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GOOD ROADS ARE ASSURED; THE WAR CENSUS A SUCCESS; NOW LET'S OVER-SUBSCRIBE THE LIBERTY LOAN

THE WAR CENSUS

The Total Registration Tuesday was 2055—182 Aliens and 14 Alien Enemies.

Precinct No.	Name of Precinct	No. Claiming Exemption	White Citizens and Declarants	Colored Citizens	Aliens	Alien Enemies
1	Lakeside	9	33	8	1	
2	Templeton	3	10			
3	North Slough	14	15	1		
4	Haynes Slough	11	12	3	1	
5	Allegany	16	80	5	1	
6	Kentuck Slough	1	6			
7	Willamette Slough	4	5			
8	Empire	11	13	1		
9	North Bend	13	15			
10	North Bend	21	28	3		
11	North Bend	45	72	6		
12	North Bend	22	43	4		
13	North Bend	23	33	2		
14	Pony Slough	12	16	4		
15	Eastside	5	7			
16	Eastside	12	21	1		
17	Marshfield	17	28	1		
18	Marshfield	71	120	1	46	
19	Marshfield	39	74	1	5	
20	Marshfield	28	41	4		
21	Marshfield	34	48	2	1	
22	Marshfield	21	51	3	1	
23	South Slough	14	41			
24	Newport	11	13	1		
25	Bunker Hill	36	68	23	1	
26	Catching Slough	15	20			
27	Coos River	25	39	3		
28	Burton	8	13			
29	Sumner	12	25	5		
30	Coos City	14	26	3		
31	Coaledo	8	14	1		
32	Beaver Hill	7	11	1	2	
33	Cunningham	27	39			
34	Fat Elk	7	19	3	1	
35	Dora	7	18	1		
36	Missouri	11	17			
37	Lee	5	12	1		
38	Coquille	1	1			
39	Coquille	12	17	1		
40	Coquille	33	68	4		
41	Coquille	21	32			
42	Riverton	16	24			
43	Prosper	15	25	2		
44	Bandon	12	33	2		
45	Bandon	11	21			
46	Bandon	6	18	3		
47	Bandon	17	27	1		
48	Two Mile	17	37			
49	Parkersburg	19	19	1		
50	Lampa	8	11			
51	Norway	35	22	4	5	
52	Four Mile	17	20			
53	Catching Creek	19	36	3		
54	Myrtle Point	22	36	2		
55	Myrtle Point	20	27			
56	Sugar Loaf	22	33			
57	Bridge	21	24			
58	Powers	123	200	19		
Totals		1106	1855	4	182	14
Total registered, 2,055.						

The first thing that attracts attention here is the fact that out of a total of about 1860 who might be subject to draft, 1106 or just 60 per cent are claiming exemption. If married men are all exempted this time it can hardly be doubted that 50 per cent will be exempt. In that case a draft of a million men from a total of say ten millions between 21 and 31 years of age would take about one in five of those unmarried and physically fit for service. In that case the 900 or thereabouts of eligibles in Coos county would be drawn on in the same proportion and we should send about 180 men to the front of whom Coquille with 118 registered citizens might have to furnish about 12. If those already enlisted were deducted from our quota, however, it would be quite small.

Marshfield, with 362, registers almost twice as many as any other city in the county. Powers, where it was reported that there was a general intention to refuse to register, comes next with 200. North Bend follows close with 100 and Coquille is fourth with 118. Bandon has 99 and Myrtle Point 63.

Just why Bandon, with a population claimed to be 50 per cent larger than Coquille's, has only three-fourths of our registration we are unable to explain.

The northwest precinct of Coquille, with only a single man registered, sets a unique record for fighting strength. Powers, on the other hand, furnishes the largest returns.

The four negroes indicate that Coos county is not a favorite section for

the colored people, as they are called. That there are 182 aliens, or young men born in neutral foreign countries and not yet naturalized, was to have been expected—as was the record of 14 aliens of countries with which we are at war.

The board which is today making the official count of the election last Monday consists of Justices C. R. Wade, of Bandon, and E. A. Dodge, of Myrtle Point, with Deputy County Clerk A. B. Collier, and Ben Currie as clerk.

The Board which began canvassing and segregating the War Census returns yesterday and will probably complete the work today consists of County Health Officer Richmond, County Clerk Oddy and Deputy Sheriff Clyde Gage. They will tabulate the eligibles by ages finding the number for each year from 21 to 30.

Will Fill Four Vacancies.

There was a meeting of the city school board at the City Hall last night. But little business was transacted save the payment of bills. The salary of Joseph Peart as janitor at the High School building was raised from \$900 for ten months to \$950 or \$96 a month. Superintendent Howard was authorized to employ teachers to fill the four vacancies—the place of Mr. Gary, of Miss Phillips in the third grade, Miss Fawcett in the eighth and Miss Minard in the fourth.

THE RED CROSS NEXT TUESDAY

A part of preparedness for what war will necessitate for our people is the nursing in hospitals and on the battle fields which the Red Cross is organized to provide. This is something that the people of the nation are expected to put up for, aside from all the government does. A campaign is now on to secure an average of \$1.00 each from the people of the United States for Red Cross work. A meeting to start the ball rolling for Coquille and vicinity will be held here on Tuesday evening next, June 12.

Some further information in regard to this meeting and the campaign for funds to be undertaken in this county will be found in the following day letter which F. E. McKenna received Wednesday from Charles Hall, of Marshfield:

At a meeting of the Western Division of the Red Cross, held in Portland Monday there were in attendance representing Coos County, Hugh McLain, L. J. Simpson, Dr. Dix, J. T. Brand and myself. Three of us returned yesterday and the others are returning today.

The question of financing the Red Cross for its activities in France is the problem for consideration.

The apportionment for Oregon, for Coos county and for Coquille and the contiguous territory has been made. The great drive for these funds will be made during the week of the eighteenth to twenty-fifth of June.

All details will be submitted at a preliminary meeting which we will hold in Coquille Tuesday night, the 12th. None of those who are about to enter the service and are liable to be called at an early date should be asked to participate in the work.

At this meeting, it is planned to perfect a unit of the county organization. Mr. L. G. Nichols, manager for the state will be present.

At this time it is desired to form an organization so complete that every individual in your territory will have an opportunity to subscribe to this humane undertaking. It is the plan of the Red Cross to have available complete equipments, sufficient supplies and well-manned units on the battlefields of France prior to the real need which is sure to develop. In fact our Allies are now suffering from insufficient Red Cross activities. Service will be the keynote of the campaign. This is an opportunity for those who will not or can not serve on the battlefield, to make their small contribution to the continued existence of Democracy and Liberty.

The injunction case to restrain the cutting of timber on the Boutin tract until about \$60,000 of taxes for 1913 and 1914 are paid has not yet been decided in the Circuit court. The answer and brief of C. L. Starr, defendant's attorney, was filed in the Clerk's office here this morning.

CONTRACTS LET STILL GROWING

Almost \$26,000 for Myrtle Point Bridge—No Bids on Coquille-Myrtle Point Road.

The County court is still in session here, and went to visit the poor farms and take dinner this noon. Allan McLeod, the superintendent there, has tendered his resignation to take effect upon the appointment of his successor. The court has practically decided as to who that will be and a change is expected very shortly which will create a vacancy in another appointive position at the court house.

The bids for the five bridges advertised for during the past three weeks were as follows:

Gravel Ford Bridge

For the bridge complete, including the approaches, one of which is 1200 feet long: John D. Bennett, of Gravel Ford, \$5,328.50.

Curtis Gardner, of Portland, \$6,998.

The contract was awarded to Mr. Bennett.

The Myrtle Point Bridge

The two bidders here, the bids including the approaches and a concrete viaduct over the railroad. It is what is known as the Spruce street bridge. For a wooden bridge the bids were as follows:

Portland Bridge Co., \$19,900.

Michael William Payne, \$16,747.

For a steel bridge the only bidder was the Portland Bridge company at \$25,990, and the contract was awarded to it at that figure. The Southern Pacific will pay about \$1000 of this amount.

Bridges North of Coos Bay

These are to be drawbridges over Haynes, Larsen and North Sloughs and the bids were all for wooden bridges as follows:

Curtis Gardner, of Portland, \$25,000.

M. W. Payne, \$5,998.

Ladd & Harris, \$5099.

The contract was awarded to Ladd & Harris, the same firm who built the court house annex here last year.

No bids were received for the grading of the Glasgow north road, north of Coos Bay nor for the Coquille-Myrtle Point road. Although no further action has yet been taken in regard to these projects it is expected that the court will have them done on force account. One of the construction companies at Portland may get these jobs at cost and 10 per cent for use of material and superintendence.

The only road projects yet to be advertised for are the Coos City road, the Coquille-Bandon road and the overland railroad crossing at Summit, and the latter is the only one now ready to advertise.

The court will take up widows' pension and indigent cases this afternoon and expects to adjourn tomorrow.

Going to See His Mother.

"Well, let's go up and see your mother" was what Marshal Epperson said to a kid he found smoking cigarettes one day lately, and who told the stereotyped lie about being over 21, while it was as much as ever that he was over 16. Whereupon the youngster confessed the truth. Called upon next to tell where he bought the things he was close mouthed until the marshal started jailward with him, when he came across with that information. The case was claimed on the part of the seller to have been a matter of thoughtlessness rather than of intentional violation of the law.

To Build New Line.

Not only is the Oregon Power Co. line between Coquille and Marshfield to be built this summer, but Mr. McKenna says the plans have been approved by the Chicago office for rebuilding the line from here to Myrtle Point with heavy standard construction. This will be for the entire nine miles, except for the 3200 feet recently built at Norway. It will require 250 poles, 35 and 40 feet lengths, which are to be ordered at once. This work is also expected to be completed this summer or fall.

Mayor Johnson has instructed Marshal Epperson to line up the teams for a clean-up day in Coquille and as soon as enough can be secured he will name the day.

Elevators and Motors at Creamery—May Checks Amount to \$11,727.

Improvements are still the order of the day at the Creamery here. J. Stewart Lyons came over here from the Bay yesterday to make the plans for the elevators that are to be put in to facilitate the handling of milk, butter and cheese. There will be an elevator to take milk from the wagons on the roadway to the milk floor, also an elevator to take the cheese from the cheese floor up to the curing room and one to run to the box making department in the attic for the operation of which it was necessary to cut a hole through the roof of the building. Mr. Lyons says he will have these elevators ready to install in a week.

A contract has been made with the Oregon Power Co. to furnish the juice to run these new elevators, and electricity will also be applied to the inclined hoist by which milk is taken from the river boats up into the building. The motors to run these elevators are now being installed.

The increase in the receipts of milk has been phenomenal. Beginning with 700 pounds on the 10th of May, there has been a steady gain until yesterday's receipts fell very little short of 13,000 pounds.

To take care of this milk has so nearly taxed the factory to its limit, that additional cheese presses were ordered by telegraph from San Francisco and are now on the way. The manager is, however, able to announce at this time that they will be able to handle all the milk that comes and that no fears need be entertained of snowing them under.

On Wednesday a meeting of the patrons between this city and Bandon was held at the Creamery and an arrangements made with the Steamer Relief, by which Captain Perkins will start from Bandon every morning and beginning at Prosper pick up all the cream along the river, reaching the Creamery with it not later than 9:30 in the morning, so that it will all arrive in condition for cheese making. This service will start next Sunday morning, June 10, and is under the direction of a committee of the ranchers.

There were 30,386 pounds of butter and 12,520 pounds of cheese made at the Creamery during the fractional month of May, and on Monday checks for \$11,380 were mailed to the patrons, these payments being at the rate of 39 cents per pound for butter fat used in making butter and 55 cents per pound for butter fat in the milk made into cheese. A subsequent payment of \$374.78 since then has brought the cheese payment up to 61 cents a pound, or 22 cents a pound more than was paid on the butter account, something heretofore unparalleled in dairy annals.

The total payments for milk and cream for the month thus aggregate \$11,757.78, an amount which will be thrown far in the shade by the June payments.

The meeting with the McKinley people yesterday was well attended by the dairymen of that section and very successful. Arrangements were made for improved truck service in bringing the cream in from that section, for butter making; while from Fairview a daily truck will be run so that the milk produced there can be made into cheese, thus getting the higher price.

Talks were made at McKinley by Mayor Johnson, representing the city of Coquille, by F. E. McKenna, representing the Commercial Club of this city, and by F. E. Conway, representing the Creamery.

The people there expressed themselves as very glad to meet our representatives and also said that if the Coquille merchants had in the past taken a more active interest in looking after the condition of the roads between here and there that there would have been much less of their money sent out to the mail order houses.

County Agent Smith is making arrangements for a number of Dairy-men's picnics in Coos county the last of this month. One of the attractions to be staged in this valley is a baseball game between the crack Norway and Sumner teams.

To Furnish New Hospital.

M. J. Hartson, of the Coquille Furniture Co., has just been awarded the contract for furnishing the new Hamilton hospital throughout. All floor coverings, and furniture for the thirteen rooms upstairs—mostly bed rooms—will be new high grade stock. The contract also includes the furnishing of the doctor's office and the living rooms downstairs. Everything that goes into this new institution, which is going to mean a great deal for Coquille, will be of the best quality. In speaking of his contract, Mr. Hartson says that the furniture which has to be shipped in will be here in a week or ten days. Some of it he has in stock at present, but he expects to have it all installed within two weeks.

Mr. Hartson also has the contract for furnishing the court house annex—the Hall of Records—with its complement of chairs, settees, typewriter desks, stools, etc., and these are expected to arrive for installing by the 15th. The floor covering contract was awarded to Going & Harvey, of Marshfield, but everything else in the furnishing line is to be provided by Mr. Hartson. He was able to give the county a close price on first-class equipment.

Remember the Lusitania and Buy a Liberty Loan Bond.

ROAD BONDS WIN BY 973

A very light vote was polled in this county on the seven questions referred to the people by the legislature. The majorities except perhaps in the first proposition on the ballot—the authorization of ports to increase additional indebtedness—were the same as for the state at large, the largest majority being given for the road bond issue.

The vote has been tabulated except for Newport precinct from which the returns have not yet been received but are expected this afternoon. For the other 57 precincts the results total as follows:

Authorizing ports to create indebtedness to encourage water transportation. Yes, 1125; No, 1337.

Limiting number of bills members of the legislature can introduce and increasing their salary. Yes, 696; No 1700.

Declaration against implied repeal of constitutional provisions by amendments. Yes, 817; No, 1317.

Uniform classification taxation amendment. Yes, 1359; No, 858.

Requiring city elections to be held on the same day as state elections and providing for city elections only every second year. Yes, 1748; No, 560.

Providing a \$400,000 tax for a new penitentiary at Salem. Yes, 792; No, 1737.

For the \$6,000,000 road bond issue. Yes, 1895; No, 922. Majority for the bonds, 973.

Abbott Was Fined \$15.

"I can treat, boys." This was the remark made by Roy Abbott, of Powers, at the Baxter hotel last Sunday night to a group of bystanders as he produced a bottle of booze from his hip pocket.

"Give me that," was the response that came from Night Officer Jackson as he stepped out into the limelight.

Abbott complied and was then greeted with the further request from the officer:

"Now give me \$10 for your appearance before Justice Stanley," Monday and Tuesday being holidays.

Abbott asked permission to go out and raise the money and the officer said he would go along. Out at the curb stood an auto and the chauffeur, who may have seen the proceedings in the hotel from where he sat, had his car in motion by the time Abbott was on the running board.

Jackson proceeded to swear out a warrant for Abbott, and the latter, who is conductor on a logging train on the line through here, appeared before Justice Stanley Wednesday and paid the fine of \$15 imposed by the court for fracturing the prohibition law.

To go from Coquille to the Bay now by auto one has to make the detour either via Bandon and the Seven Devils route or by Fairview and Sumner. The latter is much shorter, while the former furnishes lots of scenery.

THE PAVING CASE

Judge Coke Files His Decree in the First Street Case—Reducing Assessments.

The following is in substance the decree filed Wednesday by Judge Coke in the First street paving case that has been a bone of contention for the past four or five years in this city:

That the total cost of the improvement of First street in Elliott's Addition to Coquille City and Notley's Addition was and is the sum of \$10,113.91 and which is properly chargeable to the property benefitted by such improvement and described in Ordinance No. 106 levying the assessment and passed Nov. 24, 1913. That the dispute as to \$400 held back by the city should be determined by the Common Council of the city of Coquille as provided in Section 64 of the charter of said city, upon a hearing at which the property owners and the contractors should be given a chance to be heard, and such portion thereof as to the council may seem equitable should be paid to the contractors and the balance should be repaid to the property owners when paid in the manner and as provided in Section 64 of the charter amendment of the city of Coquille of May 12th, A. D. 1913.

That said assessment of \$10,113.91 should be prorated among the property owners in the same manner and in like proportion as the original assessment of \$12,059.75 was prorated to them by Ordinance No. 106, and when prorated the same shall be a lien on the property benefitted and the owners of the respective tracts shall pay the same in ten annual installments commencing with the time it was originally due with interest from that time at 6 per cent as upon the original assessment.

That warrant No. 0138 in sum of \$250 held by J. P. Beyers and pleaded in his answer was at the time of its issuance and now is hereby declared illegal and void.

The same decree is made as to warrants No. 0140 in the sum of \$500, last known by the testimony to be held by A. F. Bergon; as to warrant No. 0147 in the sum of \$1,000, warrant No. 0160 in sum of \$400, warrant No. 0162 in sum of \$100, now held by Leo J. Cary, which are all declared illegal and void. That this suit be and the same is hereby dismissed without prejudice as to the defendants Jesse P. Beyers and Leo J. Cary, with costs against the city of Coquille.

That the plaintiffs, defendant City of Coquille and defendants E. Ellingsen and A. F. Bergon pay one-third of the mileage and witness fees of the witness F. E. Hobson, and each pay its other costs and disbursements.

That the temporary injunction issued herein should be and the same is hereby vacated and set aside, and the city of Coquille may take such action for the collection of said assessments, corrected in compliance with this decree, as is provided by law in the charter provisions of the said city of Coquille.

Great Variation in Value.

According to a report made by the Darifood Products Co. here to its patrons for the month of May, the price paid the dairymen of this valley for butter fat made into butter for that month is 39 cents a pound, while the price for butterfat in milk made into cheese is 55 cents per pound. The 16 cents a pound difference between these figures is the greatest ever known and is due to such abnormal conditions that Manager Bayley says he never expects to see it reached again.

Worth Thinking About.

One of our farmer friends, noting what we have been saying lately about the advantages of trading at home, has a word to say on the other side of the question. He puts it this way, "I never have to unhitch my horses and tie them to a wagon wheel in the mud in order to trade with Montgomery Ward & Co."

The remark is worth taking to heart. Of the Port Orford boys whose enlistment in the United States navy we recently mentioned, Merle and Lynn Woodcock were assigned to duty as musicians and the rest went to Bremerton to take positions as firemen.