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WATER AND LIGHT PLANTS UP AGAIN

Councilman Myles Would Build them Out of Air and Votes of the People

MAYOR FRANCE ON TAXES

Transfer of Saloon License Denied. Sewing Machine Ordinance Fails to Pass

Suggestion of united action by the council and getting together at an early date to bring about some plan whereby the voters can express their sentiments on the question of a municipal lighting plant and the extension of the water service was made Wednesday night by Councilman J. T. Myles.

Mayor France said the plan was an important one and which, earlier in his administration had been favored, but the cost of running the city was so great he did not see how either plan can be reached. Taxes are over 5 per cent and the people are burdened. Some saving had been made in the street and other departments, but the bills still come in without any indication of much reduction.

The council took no action in the matter, the members evidently taking note of a little fact that stood in the way, and which doubtless had escaped the sagacious Myles, which is a lack of funds. Anyone at all acquainted with the affairs of Aberdeen is aware that this city is in no position to finance a new water system and an electric plant at this time, nor until the population is largely increased.

Mayor France also left himself open to criticism for making the public statement that taxes in this city are over 5 per cent. Many who hear such statements from an official source take it for truth, without the knowledge that the assessments are made on a valuation of 40 per cent or less making the tax levy really 2 per cent instead of 5 per cent.

The council discussed a remodeled license ordinance prepared by the city attorney from a formula prepared by Brecht, who desires to reach sewing machine agents. The ordinance didn't suit Myles nor Pearsall. Pearsall thought it would do injustice to certain persons and thought if it was intended to reach sewing machine agents the ordinance should be framed for them and them only. The vote was six to five against the ordinance and the license committee was intrusted with the duty of bringing in a new ordinance according to their judgment.

The license committee reported against the transfer of the license of the Crescent hotel to the Johnson hotel at Hume and Michigan avenue. There were two petitions, one for and one against the transfer. The one with the greater number of names opposed the transfer. The application was withdrawn by Johnson before the council voted on the committee's report.

According to the report of Chief of Police William Seaman, filed with the council, there were 165 arrests made in November. The amount of fines collected was \$662.95. Meals served to prisoners totaled 767.

According to the report of City Treasurer Roy Sargent, the amount of money in the treasury Dec. 1, was \$94,384.63. According to the report of Chief William Tamblin the department responded to eighteen alarms during November. The city building inspector reports that the amount of building in November was only a total of \$6,439. The total water collections for November were \$5,685.

STATE SUES FOR TIMBER

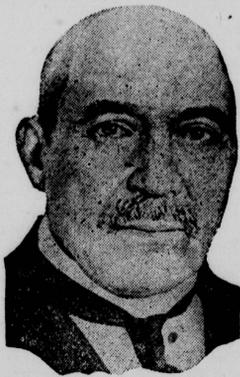
Schaffer Brothers Show That They Paid for All Timber Cut. Payment Made to Agent of State

MONTESANO, Dec. 4.—The state's suit against Peter Schaffer and brothers for the value of timber cut off school land bought under lease and allowed to go back to the state, was heard by Judge Sheeks Tuesday, and taken under advisement.

There was evidence that the Schaffer Brothers had paid Ben Peck, agent for the state, \$500 in settlement for all timber cut, and the state admits the payment and even that it still has the \$500.

There was considerable evidence as to the value of the timber cut. The state's witnesses testified it was worth all the state is asking for it now, and others put the value lower.

VICTORIANO HUERTA, CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.



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ROADS DAMAGED BY THE FLOODS

Roads in West End of County Damaged but Not So Badly as First Reported

MOCLIPS BRIDGE MUDDLE

On Indian Reserve, and Department is Asked to Help Build a New One

Damage to the county roads and bridges in the west end is not as bad as at first believed, as a result of the recent high water and the big tides and surf on the beach, according to E. E. Fishel, county commissioner, who, accompanied by County Engineer H. S. Shorey and A. J. Paulhamus, made a trip through the district Wednesday.

The plank road to the beach is not in bad shape and the cost of repairs will be small. The damage to the bridge at Joe creek is light, only a small amount being required to repair the approach.

The Moclips bridge presents a serious matter for the county commissioners. The north end of this bridge rests on the Quinalt Indian reservation, which causes the unwinding of endless red tape in order to do anything with it. Last year the bridge was damaged by tidal erosion, and the commissioners requested Indian Agent Johnson to assist in the necessary repairs. Johnson replied that nothing could be done by his department in the premises, notwithstanding the fact that the bridge is the only outlet for the Indians, as well as the only route to the oil fields and the settlements to the north.

The commissioners now desire to build a permanent bridge, with concrete piers, about a half mile further up the river, and out of tidal danger, but to do so a half mile of road must be built on the reservation, through a swamp, and they feel that the Indian department should cooperate, by building the road and assisting with the bridge.

The commissioners have taken the matter up with Congressman Johnson, and have asked him to make the situation plain to the department.

YOUNG NEWS AGENT IS HEIR TO \$15,000

HOQUIAM, Dec. 5.—F. A. Lindsay, aged 17 years, a news agent on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, on the run to Hoquiam for some time, has fallen heir to a \$15,000 legacy left him by an uncle in New York, according to word he received a day or so ago. Young Lindsay has a number of friends here and in Aberdeen, and is well known to those who have made frequent trips on the Milwaukee trains. He leaves today for New York, and before he returns to the Coast expects to make a trip to Europe.

SARELA-FARIMALS

Miss Eva Sarela and Mr. Mitti Farimala were joined in marriage last Saturday morning, at the parsonage of the Swedish Mission church, by Rev. John J. Hulseen, in the presence of John Merila and Miss Tynne Sarela.

THE PROCRASTINATING SHOPPER.



—Berryman in Washington Star.

THE OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS

East is Optimistic According to A. F. Peterson, After Extended Trip

"Everybody, naturally, is looking for an improvement in business when the currency measure has been passed and congress has quit agitation along these specified lines, which has caused the people to be restless and conservative," said A. F. Peterson, manager of the Pacific Lumber agency, who returned Wednesday from a two weeks' trip through the East.

Mr. Peterson went to Minneapolis, Des Moines and Chicago, with an eye especially to the status of the lumber trade. He found the stocks somewhat short, and buying, both wholesale and retail, being in small lots to tide over affairs until there is a settled condition throughout the country. Business is quiet, just as it is in the West, with everybody on the tiptoe of expectancy for something better.

LOGGER IS MISSING

O. L. Aubol, in Financial Trouble. Has Disappeared—Labor Liens Filed on His Logs

O. L. Aubol, who has been operating a logging camp near Junction city, has not been seen at his camp since November 23, and yesterday Attorney A. M. Wade filed liens for labor in behalf of 26 employees of Aubol. Aubol has been having financial troubles, and left November 25, saying he was going to Mason county to secure assistance from his brother, and has not been heard of since.

PORT GETS THE LAND

Seventy Acres in East Hoquiam Now Belongs to Port of Grays Harbor—No Appeal Taken

The seventy acres of land in East Hoquiam donated to the Port of Grays Harbor by the last legislature, is now the unquestioned property of the Port District, no appeal having been filed by the parties claiming adverse title by November 28, when the time for such filing expired.

The title of the Port District was attacked by the East Hoquiam Co. and others, and at the trial in the superior court, the Port District won the case. Notice of appeal was given, but not being perfected, the land now belongs to the District.

THE OIL FIELDS LURE CAPITAL

Representatives of Butte, Montana, Syndicate are Investigating Field

HOQUIAM, Dec. 5.—Three members of a syndicate of capitalists of Butte, Mont., which operates in the mining fields of that district, arrived in Hoquiam last evening on a hurried trip preliminary to a thorough investigation of the oil strike and the possibilities of developing these fields. The men are W. McWhite of Seattle and Butte, one of the owners of the Rainier-Grand hotel property in Seattle; J. L. Templeman, an attorney, and H. W. Turner, electrical power plant owner.

The syndicate, of which these men are members, has acquired several thousand acres of land in the Olympic peninsula north of Hoquiam during the past summer, and Mr. White stated last night development work on it probably would be started early in the spring. They are awaiting the bringing in of the Paulhamus well at Taholah before taking steps to get their plans in definite shape, but do not hesitate to say they expect to put one or more oil drilling rigs in the field early next year to develop their land.

"The trip is only preliminary," said Mr. White. "We had an opportunity to come down for a few hours, and so took advantage of it. Speaking for all three of us, I can say we are highly pleased with what we have seen of Grays Harbor. The town looks good. We have not been in a city of the size of Hoquiam that gave the feeling of prosperity and progressive spirit that this city does. The store windows, lighted up and looking bright, and your streets and substantial buildings give one a feeling of the spirit of the town."

"We can make no positive statement about the oil business at this time, but we expect to get things going as soon as the next one. As far as we know about it, the field looks good."

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REGAN ACQUITTED

D. C. Reagan was acquitted in Judge Phillips' court, of a charge of stealing \$15 from a Mexican named Jesus Mondaca. The Mexican was intoxicated and lost the money. The evidences went to prove the innocence of Reagan.

COUNTY POOR ARE WELL FED

Complaint of Pomona Grange Not Substantiated Upon an Investigation

An investigation of conditions at the county poor farm do not bear out the complaint filed with the county commissioners Monday, by a committee of the Pomona Grange. Charly Commissioner Chas. McDermoth visited the farm Monday afternoon, entirely unexpected, and could find no complaint with the food served, either as to quantity, quality or cooking.

Rev. McDermoth entered at the back door, passing through the kitchen and dining room, which he found scrupulously clean. The inmates had just finished dinner, and there was sufficient meat, vegetables and bread on the table to make another meal, and soup left over was thrown in the swill barrel. The following bill of fare, which was adopted some months ago, was being served regularly:

For breakfast, mush of either oatmeal or cornmeal, coffee, bread and butter, fried potatoes, hot cakes, when mush is not served, milk and fruit. For dinner, soup, one kind of meat or fish, potatoes and other vegetables, dessert of pudding or pie, fruit, tea and milk. For supper, tea and milk, bread and butter, meat or fish, potatoes and other vegetables, cake, fruit and doughnuts.

The inmates spoke of a visit of two members of the Grange in October, but knew of no complaints being made to them, nor of any reason for making any. Judging from the bill of fare, the poor fare better than many families whose members work all day at hard labor.

TIME CLOCK ON HENS

Trapnetting Apparatus Keeps an Account of Individual Work of the Industry of the Hen

HOQUIAM, Dec. 5.—Among the new and practical accessories of a poultry farm which may be seen at the poultry show in the Hanson building, 606 Eighth street, which closes tomorrow, is the Daniels trapnetting apparatus. It was designed by Chris Daniels & Sons, owners of the Ideal Poultry yards, and permits the keeping of an accurate individual record of each hen's production and of the laying strain. The hen upon entering a nest automatically releases a drop door that fastens her in the compartment. When her day's work is done, the attendant enters on the record her tag number and places the egg with others from the same hen.

BIBERGER WINS CASE IN THE SUPREME COURT

OLYMPIA, Dec. 4.—Reversing the Chehalis County superior court, the supreme court says that because a woman did not have her husband join with her in her suit for damages against a man she alleged wronged her, the verdict must be set aside. The case was that of Mary Schneider against John Biberger, appellant. The opinion was written by Judge Morris, but Judge Fullerton dissents from the majority opinion.

SCHOOLS AND PORT HOLD ELECTIONS TOMORROW

Both are of Importance, and Should Receive Attention of Voters. Port Plans are Up for Adoption

NO MONEY INVOLVED IN PORT ELECTION

Will Vote on a Bond Issue to Fund Outstanding School Warrants. Election of Mrs. Mary E. Beinfroh is Conceded

The joint elections of the school and port district tomorrow will probably bring out a larger vote than is usually cast at the annual school elections, as considerable interest is being taken in the port projects.

The following interview recently given out by Frank H. Lamb, chairman of the port commission, outlines the proposition tersely and completely.

The adoption of the plan proposed by the commission for improvement of the port and to be voted upon next Saturday does not mean a bond issue, as some people have been led to believe, said Mr. Lamb. If the commission wishes to issue bonds to take up a larger proposition of development, it would be necessary to put them to vote of the people at a regular election.

The levy this year for port purposes will yield about \$100,000. Expenses this year to date have been \$5000, practically confined to engineering work, leaving \$112,000 available next year to start work provided the plans are approved by the voters. The only thing to do this election is to adopt the plans and elect a commissioner. The levy has already been made and is not a matter to be voted upon.

A special election might have been held before this one, but that would have involved extra and unnecessary expense of about \$1500, so the election was postponed until this time that expenses might be shared with the school districts.

With the amount of money available it should be possible during the coming year to provide coastwise docks; also to provide landings for small boats in the different towns. This last improvement is greatly needed. For instance, a few dollars expended on the Hoquiam dock would provide a landing place that would accommodate the many who pass daily over it, arriving from and departing for lower harbor points.

More landings will be needed in the future than the commission now contemplates, and these landings should be secured before property values increase further.

"The commission isn't going to spend the people's money for anything that isn't represented by actual property of equivalent value, or which will increase the commerce of the port sufficiently to justify that expenditure.

Even to date, with practically no expenditures the port through efforts of the commission is the owner of property worth many thousands of dollars.

The withdrawal of Dr. Watkins from the field, leaves the contest between Mrs. Mary F. Beinfroh and Joseph Thomas for the board of education. Thomas is running on the socialist ticket, but that party is making no visible effort in his behalf, while Mrs. Beinfroh is being warmly supported, and her election is conceded.

Following is the list of Aberdeen polling places, with the officers of election:

1st ward—Polling place, Stevens school house. Judges of election, H. B. Strong, Mrs. Minnie Judge. Clerk of election, Mrs. Clara Vaughn.

2nd ward—Polling place, Whitman school house. Judges, James Johnson, King Vanucie. Clerk Mrs. Lulu B. Gould.

3rd ward—Polling place, Terrace Heights school. Judges, L. J. Davidson, Mrs. Ada McGregor. Clerk, Mrs. Ada Beckenhauer.

4th ward—Polling place, J. M. Weatherwax school. Judges, Dudley Steele, Mrs. Irene Boyle. Clerk, Mrs. Helen Ovit.

5th ward—Polling place, Franklin school. Judges, J. D. Carter, Mrs. L. G. Humbargar. Clerk, Mrs. Bernice Caldwell.

6th ward—Polling place, Hayes & Davis store, Michigan & Market streets. Judges, George Stalling, Mrs. C. T. Bell. Clerk, Mrs. Anna L. Hayes.

REDUCTION OF FREIGHT RATES

Would Make Aberdeen Commercial Port. Large Inland Commerce Possible

Members of a committee of business men, who went to Seattle to confer with representatives of the Milwaukee with respect to a new freight tariff that will permit of the bringing of freight to Grays Harbor from San Francisco destined for Spokane and middle state points, returned satisfied with the promise of the company to look into the proposition.

The committee conferred with R. M. Calkins, general traffic manager of the Milwaukee railroad concerning the freight reduction scheme, submitting data for consideration of the railroad and steamship companies.

They agreed to guarantee 1,000 tons of salt per month from San Francisco for Spokane, just as a starter, to show what can be done if a competitive rate is made by the railroad and approved by the state railway commission.

Mr. Calkins is having the tonnage between Portland and Spokane looked into now. Shipments of salt, sugar and perishable freight will be checked up. Not alone will this investigation be confined to thorough business but freight to intermediate points for this last is of most vital importance to the scheme.

FALSE RUMORS OF OIL LEASES

Reports that a Number Had Been Approved at Washington Proved Untrue

Erroneous statements to the effect that a number of oil leases on the Quinalt Indian reservation had been approved, resulting in a flood of telegrams being sent from the Harbor to the interior department in Washington city. No new leases have been granted, the last application having been approved last September. The following telegram received from Congressman Johnson yesterday, fully states the present condition of oil leases on the reservation:

"Please make it clear that Lane's 18 lease on allotted lands were granted Dec. 12, 1912. Lane's lease of 2840 acres of tribal lands approved April 15, 1913, lease to George F. Stone of Seattle for 4800 acres approved this date and same leases to Sterling Hill and F. A. Leonard approved Sept. 3, of this year, after which all other applications were rejected pending development on tribal leases. These withheld applications are quite numerous.

"On Lane's allotted leases, comprising 1500 acres, he paid 15 cents an acre for 1912, 40 cents this year and will pay 75 cents for 1914."

B. F. Johnson, a pioneer lumberman of Aberdeen, has resigned the position of manager of the Coast-Fordney Logging Co., and has been succeeded by Walter Sout, who has long been accountant for the Slade Lumber Co.