a saloon in Merlin precinct.

There was an unusually large gnat of bills passed upon and ordered paid by the board. These will be published in the next issue of the Courier.

Calvin Besby's liquor license, in Placer precinct was extended three months from January 4 to April 4, upon receipt of County Treasurer Taylor that the \$100 license fee had been duly paid.

N B Meade and J M Jones were appointed to act with County Surveyor H C Perkins, as the County Board of Road Viewers, for the year 1908.

The Rogue River Courier was designated as the official paper for Josephine county, for the ensuing year, but the "string" attached to this honor was that the rate for publishing the commissioners' proceedings should be only 1 cent per line.

County Clerk Cheshire was instructed to receive bids for furnishing 60 tiers of black oak wood and 15 tiers of fir wood for use at the court house.

JURY LIST DRAWN FOR ANOTHER YEAR

County Commissioners Select Big Batch of Names of Suitable Persons.

The County Commissioners have selected the following 200 persons who will be on the list from which the juries in the fruit trials will be drawn for the next 12 months:

Akerman, C H. Abell, Stephen. Aree, J D. Adams, Bert. Ahlf, J H. Akers, L B. Alderson, Sam. Altpeter, George. Amont, C G. Anderson, W G. Andrews, H L. Babcock, W L. Bacher, H J. Baird, J W, Jr. Barnes, A S. Barlett, Alfred. Barlow, H C. Barth, H E. Briggs, David. Booth, W F. Bowler, W F. Brown, Orr. Burke, Ed. Calhoun, George S. Carver, J L. Campbell, J C. Corcoran, M A. Cargill, E E. Carroll, B F. Cart, A T. Chamblain, C G. Chausse, J T. Christie, Sam. Churchill, R C. Clemo, Thos. Clevenger, O L. Cockerline, E M. Cole, N W. Cook, D S. Congle, Rial. Craig, Roy. Dailey, Ed. Dean, T Y. Dessinger, Frank. Dimick, E E. Dixon, J D. Drake, J D. Donlap, G A. Eberle, J B. Edgerton, C L. Edwards, C C. Eismann, F D. Elder, G W. Everton, T J. Feltner, Joseph. Fitch, George. Fitzpatrick, J W. Floyd, Frank. Ford, A C. Fred, W H. Friar, J J. Friday, Ed. Fulk, A J. Galvin M T. George, R P. Gibbs, H H. Gilkey, H L. Gilmer, A W. Goodnow, O S. Grot, V S. Gray, Charles. Grout, V S. Haberman, Wm. Hamlin, J W. Hancock, D H. Harmon, T G. Harper, Joseph. Hatcher, E F. Heberle, L A. Herman, John. Hilderbrandt, W C. Hodgdon, J E. Holman, E G. Hunt, Robert. Huxford, J E. Hyde, L C. Ingram, W L. Jess, Sherman. Jones, J C. Kemmer, L C. Kincaid, J C. Kitterman, H B. Knox, A F. Laesch, Louis. Larson, Thomas. Leonard, W A. Light, Wm. Lowden, I C. McCann, J T. McCormick, G T. Mackin, T J. Martin, A T. Mensch, Fred. Messinger, Clarence. Miller, Fred M. Mitchell, M R. Moore, J W. Murray, L R. Myrick, C A. Naucke, A W. Nelson, J X. Nichols, George H. Nickerson, Clerk. Nutt, Hollis. O'Brien, George. Ott, W J. Paddock, W A. Parks, James. Patterson, L G. Perry, E T. Peterson, Daniel. Pierce, F A. Pollock, Joseph. Provoit, F N. Prescott, H S. Reynolds, Milton. Reymor, R A N. Robinson, R M. Rable, S C. Rutherford, W M. Sampson, Herbert. Sauer, Nick. Savage, G A. Sawyer, C J. Schleich, W H. Schmidt, Claus. Schmitt, Lou. Sexton, C D. Slover, J A. Smith, Ora. Smith, Herbert. Sprall, Ira F. Taylor, J J. Wilcox, F O. Wilson, H L.

house. The bids are to be filed with said County Clerk not later than February 5, 1908, at 10 a. m.

Corra B. Lemon was employed as county physician, for the ensuing year, at \$40 per month, the contract to be drawn up later.

The court adjourned sine die

Quite a large force of men are engaged in taking up the roadbed, at the crossing of Sixth street, and putting down solid rock foundation. This was found necessary on account of the standing water, which was causing the track to sink at that point.

The following 16 Roseburg Elks came up, Thursday, to attend the funeral of the late John J. Schallhorn: W B Hammett, F F Brand, Elmer Bashford, H T McClellan, Sam Rast, C L Peterson, Wm Carroll, Chas Parrott, Earl Landers, Wm Van Buren, Monte Gawler, A N Orcutt, Geo W Staley, John Hunter, Ralph Kearney and W E Bodge.

WENT TO FAR AWAY TEXAS FOR BRIDE

Prominent Grants Pass Young Man Wedded in the Lone Star State.

A recent issue of the Fort Worth, Texas Star contained this interesting information regarding the movements of one of Grants Pass' popular young business men:

"After an absence from Fort Worth of six months, L. G. Gillette, who registers from Grants Pass, Ore., 'the Italy of America,' as he expresses it, is in this city, and here on a most important mission. Mr. Gillette will be married Monday evening to Miss Della Addison, who recently moved to Fort Worth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Billingsley from Bristol, Virginia. The marriage will be solemnized this evening in the parlors of the Delaware hotel, Rev. Hubert Knickerbocker, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating. Only the relatives and intimate friends of the young couple will be present, and almost immediately after the ceremony Mr. Gillette and his bride will begin their journey to their faraway home in Oregon. Sight-seeing expeditions will be made from Los Angeles and San Francisco to the principal California points of interest and altogether the young couple will spend 10 days or two weeks in making the trip home."

"Mr. Gillette was formerly connected with the real estate firm of Ligon Dickinson & Co., and is a rising young man and one who has made an almost phenomenal success since starting in his business career. Of course I am glad to be in Fort Worth again and to mix with my old friends," said Mr. Gillette Monday, "and while I am here for a bride, many of my friends will accuse me of not being able to remain away from Fort Worth and Texas. This is particularly true as to my present mission, but I can't go back on Oregon, a state that in its undeveloped condition offers unlimited possibilities and golden opportunities to both the homeseeker and the investor."

"To tell of the greatness of Oregon, is like reciting fiction. Out there we raise any and everything that will grow under any conditions whatever and have an overabundance of minerals, including both quartz and placer of the richest character. Of the fine fruits volumes could be written. Last season a 35 acre orchard of apple netted its owner \$10,000, while 16 acres of Bartlett and Comice pears netted \$19,000. One acre of tokay grapes has repeatedly produced for its owner between \$500 and \$600 each season."

"We can ship fruit to New York city at \$1.35 to \$1.50 per 100 pounds, while the rate to Fort Worth is \$5 per 100. This shows why Texas and the South does not get its full share of the fine fruits raised in the great fruit sections of the country."

While hurrying away to fill a lunch engagement Mr. Gillette called back to say something about Horace Greeley's immortal words when he said: 'Young man, go West.' Mr. Gillette accepts this saying by adding, 'Go West, but by all means go to Oregon'."

NEW CITY OFFICERS ARE DULY SWORN IN

City Council Hold Adjourned Meeting and Transact Important Business.

Monday evening an adjourned meeting of the city council was held, at which time the new officials took their seats, City Auditor Clements administering the oaths.

Other matters of a business nature were looked after, as follows:

The officers of the Thompson Water, Light & Power Co. sent in its bond to cover its acceptance of the franchise for constructing a waterworks system in this city as granted them by a franchise recently voted upon.

The contract for sprinkling the streets of this city during the dry season of '08 was awarded to "Jack" Wells who is to provide up-to-date apparatus, the city retaining the option of stepping in and attending to the matter if he fails to come up to the requirements.

A favorable report was made regarding the grading and grading of the alley running from 4th to 5th streets between G and H.

Bids for the printing of the city ordinances in book form, were handed in by the Observer, Courier and P P Proctor, but the matter was again referred to the committee having same in charge, with full power to act. The Health Committee was instructed to carefully inspect the city hall and jail and to provide any additional furnishings needed.

Sam Graham and Wm. Fehley were placed upon the "Common Drunkard" list, as provided by law.

The Park Committee was consolidated with the Property Committee.

Mr. Morris, of Morris Bros., owners of the waterworks system which is supplying Grants Pass with water, appeared before the council and requested that his firm be given an opportunity to confer with a committee from the said body, relative to the waterworks. Mayor Smith thereupon appointed Concilmen Tufts, Kinney and Coburn, who will meet with Mr. Morris Saturday 11th inst.

An ordinance, No. 296 for the grading and graveling of the south side of K street, between 6th and 8th, for sidewalk purposes, was introduced and read.

Mayor Smith announced his appointments as follows: Auditor and Police Judge, J A Slover; Chief of Police, M McGrew; Night Marshal, O R Swearingin; Street Superintendent C E McLane and City Attorney, C H Clements.

Committees for the year were named as follows: Street: Coburn, Tufts and Kinney; Finances: Tufts, Stovall and Kinney; Light: Lewis, Stovall and Burkhalter; Sewer: Fetsch, Tufts and Kinney; Health: Stovall, Cramer and Lewis; Fire and water: Burkhalter, Fetsch and Lewis.

At the conclusion of the business session, the members repaired to Richardson's place, where a banquet was had. It was not a time for speech making, but merely to enable the new and old members of the body to become better acquainted with one another. They report having had a very enjoyable, time.

Something Extraordinary!

The big sale of Graniteware Special Prices Began Yesterday

Furniture and Carpets, Linoleums, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Mattresses, Pillows, Cots, Wall Paper, Clocks, Mirrors, Window Shades, Pictures, Picture Moulding.

R. H. O'Neill

THE HOUSEFURNISHER

Front St., bet. 6 and 7

Stoves and Ranges, Graniteware, Agteware, Tinware, Woodware, Willoware, Cutlery, Crockery, Lamps, Glassware, Fancy China, Go-Carts, Baby Carriages.