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COMMUNITY SENTINELS

EVERY community, whether it will or not has its outposts, those who stand ready to make or mar its reputation among outsiders, visitors and newcomers. We know well enough that many a community as well as many an individual has suffered his life long from misrepresentation and calumny that owed its origin to the ignorance or malice of persons with a penchant for slander.

Can it be a matter of no importance to the respectable citizens of a community that strangers are told that its people are ignorant, discourteous, unappreciative, backward and inhospitable? That its schools are inefficient, that its churches are unsupported and that its people cannot be got together on any subject of interest and importance to the community welfare?

It may be ventured that there are few communities that do not suffer from misrepresentation of this sort. While people who are familiar with conditions can make due allowance for slanderous stories of this sort, the stranger may not do so; and often he leaves with an unfavorable opinion of the people and the community only because he came in contact with the community's enemies instead of its friends.

Coos Bay is approaching an important development in its communal life and it should see that its friends are on guard.

HOW TO BEAUTIFY MARSHFIELD

By Elvie Grant

THERE is no one who does not like to live in a clean and beautiful city; and if a little care is taken, Marshfield can, in time, be the most beautiful city in Oregon.

The appearance of this city could greatly be improved if some of the old houses were painted or torn down. Marshes should be filled, and people should clean their back yards as well as their front ones. Bright colored flowers and lawns should be planted and neat fences should be built. Streets should be paved and people should be careful not to throw refuse on the streets, and garbage cans should be placed at different places. Firm, safe wharves should be built so when ships come in people will have a good opinion of the city. Roads leading out of Marshfield should be paved with stone or gravel.

It would be a good idea to have a public playground for children so they wouldn't be seen playing in mud puddles or on the streets so often. It would also be very nice to have clean and beautiful parks, and every one should take an interest to see that they are kept in order. When ever it is possible, trees should not be cut down as a tall, green tree has a better appearance than an old rotten stump. Trees should be planted in rows by the sidewalks which would beautify the streets.

When the railroad comes in more people are likely to settle in Marshfield, thus making it grow into a larger and more beautiful city.

BROWN GOES TO ALASKA

Dan Brown, who has been living in Bandon for several months, has caught the Alaska fever, and has returned to the field of his former operations there, near Hot Springs, on the Yukon River, a short distance from Fairbanks, and will engage in placer mining.—Bandon Recorder.

Baptist ladies cooked food sale Saturday, at Marshfield Hardware.

Bowery Dance, Simpson Pavilion, March 12. Martin's Orchestra.

WILL SOON BE 83 MORROW WRITES

ANDERSON WRIGHT OF SUMNER WILL CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

Well-known Pioneer Will Have Anniversary March 18—Mrs. Henry Black Nearly 78

THREE AGED MEN VISIT OFFICE TODAY

A rather peculiar coincidence today was that three of the first callers at The Coos Bay Times office this morning, were men more than 80 years old. They were Frank Lingren, of South Marshfield, who is 84; C. C. Pratt, who is 81 today, and Anderson Wright of Sumner, who will be 83 soon. All three have long been subscribers to The Times. Mr. Wright having taken it continuously since the first copy was issued.

Anderson Wright, the well known Sumner pioneer, was in Marshfield today. He said that on March 18 he will celebrate his 83rd birthday. He has been a resident of Coos county since 1860.

Mr. Wright is Scotch-Irish, was born in Indiana in 1833, crossed the plains to California and participated in the Indian wars. When he came to Marshfield, there was little indication of there ever being a town here. Adam Pershaker, now a pioneer of the Coquille and spending most of his time in California, had about the only building here.

Mr. Wright is well known throughout this section and has scores of friends to wish him many more happy birthdays. He enjoys excellent health except for a slight cold that is bothering him now. He has one daughter and his wife is now 68 years old.

Mrs. Black's Birthday

Mrs. Henry Black of South Fifth street, another pioneer of the Catching Inlet section, will celebrate her 78th birthday soon. Last fall she and Mr. Black celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and on March 21st she will celebrate her 78th birthday.

Many friends will help her make the event a joyous one.

Frank Lingren 84

Another Coos County pioneer who visited The Times office today was Frank Lingren, of South Marshfield. On January 6th he celebrated his 84th birthday. He was born in Finland and came to Emblee 51 years ago and has been here practically continuously. For a long time he worked in the shipyards. He is still hale and hearty. He has seventeen living grandchildren.

C. C. PRATT TODAY IS 81 YEARS YOUNG

Civil War Veteran and Coos Bay Pioneer Still in Good Health—Has Had Interesting Life.

C. C. Pratt is today celebrating his 81st birthday. For about 28 years he has been a resident of Coos Bay. Today he is still in good health and continues to enjoy himself. This evening the members of his family who live here will gather at the home of Vince Pratt, a son, to celebrate the event.

There are four children of Mr. Pratt now living on Coos Bay. They are Mrs. Fosburg, of Shoreacres; Mrs. W. W. Burton and Vince Pratt, of Marshfield, and George Pratt, of Shoreacres.

Mr. Pratt is formerly from Michigan. During the Civil War, he served with the 6th Michigan Heavy Artillery and had many exciting adventures. For many years Mr. Pratt has been a subscriber to The Times and every afternoon as regular as clockwork in good weather, he is on hand for his paper.

MYRTLE POINT PIONEER REPORTED NEAR DEATH

Henry Grady, One of the Oldest Settlers of Coos County, Critically Ill

Henry Grady, one of the oldest settlers in Coos county, living at Myrtle Point, has been given up by the doctors and his death is expected at any time. Not long ago he suffered two strokes of paralysis from which he has been unable to recover.—Coquille Herald.

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FORMER MARSHFIELD PHYSICIAN TELLS OF WAR

Still in Belgium Hospital—Says Air Raids Are Numerous—"Kill the Germans" Is Slogan.

Dr. E. V. Morrow, formerly of Marshfield, but now with the American Red Cross, at Le Panne, Belgium for more than a year has enjoyed one continual Fourth of July celebration, or China New Years. The big guns of the Germans and the Allies have been in continual bombardments, with both sides in about the same place where they started, as far as his vicinity is concerned. A friend here has just received a very interesting letter and pictures from Dr. Morrow.

"A Bloodthirsty Slogan. "Kill off the Germans" is the slogan of the country, he says, "and although I can see nothing but a victory for the Allies, they are realizing every day what a task that is and no one can see the end of it yet.

"We have been having it hot up around our way lately (the letter was dated February 3) and not a week ago the Huns made an attack just above us, and through splendid efforts of the French they were repulsed, after which they shelled the place, putting 20,000 shells in 40 minutes. If the Germans had succeeded they would have been to our place in side of an hour and we would have been working for the Boches instead of the Allies."

Tells of Air Raids

He says fighting all along the western front has been in progress for weeks and is becoming fiercer. Taubes, the German aeroplanes, every day soar over the hospital and drop bombs, the letter continues, "and the other morning our night matron was knocked to the ground by the concussion of a bomb dropped within the hospital grounds, but only had her glasses broken."

He describes an air raid. "The deuce of it is that they come just before daylight or just after dark, while you are sleeping, and you are suddenly awakened with a most terrible crash that sounds like the world is coming to an end as a bomb after bomb is dropped.

"Then the anti-air guns get into play and about that time you realize the best place is in the cellar and away we go for the basements."

Surgeon Is Scared

He tells of two new surgeons from the United States who had been warned where to go when the Taubes began firing. "The third morning the Taubes came and as I came out of my door on the way to the basement I saw one of the men beating it down the stairs with not a thing on but a short undershirt. I shouted at him to go for a bathrobe, but he wouldn't stop and I took after him. Down the stairs we went, but I didn't have a chance in the world. He had no hat and when he arrived on the ground floor, out he fled through the front door and down the beach. The last I saw of him he was still going. We found him later sitting, covered with sand.

CAST FOR THE PLAY

REHEARSALS FOR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE BEGUN.

Comedy Will Be Presented at Noble Theater March 14—Can You Guess the Cast?

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GRIEF IN COQUILLE

ROAD PLAN RECOMMENDED BY ENG. CANTINE HAID FOR THEM

Crossing at Cedar Point Would Mean That Autoists Might Pass Up County Seat

The Coquille Herald in discussing the recommendation of Deputy State Highway Engineer Cantine for the Coos county trunk road says: "A through highway in going from Marshfield to the mouth of the river can go by South Slough and the coast, or it can come over this way across the Isthmus, across and down the river. Mr. Cantine sees the proper place for crossing at Cedar Point, where the headlands approach each other and the road could be put above the high water, saving five miles of travel for the through tourist and the possible closing of the through road for a few weeks every winter. But this would not bring the route through Coquille. Neither would it furnish the bridge here which is so much needed by the town and a large part of its constituency. So there is where Mr. Cantine puts us up against it. Can we forget our own interests and take the larger view? That is the proposition exactly. We are so fortunately situated that in any good roads plan heretofore suggested Coquille has been in the midst of it. We could therefore sit back and give fatherly advice and admonition to those small-souled individuals who would not vote for a road system that did not place a hard surface highway in front of their doors. The small sectional feeling that would prevent the people of Bridge from voting for bonds unless Bridge were to be reached by the proposed "good road," and which would cause the people of the north end of the county to vote against them unless Ten Mile were to be connected up, and that made Bandon demand that a good share of the money be expended between that town and the Curry county line—all this looked pretty small to us large-hearted and public spirited citizens. But this thing is different, you see. When it comes to diverting the tourist travel before it is obliged to pass through Coquille, and putting a bridge anywhere but right here, where one is so much needed here, can we be expected to stand in?"

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JOHN AASEN'S FORD HITS ANOTHER FORD

Collision in Coquille Did Considerable Damage to John Lewellen's Auto

Quite a lot of excitement was caused here when two Ford cars, driven by John Aasen and John Lewellen collided in front of Folsom's Confectionery. Lewellen, who drives a Ford on the Myrtle Point stage line, was travelling down the street just in front of Aasen. The side curtains were all drawn on the Lewellen car and he was unable to see well, but despite this fact he made a half circle in the street, with the intention of turning clear around. But a half circle was all he completed. Aasen's car caught him amidships and brought him up with a short stop. Talk about your torpedoing a boat! Why John Aasen would win fame on the high seas if he could run a Ford car there. The left fender was torn from Lewellen's car and both radius rods were sprung on Aasen's car and a fender slightly damaged.—Coquille Herald.

GOING THE LIMIT! VIC. MEGLUKE WAS TEARING DOWN THE STREET IN HIS NEW MACHINE WHEN HE RAN OVER RODERICK BEAN. "YOU'RE IN FOR SOME DAMAGES NOW," YELLED BEAN, JUMPING UP—"YOU SPOILED A PERFECTLY GOOD PACK OF PIEDMONTS FOR ME THEN."

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