

MAIL SCHEDULE

J. M. Scott Extends Plans To Coquille for Better Service

From the Coquille point of view the meeting with the Southern Pacific officials here Wednesday at one o'clock was a great success.

The Bandon people, of whom six or eight were present, were naturally disappointed when Mr. Scott told them that he could see no prospect in the very near future of giving them a daylight service between Portland and their city.

J. E. Norton, of the local Commercial Club, called the meeting to order and asked what it would have decided.

Mr. Norton first called on Mr. Scott for any remarks he might care to make. "I always find sunshine when I come to Coos county," was his introduction and the Coos brand of weather was praised by comparison.

Bandon was the first place called upon to present the people's side and I. N. Miller responded. He said the New Era Club of that place had sent a delegation up to represent, not only Bandon, but the thousands of people living in Curry county, all of whose traffic passed through Bandon.

Four or five days were required to get mail to some points in Curry county from Portland and he read several letters from organizations down there complaining of the delays.

Can't You Help Them?

The Literary Digest, of New York, which cost \$1.00 in the National Children's Book campaign that started in last September, had come in to raise that amount to \$1.50.

Can't you and your and your—everyone that reads these lines—contribute something, be it ever so little, to keep the breath of life in those of whom Christ said, "as much as the Kingdom of Heaven?"

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Mrs. E. W. Young, Anonymous, L. E. Hanson, etc.

THE END NOW IN SIGHT

The Kinney tax case was up in the Circuit court here yesterday morning before Judge Shipworth.

Some unexpected matter was brought into the case when Judge Shipworth read from the minutes the report of the opening of the County court on December 21st, last, when Mr. Liljeqvist demanded the delivery of the property.

At the same time Mr. Liljeqvist freely admitted that he had attached the defendant's attorneys for their attempt to stave off a decision in these cases and he had nothing to take back along that line.

It will be good news to all the taxpayers of the county to learn that this case is drawing to a close and that the attempt to keep the real estate boom under which the Kinney tract was placed on the market any longer inflated by hot air and forestalling tactics in the courts, will not avail.

What He Said at the Bay.

John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the S. P., is reported by the Coos Bay Times as making the following statement about the train schedule on the line here while at the Bay Thursday:

"We are working on the schedule now. We plan to put on a train out of Marshfield on the arrival of the Coos Bay Limited in the evening and have one from the valley to connect with it in the morning. I am afraid that we will not be able to extend this service to Powers, but will have to make it terminate at Myrtle Point.

KILLED IN MINE ITALY VS. GREECE

Wm. Dixon, a Canadian, Cracked by Falling Rock at Riverbank.

William Dixon, a miner in the employ of the Riverbank Coal company, was instantly killed a little after 9 o'clock Wednesday evening by the falling of rock from the roof of the entry in which he was working.

Dixon was a partner with Harry Douthwaite and they had just got through shoveling up where they had been extending the main passage of the mine and had the ropes, rock and earth on a car ready to move out just after 9 o'clock, their shift being from 5 until midnight.

At 9:15 J. D. Kay, who runs the pumping engine near where they were, went over to see how they were getting along and helped Dixon load the last of the stone and dirt on the car. There was a curtain across the entry to prevent the spread of the dangerous "black damp" and Douthwaite had gone outside of that to pull a wire and signal the engineer that the car was ready to take out.

Just before the accident Dixon and Douthwaite, the latter of whom has had forty years' experience as a miner, had examined the roof of the newly excavated section of the workings and remarked what a good roof it was. Kay also said the roof seemed to be in fine shape.

Coroner Wilson at Marshfield was notified of Dixon's death and asked Justice Stanley to see whether an inquest was required. After taking the depositions of Kay and Douthwaite, he was of the opinion that there was no reason for one and so reported.

Annual Infirmary Report.

Allan McLeod, superintendent of the Coos County Infirmary, has just completed a report of the year's production at the county farm and it proved a surprise to all.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Livestock sold, Cream sold, Milk and butter used, etc.

Ralph Ambrosio Stabs Andrew Dreeta at Cognac Camp - Injury Slight.

In Justice Stanley's court here yesterday, Judge Hall conducted the preliminary examination of Ralph d'Ambrosio, an Italian who used to shine shoes in Noster's barber shop here, for assaulting Andrew Dreeta, a Greek, with a deadly weapon.

Strange to say the knife was the subject of the quarrel, which but for the interference of bystanders, would probably have resulted in a tragedy.

Sunday morning d'Ambrosio was again looking for his knife, and Dreeta, who was there, asked him what he was looking for.

"Andrew, if you've got Ralph's knife, you'd better dig it up." As a matter of fact, Dreeta did have the knife, but he turned to d'Ambrosio and said:

"What'll you give me for a knife this morning? What kind of a knife was it?" "You know, you dig it up," was the Italian's tart reply.

Dreeta thereupon pulled a black handled knife out of his pocket and d'Ambrosio exclaimed: "You know that isn't it; you dig up your own."

Jack Waters, a bystander, who gave the only clear story of the affray, here remarked, "Let the fisticuffs go on; but d'Ambrosio struck out with a swinging blow and plunged the knife into Dreeta's side hitting the ninth rib and making a wound about three-quarters of an inch deep.

The Greek is a powerful fellow, about six feet tall and heavy in proportion and the stick would have been a murderous weapon in his hands, but here Referee Waters interfered with.

"No you don't use any stove wood." "Well he stabbed me," retorted Dreeta, who then sobered down and walked out of the office and got the time keeper to dress his wound.

Dreeta testified that he picked up the knife on the track of the logging railroad; and the testimony as to whether the knife was still on the table where d'Ambrosio had laid it when Dreeta went out, was conflicting.

Fat McDonald, a vigorous Irishman, testified that he saw Dreeta go out and start with a lantern and that he then went on into the bank house and saw the contents of d'Ambrosio's pocket lying on the table.

CLUB ELECTION

Commercial Club Re-elects Old Officers and Takes Stand for Colleges.

The annual election of officers for the Commercial Club was held at the city hall Wednesday evening with a very good attendance, considering it was the second club meeting that day.

The election resulted in the retention of all the old officers as follows: President—J. E. Norton. Vice President—C. A. Howard. Treasurer—L. H. Hazard. Secretary—H. A. Young.

SESSION OF COUNTY COURT

The County court which has been in session since Wednesday morning expects to adjourn this afternoon.

There has been less business than usual this month, auditing the usual monthly grist of bills occupying the first day of the term and road matters the second.

Dr. H. M. Shaw was selected to look after indigent patients over in the Bay section at a salary of \$44 per month. He also contracts to perform operations for patients the court may send over to hospitals at the Bay.

For the supply of medicines and surgical necessities at the Bay the Everett Pharmacy, bid cost plus ten per cent and the Winkler Pharmacy cost plus five per cent, the contract being awarded to the latter.

The Bandon people who have up to now been protesting against the proposed highway project will probably be asked from the Attorney General as to whether such a shuffling of funds will be permissible.

It is expected that the county will be able to advertise for bids for road construction on the Coquille-Marshfield road, on the Bandon road mentioned and on the Glasgow and North Sleigh road in time to let the contract at the March term.

County Surveyor McCulloch was instructed to make a preliminary survey for a road from Beaver Hill Junction to a point below Lampa on this side of the river.

A donation of \$700 was made for the Myrtle Point fair this fall. Resolutions were this morning adopted recommending the appointment of Charles Hall as a member of the proposed Highway Commission, and addressed to Governor Withycombe.

This morning the applicants for widows' pensions and indigent allowances were up for consideration. The allowance of \$15 a month to Mrs. Abbie Brainerd, of Fardale, was discontinued, as she had no dependent children now and it appeared that she had been using some of the money paid her by the county to pay for shipments of booze.

Will Test Soils Free.

County Agent J. L. Smith has just received from the college at Corvallis an apparatus for testing soil for acidity. Not only does it show the amount of acidity in the soil but an accompanying table gives the exact amount of lime necessary to be applied to an acre to overcome the acidity.

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They also voted to protest any action by the legislature which will cripple or abolish the Extension Service work of the Agricultural College. On this point the members were especially vehement and condemned the attempt to make the farmer the goat of the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment adopted last fall.

Whereas, the State of Oregon is, to a great extent, agricultural in character and much of the prosperity and success of her people depends upon agricultural development, and Whereas, the Extension Department of the Oregon Agricultural College and the Experiment Stations maintained jointly by the state and the United States government have rendered valuable assistance to the farmers of Oregon, therefore be it

Resolved, That we the Commercial Club, oppose the reduction of expenditures being made for agricultural education in our schools or for agricultural extension and experiment work now being conducted by the Oregon Agricultural College.

The club voted to again take an advertisement in the High School Laurel this year, thinking the \$7.00 well spent in supporting the high school's effort to get out a creditable publication.

Jas. E. Montgomery, of Marshfield, made a talk to the club in which he reiterated a statement he has formerly made that he thought the Coquille Commercial Club was more nearly 100 per cent efficient than any other he had knowledge of.

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