

Book Review "Big Sister, Little Sister, **Red Sister**" by Jung Chang They were the most famous sisters in China. As the country battled through a hundred years of wars, revolutions, and seismic transformations, the three Soong sisters from Shanghai were at the center of power, and each of them left an indelible

mark on history. Red Sister, Ching-ling, married the "Father of China," Sun Yat-sen, and rose to be Mao's vice chair.

Little Sister, May-ling, became Madame Chiang Kai-shek, first lady of pre-Communist Nation-

right. Big Sister, Ei-ling, bemain adviser — and made herself one of China's richest women.

tremendous privilege and glory but also endured constant mortal danger. They showed great courage and experience passionate love, as well as despair and heartbreak. They remained close emotionally, even when they embraced opposing political camps and Chingling dedicated herself to destroying her two sisters' worlds.

Library Tidings

"Big Sister, Little Sister, Red Sister" is a gripping story of love, war, intrigue, bravery, glamour and bealist China and a major trayal that takes us on a political figure in her own sweeping journey from Canton to Hawaii to New York, from exiles' quar-

came Chiang's unofficial ters in Japan and Berlin to secret meeting rooms in Moscow, and from the

compounds of the Com-All three sisters enjoyed munist elite in Beijing to the corridors of power in democratic Taiwan. In a group biography that is by turns intimate and epic, Jung Chang reveals the lives of three extraordinary women who helped shape twenti-

eth-century China.

Curbside Takeout Curbside Takeout is going well at the library. Patrons can call the library, 5 p.m.

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At this time Mapleton or other upriver residents can pick up books, DVDs and other materials at the branch, 88148 Riverview Ave. in Mapleton, on Thursdays, between 3 and

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Need to check email or print something?

People can now make an appointment to use one of the library's computers!

Call 541-997-3132 low for curbside service in Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., to make a onehour appointment for the following weekday.

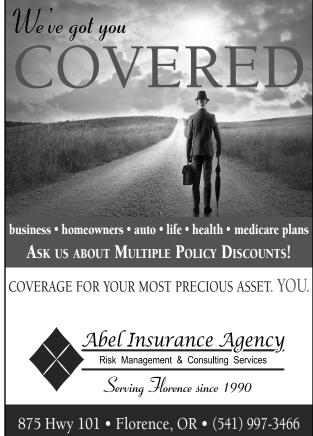
> There are a limited number of morning and afternoon slots available. We'll give you more information over the phone, or go to www.siuslawlibrary.

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Donate bottles, cans to Habitat on Aug. 1



Is your storage being overtaken by empty bottles and cans? Help the environment while supporting Florence Habitat that they wish to donate for Humanity. Donations will go toward assisting Florence Habitat for Humanity purchase a new delivery truck.

Florence Habitat is hosting its next bottle and about Florence Habitat can drive on Saturday, for Humanity, visit www. Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 florencehabitat.org.

p.m. This is a social distancing drive-thru event.

People can bring returnable bottles and cans to the parking lot at Habitat ReStore, 2016 Highway 101. Volunteers will be on hand to unload them from your vehicle.

For more information



Early Morning Blaze Takes Heavy Toll Florence Times, July 30, 1926

Fire caused a \$50,000 loss at Cushman early on Sunday morning when it destroyed Cushman & Hill's store, stock of merchandise and warehouse and the Cushman Canning Co.'s cannery. The buildings were wooden structures but new. Estimated loss of Cushman & Hill, \$30,000; insurance, \$20,000. Cushman Canning Co. loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$8,000.

Origin of the fire is unknown but in some quarters incendiarism is suspected. A lodge meeting held till well after midnight and a number of persons passed by the buildings a couple of hours before the fire broke out without noticing anything unusual.

The post office, which had been quartered in the store, opened for business in the hay warehouse just west of the burned area. Records of the several concerns were saved although soaked when the big safe fell into the river and sprung a leak.

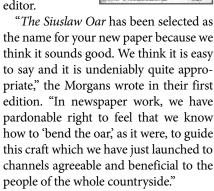
Latest word is that Cushman & Hill are to rebuild without delay. Nothing is known of the canning company's intentions. Loss of the cannery will work a present hardship on growers as well as check an expanding fruit industry.



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M.D. Morgan Jr., from Harrisburg, Ore., turned the Florence Times into The Siuslaw Oar on June 8, 1928, and published it on Fridays.

His sons Carroll and Leland joined the effort soon after and the new paper was born. Carroll lived in Salem and provided financial backing and Leland became the editor.



Apparently their plan worked, because the paper stayed in the family for many years. The paper was published by "Morgan and Son" with Leland as the editor until January 1942.



Front Street (now known as Bay Street) looking east in 1929. A hardware store, the Kyle General Store is on the left and across the street is Brynd Service Station, City Meat Market and the Florence Hotel.



Inside of one of the first full-service drug stores in Florence, complete with a soda fountain, sundries, cigars and candy.



Rose Brown's Restaurant was located on Front Street and serviced passengers waiting for the ferry.

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