

MANY PROTEST

COUNCIL MEETS AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ON SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

The City Council met in regular session at the city hall Wednesday night with the Mayor, City Engineer, City Attorney, City Marshal and all Councilmen present.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

An ordinance to submit the proposition of levying one mill tax for the Bandon Public Library to the people at the June election was read and placed on its final passage.

An ordinance providing for the assessment for the improvement of First Street from its intersection with the east line of Alabama Avenue in Commercial addition was read and placed on its final passage.

An ordinance to levy an assessment for the improvement of Fourth Street West from Edison Avenue to its intersection with Ocean Drive was read and placed on its final passage.

An ordinance declaring the assessment for the improvement of Ocean Drive was read and placed on its final passage.

A resolution for the extension of Oregon Avenue into Wall Street was read and adopted.

The Council then adjourned the general session to meet as a board of equalization for the sewer systems and street work.

A number of objections on the assessment of Third Street East were read and after considerable discussion the assessment was adopted and declared an equitable one.

The assessment roll of First Street East in Bandon Heights was read and passed.

The assessment roll of Baltimore Avenue was then taken up and several objections were read, and after a lengthy discussion the matter was deferred until next Wednesday.

The council then adjourned as a board of equalization and re-convened in general session.

The bid of H. H. Dufort on the Bear Creek plank road was laid over for one week.

A motion was made that the engineer be instructed to establish a grade on Oregon Avenue from Wall Street to the City limits. The motion was carried unanimously.

A warrant for \$500.00 was ordered drawn against the special fund in favor of H. H. Dufort for work done on First Street North.

The City Engineer was instructed to establish a grade on Third Street East from Baltimore Avenue to the east side of Church Street.

A motion was made by E. B. Henry and seconded by C. E. Bowman that a committee be appointed to accept specifications for a triple combination fire engine and that the committee report in time to submit the proposition to the people at the June election. The Mayor appointed E. B. Henry, O. A. Trowbridge, H. Brown, F. J. Feeney and C. R. Wade.

A motion was made and carried that a board of appraisers be elected on Seventh Street West to appraise the benefits and damages on the opening of the street. The council elected J. L. Kronenberg, R. C. McKinnis and F. J. Chathurn.

Lights were ordered on the plank road near the L. C. Gibson road.

Wm. Kennedy was granted a rebate of \$3.00 on the impounding fee of his cows which were taken up some time ago.

The following bills were allowed:

Ira Zeb	\$ 7.50
H. H. Dufort	16.00
Title Guar. & Trust Co.	10.50
John D. Goss	250.00

No further business appearing the Council adjourned to meet again next Wednesday.

Special feature films coming to the Grand—"Walla Walla Frontier Days" Three reels of wild west films, shown Wednesday, March 25th.

A temperance meeting will be held at the M. E. church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

"David Copperfield" in seven reels shown at the Grand theatre, Sunday, March 29th.

REGISTRATION IS SLOW IN COOS COUNTY

Coquille, Ore., March 17.—The registration of voters for the coming election in Coos county is proceeding very slowly, according to the returns to the County Clerk's office. Here is a statement of the vote registered during the past two months:

During January:	
Republicans	367 71
Democrats	160 42
Progressives	22
Socialists	27 4
Independent	30 7
Prohibitionists	10 20
Non-Partisan	1 1
Not Stated	1 3
During February:	
Republican	507 121
Democrats	304 80
Progressive	46 12
Socialist	111 23
Independent	71 27
Prohibition	9 33
Non-Partisan	1 1
Populist	1
Not Stated	20 7

All voters must register now for the ensuing two-year period. All registrations made before January 5 are now absolutely void, because of the recent decision of the supreme court, declaring the 1913 election law invalid. Persons who have not registered cannot vote at the primaries.—Coos Bay Times.

LODGE SOCIAL

BANDON LODGE OF PYTHIAN SISTERS ENTERTAIN VISITORS.

The Bandon lodge of Pythian Sisters entertained a number of guests from Coquille and Myrtle Point last Wednesday evening, there being 35 present from Coquille and 6 from Myrtle Point. The visitors came down in a boat chartered for the occasion, returning the same evening.

At the opening of the meeting Mrs. Hoover of Bandon, the Deputy Grand Chief, and Mrs. Hawkins, M. E. C. of Coquille lodge, were introduced and given seats of honor.

There were two initiations, but before the work was completed the fire alarm was turned in when the Mullin house burned, and the work was adjourned until after the fire when it was completed.

After the initiation a short program was carried out, composed of an address of welcome by Mrs. Mehl, reading by Mrs. Pape, song by Mr. Englebee, reading by Mrs. Sigg of Coquille, and several interesting talks by the visitors.

The grand march, for supper was then played by Mrs. Mehl and Mrs. Pape and all marched to the dining room where an elaborate banquet was served.

After the banquet a number of toasts were responded to, Mr. Ernest Sidwell acting as toast master.

Both the lodge hall and the dining room were beautifully decorated and all committees did their work excellently.

WESTERN UNION WILL BUILD FROM EUGENE

The Eugene Guard says: Nine equipment cars belonging to the Western Union Telegraph company arrived in Eugene from the south today. The arrival of the cars means that construction is about to begin upon the telegraph line between Eugene and Marshfield, a distance of 110 miles. The crew did not come with the cars, they being in charge of a single caretaker. The linemen are expected in a few days. Their arrival will mean the employment of a force of men to erect poles, string wires and do other details of the work. Much of the material for the work, including the wires, line hardware and the poles, have already arrived and are ready for distribution along the new railroad. The construction of the telegraph line will follow that of laying rails, and will take the entire year to complete. The construction cars include offices for the superintendents, kitchens and bunks for the men, with work shops and store rooms.

Get The Recorder—a live newspaper twice a week, \$1.50.

SMITH IS BACK HOUSE BURNS

SAYS CONDITIONS ON OUTSIDE LOOK GOOD FOR THIS LOCALITY.

E. N. Smith returned overland Tuesday night from California where he has been spending the winter and will look after his interests in Bandon and Coos county during the summer.

Mr. Smith has been in Southern California most of the winter, dividing his time between Riverside, Los Angeles, San Pedro, and other points. He was also in the East during the earlier part of the winter, returning to California at Christmas time.

Mr. Smith says conditions on the outside never looked better for Bandon and Coos county, as there are thousands of people in California Eastern Oregon and in the Eastern States inquiring about this section, and many of them are coming with money to invest.

Mr. Smith is anxious to co-operate with the Commercial Club and any others who may be interested in getting out a bunch of literature advertising Bandon and the Coquille Valley and says he will be repaid many times over for the money so expended.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Deyoe are taking care of Mr. Smith's home at Riverside and will remain there with his children until school closes about the middle of June.

LARGE PORTION OF SOUTH WAS ONCE UNDER WATER

Most people know in a general way that large portions of the United States have been covered by the ocean, but it is perhaps not so generally known that the continent is now rising in some places and sinking in others. There is every reason to believe that minor movements of the land are constantly taking place. Not so very long ago, in a geologic sense, the Hudson river flowed through a deep canyon or gorge at New York City. Soundings show that this gorge extends through the harbor and far out to sea. It is evident that the land surface has been lowered in this region, allowing the ocean to creep in on the land, fill the old river channel, and in places wholly submerge it.

The submergence of the land was greater at one time than it is now. In excavations for some of New York skyscrapers remains of oysters and other salt-water animals have been found. As a rule the only available knowledge in regard to the former submergence of any area is derived from the marine shells and other animals found in deposits laid down by the sea. By the nature of the fossils geologists are able to tell approximately when the ocean invaded the land. They have found evidence of a submergence of much greater magnitude and much older than that which now floods the Hudson valley. Gothamites and others need not, however, feel alarmed at this statement of the ups and downs of the continent, for while geologically this submergence is not so very old, the geologist thinks and speaks in terms of thousands if not millions of years.

Along the Atlantic coast, from New Jersey southward, it is not unusual to find quantities of shark's teeth and other marine fossils in the greensands that are now located far inland and are used for fertilizers. In certain sections of the southern Mississippi Valley where limestone is not readily accessible a farmer will go out and gather a wagon load of fossil oyster shells to burn for lime. The shark bearing rocks of New Jersey and the oyster beds of Tennessee are of the same general age and represent one of the later of the great invasions of the ocean on the North American continent. In geologic parlance these rocks are said to be of Cretaceous age.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—Broad charges that President Wilson determined to ask Congress to repeal the Panama tolls exemption as a consequence of his recent conference with the British Minister to Mexico and that it was done to keep England from intervening in Mexico were made by Senator Jones of Washington.

RESIDENCE OF HARRY MULLIN COMPLETELY DESTROYED WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

THE RESIDENCE OF HARRY MULLIN ON NINTH STREET EAST NEAR THE OLD CITY LIMITS WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The residence of Harry Mullin on Ninth Street East near the old city limits was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday night.

The origin of the fire is unknown as no one was in the house at the time, except Mr. Mullin, and he was lying on the bed asleep when he was aroused by the barking of the dog. The house was already filled with smoke and burning to such an extent that Mr. Mullin was compelled to rush out in his night clothes and nothing was saved.

The fire was exceedingly unfortunate owing to the fact that the house was just built this winter and was all completed except the papering, which was to have been done this week.

The house was 26x38, and had six large rooms and a full basement. Mr. Mullin had \$1,000.00 insurance on the place, which will fall far short of covering the loss, as everything including furniture and clothes was burned.

Mr. Mullin has not decided as yet how soon he will rebuild.

OREGON MILLS INCREASE OUTPUT OF LUMBER

Portland, Ore., March 19.—In spite of the fact that lumber manufacturers have complained that 1913 was a dull year for them, statistics of the Pacific Lumber inspectin bureau, with a branch here and headquarters at Seattle show that in 1913 Oregon mills increased their shipments in all of the markets served by water carriers, coastwise, offshore domestic and foreign. Shipments to San Francisco alone registered a gain of 70,509,955 feet.

During the year 1913, it is stated Oregon mills shipped the bulk of the lumber sent to Panama, upwards of 17,492,860 feet an increase of 11,557,172 feet over the previous year. While the lumber shipments from the north-west as a whole to the Hawaiian islands showed a loss, Oregon mills increased their business in that direction the extent of 1,706,119 feet.

Oregon made its greatest gain, however, it is stated, in the Australia and China markets. These two markets alone took upwards of 60,000,000 feet more than was purchased in 1912 from Oregon mills.

Shipments to the west coast of South America showed a gain of 11,820,855 feet. Europe increased its purchases in Oregon as did India. Shipments to Africa showed a loss of 2,158,290 feet or something less than one average tramp steamer cargo.

That the lumber business has been dull is admitted by all who keep close ly in touch with the situation, and therefore the increase for the year 1913 is taken as an illustration of the development of the industry, which, had conditions been more satisfactory would have been still more remarkable.

proving with a better demand by rail as well as water, it is pointed out that the figures for 1914 should bring the Oregon ports, led by the Columbia river district, to the position of one of the most important lumber markets of the world, if not the foremost.

With business conditions improving, it is understood, several large mills will be added to the manufacturing facilities here without delay. For the present, however, nothing is under way in that line, since there is a tendency to await the result of the opening of the Panama canal and a general improvement in the market conditions, manufacturers declaring that prices now obtainable are not satisfactory by a considerable margin.

SPECIAL PHOTO PLAYS AT THE GRAND THEATER

Saturday and Sunday night's bills represent a choice of subjects that are sure to please. The two-reel drama by the Essanay company entitled "A Great Game" is worth seeing. This picture will be shown Saturday. Plenty of comedy to balance the programs will be provided. There will be no advance in price—10c and 5c.

MINIMUM WAGE LAW DECLARED VALID

Salem, Ore., March 19.—The attack made by Frank C. Stettler, a paper box manufacturer of Portland, upon the constitutionality of the minimum wage law for women and children, failed today when the Supreme Court in an opinion written by Justice Eakin upheld the validity of the law.

The court in an opinion written by Justice Bean, also upheld the constitutionality of the 10 hour law for men employed in mills factories and manufacturing plants.

Both opinions were based on the same underlying principle that these laws properly come within the police powers of the state and do not violate the fourteenth amendment of the federal constitution, which provides that "no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of the citizens of the United States, nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, or deny any person within its jurisdiction an equal protection of the law."

Justice Eakin points out that all the arguments in favor of the law fixing maximum hours of labor for men in any employment apply with equal force to Oregon's minimum wage law for women as bringing it within the police power of the state.

NOTES ALONG THE BANDON WATERFRONT.

The Speedwell arrived Wednesday with the following passengers: L. Bonebrake and wife, F. Doherty, Miss L. Taylor, Mrs. Haines, S. H. Kauffman, J. E. Measham, G. E. Brewer, L. McDonald, J. C. Maloney, G. Candan, Orville Dodge, John Royall, W. A. Law, Oscar Renide, Jas. Mack, Hold Bonebrake, J. Nielson, Miss Lucy Bonebrake. The Speedwell will sail again Sunday at 8:00 a. m.

The Fifield sailed Thursday morning with ten tons of miscellaneous freight, 510,000 feet of lumber and the following passengers: W. M. Rogers, B. C. Twaggert, Chas. Egbert, H. P. Snyder, John Mitchell, Ralph Schroeder, N. W. Thompson, Henry Janssen, Joseph Type, L. G. Felin, Mrs. N. Sage, J. B. Rhoades, W. Graham, J. G. Swat, S. J. Lantz, B. Gilland, J. G. Chamberlain, C. A. Corbit, Martin Sehorn and F. Grey.

The Elizabeth is expected to arrive about Sunday from San Francisco.

THE FIRST GOATS BROUGHT INTO COOS COUNTY

There are but few goats in this section of the state, though in other parts the raising of angoras is said to be profitable. Speaking of goats, the other day, an old resident said the first goats he remembered as having been brought to Coos Bay were some of the common hair stock which were shipped in here by Jake Evans in the '70's and turned loose to shift for themselves in the vicinity of South Slough. He said that they increased and multiplied to some extent, and were "abounding and a-butting" in that neighborhood for several years, notwithstanding that many were killed by bears and panthers, and many more were "mistaken" for deer, but the meat, however, was not allowed to go to waste. They finally disappeared altogether. We looked over the old files of the News, and find the following mention in the issue of March 27, 1873: "Mr. Billy Goat and wife arrived on Coos Bay per last steamer from California. They appear to be pleased with the country and are likely to remain. They are the first of the extensive goat family to take up their abode on our bay." It will be remembered that Jacob Evans, a pioneer of Coos county of 1853, was found dead in his home on South Slough on April 19, 1912, with three 32-calibre bullets in his breast, one of which had entered his heart. He was 80 years old at the time he was murdered. No clue was obtained as to who the murderer might be, but it is generally believed that whoever killed him had the "drop" on him, for notwithstanding his age the old hunter and trapper was a crack shot and always had "shooting iron" within reach.—Coos Bay News.

The schooner Bertie Minor, which has been laying in the river this winter is being loaded at the Alfred Johnson Lumber Co's mill and will be towed to San Francisco by the Grace Dolan.

ELECT OFFICERS

BANDON COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL PLACE NEW MEN AT THE HEAD.

The Bandon Commercial Club will elect officers at the regular meeting tonight, as was decided at the meeting of February 20th. It is earnestly urged that every member be present and express his choice for officers for the ensuing year, as it is exceedingly vital that a good corps of officers be elected, because of the many important matters that will be coming up during the course of the year. This is also the last opportunity to join the club at the reduced initiation fee and all who have not already joined, should take advantage of the opportunity and get in and help boost for the Club and the town.

Remember that tonight you can join for a fee of one dollar whereas hereafter it will be \$5.00 again, the same as it formerly has been.

CRISIS NEAR IN MEXICAN SITUATION THINKS WEST

Salem, Or., March 19.—"I am confident war with Mexico is coming soon and I am going to advise the National Guard of Oregon to be prepared, for I am sure they can count on being called out before long," said Governor West. He has just returned from the Mexican border, which he visited on his return from Washington, D. C. He upheld President Wilson's attitude, but said that pressure could force intervention.

MARSHFIELD NEWSPAPER DISCUSSES BASE BALL

In discussing the prospects of a base ball league in Coos county this summer, the Marshfield Record has the following to say:

There are enough players in the Coos Bay country to make up several teams, and a number of men are here who were not on the ground last season. North Bend has started the season by practice last Sunday and gave a game arranged with the Michedredge nine for next Sunday. North Bend is likely to be the first to organize, for their enthusiasm always bears results. They have over there Catcher Thomas, Ted Kissam, Surbeck, D. Hull, P. Sater and a number of other figurable players. They report several unknowns also. The average rule is that unknowns remain unknowns, although a few strangers made good last year. Marshfield has some good material, but not enough, it is thought, to construct a team. "Duke" Freeman was out with North Bend players last Sunday and had a workout; "Speed" Woods is in town and is available; C. B. Landers has returned to the Bay from Portland and he will probably be in the line-up this season. Mike Burke looks confident his spring and should have a good season, for he is heavier than last year. Roy Abbott says he is in good rim and expects to play first base better than he did last year. At Coquille they have their regular team of last year, with a few exceptions. Jim Collier will be there and they have the nucleus from which to build a first class team. Tump Osborne, who is a good all-around player and who is now in North Bend, has an idea he wants to play with Marshfield this year and will probably land here. Rumors come from Bandon the larger percentage of the new arrivals are ball players and they are stocking up pretty heavily. If Bandon organizes and joins the league the rest of the county towns can look for the usual pennant winning bunch. Myrtle Point will play largely home men, no doubt, for the town is small and they don't feel able to support such a team as Bandon and the Bay towns can afford. The next thing in order, now the season is upon us, is to call a meeting of the five towns and talk the situation over before it is too late to commence. The start this season should not be later than May 29th, for interest lags later on and there should be sixteen games at least.

J. P. Tupper is down from Coquille today shaking hands with old friends and looking after business affairs.