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## SCHOOL MATTERS

### Telling About the Teachers Who Have Made Contracts for the Coming Year.

School Superintendent Raymond E. Baker tells us that there is a marked scarcity of experienced teachers in this county now and that such teachers are receiving higher wages than heretofore.

J. B. Beddinsfield, who has been at the head of the Prosper schools for the past two years visited Mr. Baker the first of the week, prior to joining the colors. He has just received a commission as second lieutenant.

He will be succeeded at Prosper by Ernest C. Lloyd, who will have for his assistants in the lower grades Miss Mina Magness and Miss Helen Robbins.

The teachers institute will be held at Bandon Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 14, 15, and 16.

The Bridge school will open Sept. 16 with the same teachers as last year, J. F. Croft, principal; and Miss Lila Smith and Miss Anna M. Thomas assistants.

Miss Florence Cox will teach at Beaver Hill. She comes from Ellsworth, Kansas.

Miss Vida Condon from Lane county has been engaged to teach the school at Lee.

Miss Ruby Goodnight began a term of school at Lampa August 6.

Helen Bachman, who has been teaching at Arago for some time past has an engagement in the Myrtle Point schools for the coming year.

Clara Heller will teach an 8 months term in the Cunningham district.

Elma M. Roberts will begin an 8 months term at Fairview this fall. She has taught there for two or three years past.

Wanda Harry will teach again at McKinley after holding that position for two years and a half.

Miss Florence Hall will teach at Big creek.

Ann Jensen is going to teach the school at Kentuck Inlet.

Miss Rada A. Berger has been employed for a 9-months' term at Flagstaff.

Misses Dollie Robbins and Della Bryant will begin their third term at Randolph this fall at an increased salary.

Miss Grace Belmont will begin her second term at Sumner shortly.

Miss Fanny Davis will teach the school in the lower Catching creek district and Miss Catherine Schmitt in the upper district.

Ether Byerly will teach at Allegany again—a nine months' term.

Miss Chloe Buell will teach at Roland Prairie.

Mrs. Hattie TeeGarden will have the school at Johnson's mill.

Miss Ethel Miller and Miss Risha McDonald have been engaged to teach in the new school house at Lakeside, which is expected to be ready for occupancy about the middle of September.

Miss Mary Levar will probably teach the school at Haynes Inlet north of the Bay.

Claude Nosler will teach the eighth grade and act as principal in the new school building at Myrtle Point.

Miss Florence B. Root will teach the Pleasant View (Stringtown) school near Myrtle Point. In this district the sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils will attend at Myrtle Point.

The Belloni sisters will teach again at the Parkersburg school.

Charles E. Mulkey, the new school supervisor will move to Coquille in the near future.

Excursion to Powers Sunday.

Next Sunday, August 26, the Southern Pacific is going to run a train from the Bay to Powers on the occasion of the dedication of the Moose Hall, to which the public generally is invited. The train will leave Marshfield at 7:30 and Coquille at 8:40, arriving at Powers at 10:30. Returning it will leave Powers at 5:00 p. m. reaching Coquille at 6:50 and Marshfield at 8:00.

The rates will be one fare for the round trip. Everyone is advised to take a lunch, as it is not expected that the restaurants at Powers will be prepared to feed the crowd.

Rev. W. S. Smith, of Bandon, was a caller yesterday morning. He says conditions are gradually improving in Bandon and a better feeling among the business men is plainly manifest.

## New School Superintendent.

The city school board has secured the services of John C. Almack as superintendent of schools for the coming year at a salary of \$1600. Mr. Almack is from Washington where he was at the head of the Chaney schools, but has been taking a summer course at the University at Eugene. The appointment bureau of the University furnishes the best sort of recommendations for him which they (not he) obtained from the school boards where he has taught. He has had about 12 years' experience in the teaching profession and is the sort of man who makes a favorable impression wherever he goes; and everything we hear about him is favorable. Mr. A., who has a wife and two children is expected here about the first to begin his work. The city schools, however, will open on the 10th.

## Autumn is due next week.

## YESTERDAY'S WEDDING

One of the happy events of the season occurred here yesterday morning at St. Luke's Catholic church at 5 o'clock a. m., when Reverend Father Cannon, of Portland, performed the ceremony that made Arthur J. Kirst and Miss Cecelia Hoffman husband and wife.

The bride was attired in a blue tailored suit and the groom in the usual black.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers mostly of the white bridal color.

Mrs. Leo J. Cary sang "Ave Maria" as a prelude and after the marriage ceremony the nuptial mass was celebrated. Then the wedding breakfast was served at John Mulvihill's where Miss Hoffman had been living—all in time to catch the 6:12 train for the north.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Cary and family; Mrs. L. P. Branstetter and her mother, Mrs. Mackey; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lensen; Miss Emma Kennedy and Mr. James Sullivan, the former of whom acted as bridesmaid and the latter as groomsmen.

The bride has been a resident of Coquille for over a year, having just resigned the position of stenographer in Roadmaster Murdock's office to accept a better situation. She is a young woman of engaging personality and a happy disposition and was universally popular among the young people and in society everywhere. She was also active in Red Cross work and did her bit as an officer of the Girls Honor Guard to make everything for patriotic work a success. She will be greatly missed in our social circles.

The groom who is a teacher in the manual training department of the city schools at Iron Mountain, Michigan, is a young man of excellent character and universally esteemed. After visiting the bride's parents at Eugene the happy pair will proceed directly to Iron Mountain where Prof. Kirst's school work will begin on the first of September.

The Sentinel heartily unites with their scores of friends in best wishes and congratulations to these young people. May they live long and prosper.

## That Crater Lake Trip.

Bert Gould, W. C. Chase, Gene and Albert Schroeder returned last Friday night from their trip to Crater Lake and the Klamath country. They enjoyed the wonderful trip up to the lake and the conferring of the K. P. degrees out on Wizard island and went over to Klamath lake where they found everything green and flourishing in spite of the lack of rain, with the hay harvest in progress and a second crop of alfalfa growing splendidly in the tule lands around the lake. One drawback though was the presence of a few million of mosquitoes which murdered sleep. The whole trip, however, proved a very enjoyable one. The return was made via Ashland and without the trip over to Hornbrook with which some of the Knights supplemented their outing. Ed Gallier, of Bandon, went over into the Shasta valley to get the benefit of the hot sulphur baths for his rheumatism.

In our item last week about the Norway dog case we mentioned the value of the animal at Mr. Cross' figure of \$10; but the price which Conger had agreed to pay for the animal was \$2.50. Conger was released in his own recognizance instead of a \$100 bond as stated.

## MRS. COACH SUES

### She Claims There Was a Conspiracy to Defraud Her of Her Dower Rights.

A very long complaint was filed here Tuesday in the Circuit court in the case brought by Goss, Kendall and Murphy, of Marshfield, against Paul Hollister, of North Bend, and F. E. Shores, of this city, by Mrs. Alton Coach, an administrator of the estate of Joseph W. Coach, deceased, and also in her own name.

She alleges that a couple of years or so ago when Coach was deeply involved in litigation and believed efforts were being made to ruin him financially and send him to the penitentiary and when the late J. L. Kronenburg had just secured a judgment of \$4,500 against him and a couple of detectives were using him for alleged services, he gave a deed of trust to Hollister in the sum of \$15,000 covering all his property except his mineral rights. She goes on to charge that Hollister took \$1500 of this money as a bonus and \$1500 more as advance interest for a year.

Then, as her story goes, Coach got only a small sum though Hollister paid a plenty for commissions to parties who had been instrumental in making the loan.

When the Portland detectives got a \$2620 judgment against Coach, she says that to stay execution and secure an appeal to the Supreme court, Coach gave Hollister a deed to the property that was already covered by the former \$15,000 first deed, to make the latter safe on going surety in the appeal case.

When Coach's sister, Mary E. Cary, was about to get a judgment against Coach for \$625, it is alleged, he got scared and executed a conveyance of all the rest of his property to F. E. Shores. This property consisted of "mineral rights" and Shores was represented as loaning to Coach \$9,000 to clear up all that was due to Hollister by the latter under his first deed.

And in this connection it is alleged that Hollister and Shores have been working under an agreement to make an even division of all they got out of the Coach properties.

Mrs. Coach here charges that she had threatened to leave Coach and that her husband was conspiring with Hollister and Shores to defraud her out of her dower rights in their property.

On the 23rd of August a year ago she says Shores executed to Coach an option under whose terms Coach could within one year re-purchase all the property he had conveyed to Hollister and Shores by paying them \$25,000; but that the property was worth much more than that.

She also alleges that at the time Coach executed these instruments he was of unsound mind and all the while under the influence of liquor and drugs.

Mrs. Coach asks that all the instruments executed by Coach be declared void and usurious, and that after the defendants have shown exactly how much they advanced to Coach and what the interest on it would be, the money due by the estate be turned over to the state of Oregon and the rest of the property returned to her as administratrix of the estate.

## The Red Cross Auxiliary.

A well attended meeting of the Red Cross Auxiliary was held at the City Hall Monday, Aug. 20.

Mrs. Lando was present with approved models of work. She emphasized the great need of this work and explained how it was to be carried on.

Mrs. Florence Barton was elected secretary and Mrs. S. V. Epperson was appointed a member of the financial committee.

A committee meeting will be held at the Red Cross headquarters Tuesday evening, Aug. 28, at 8 o'clock. Committee No. 4, supplies, committee, No. 7, Co-operation; and the work room committee are requested to be present.

Work rooms are to be established in the First National Bank Building and work is to begin Thursday, Aug. 30.

All who desire to become members or assist with the work will apply to the secretary.

The people who were down at Crescent City last week report that town to be feeling the effects of a moral wave which has compelled the closing of the saloons at 2:30 a. m.

## RECREANT WIFE

### Leaves Husband and Five Young Daughters to Run Away with an Old Junk Dealer.

The Roseburg News has the following details of the Myrtle Point elopement:

J. Hammerley, of near Myrtle Point, and Marshal Dunham, of that city, (Coquille, Ed.) arrived in Roseburg in quest of the former's wife, Hammerley, who took "French" leave with a travelling junk dealer who has been making his headquarters near the Hammerley home the past few weeks.

Up to yesterday forenoon nothing had been learned of the couple's whereabouts, although it was thought that they were headed for Roseburg, and a complete search was made of the city.

It seems that Hammerley and his family have been living in a tent near Myrtle Point, the former being engaged in cutting wood, when the junk man, with his wagon, put in an appearance and pitched his tent close to that of Hammerley.

Hammerley's work took him away the greater part of the day and during his absence the junk man and the woman had an excellent opportunity to "visit" among themselves, which resulted in a very warm affection springing up. The junk man was buying an old thing in the way of junk, and, of course, did not hesitate to take on a good looking woman, no price demanded, minus her five children, and a deal was immediately closed, the two, accompanied by a three-year old son of the woman, hopped into the junk dealer's wagon and started for Roseburg. They were tracked as far as Looking Glass, but there all traces of the couple were lost.

Hammerley and the city marshal proceeded on to Roseburg, where they called the service of Night-watchman Roadman to look the pair up. All night a close watch was kept and it was rumored that the woman had been seen on Cass street late in the night, but this proved untrue. The husband of the woman remained on "duty" until morning, most of which time was spent at the foot of the Oak street bridge, where it was thought the couple would pass on their way to the city.

A warrant of arrest had been procured at Myrtle Point before their departure for the missing couple and the officers were ready to take them in on sight.

It is understood that the man and woman had a day's start of Hammerley and the officer, and this probably accounts for their getting away.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hammerley formerly lived in this county, making their home at the French settlement. Mrs. Hammerley name before she was married was Robinson and she is quite well known in this vicinity. The junk dealer's name was given as McCann. When the two left Myrtle Point they took the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hammerley with them; but there are still five girls at home, who are without a mother's care.

While here, Mr. Hammerley stated he cared little whether he ever lived with the woman again, but desired her return on account of the children.

Mast One of the Winners.

R. H. Mist, local agent for the National Surety Company, was advised yesterday that he is one of the Company's leading 200 agents in relative amount of business produced so far this year in all parts of the United States. This company gives cash bonuses to the 200 best producers among its 8000 agents. Seven agents in Oregon are at present leaders in the National Surety Company's "nation-wide contest. This may be taken as a practical proof of prosperity in our town and state, since the bond and surety business is so closely connected with all business lines that it is recognized to be a sound index to general conditions.

Only Bid Was Rejected.

The county court met here Saturday in adjourned session to consider the bids for the macadamizing of two miles of the new road between Empire and Sunset Bay where the sand is so deep as to make travelling almost impossible. The only bid was made by Dean & Brown, of Marshfield, but after Roadmaster Murdock had gone through it the bid was rejected as excessive and at a session yesterday the court advertised anew for the work, as appears from a notice published elsewhere in this issue of the Sentinel.

## Coquille-Myrtle Point Road.

A walk out on the Myrtle Point road a day or two ago showed the work of making the big fills at the Collier bridge and across the Jacobson orchard and garden steadily progressing. The latter looks to be about three-fourths done, the material coming from sharp elbows of the hills on either side. To the east, nearly in front of Dr. Kirhman's residence, an entirely new roadway is being cut through twenty feet of hill to eliminate a sharp curve. Even when the old gravelled road is left intact as a foundation for the paving the state is to do, the roadbed has to be widened and in fact almost doubled in width to make the required twenty four feet. When this road is finished three autos will be able to pass abreast anywhere on the road. Considerable rock is being struck in cutting away the hills now, but it yields readily to the pick and requires no blasting.

## TO LEAVE US ONLY TWO

To recommend the number of physicians and what physicians should be retained in the cities of Coos county to care for the civilian population, limiting the number to be withdrawn for federal service, occurred a meeting of the auxiliary medical defense committee at the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Wednesday. The action was taken at the request of federal authorities.

For North Bend, Myrtle Point, Coquille, and Bandon, the retention of two doctors in each city was determined upon. For Marshfield it was requested that four be held.

The doctors in the various cities whom the defense committee recommended for retaining here were:

North Bend: Dr. Edwards, Dr. Anderson.

Coquille: Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Richmond.

Myrtle Point: Dr. Pemberton, Dr. Clarke.

Bandon: Dr. Houston, Dr. Gale.

Marshfield: Dr. Hornfall, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Hammersmith and Dr. White, who takes Dr. Straw's practice.

It was the opinion of the meeting that no married doctor ought to go to the war while any single doctor remained in practice in the county.

Benson on Coast Highway.

At Marshfield Tuesday evening State Highway Commissioner Simon Benson spoke officially regarding the probability of a coast highway and favored the construction, yet he warned the assemblage the highway could not be built for a number of years.

Mr. Benson showed how great the cost would be and how little Curry county, sparsely settled, and with a long stretch of the proposed highway, could be expected to do toward the building. With a bond issue, Curry would be able to furnish but \$90,000, and the cost of simply grading the road, Mr. Benson said, would be more than \$500,000. This, he said, was one of the difficulties which stands in the way of promptly keeping the agreement with the California state highway commission and Governor Stevens.

Another Bootlegger Gets His.

Julius Bracke, of North Bend, was brought over from the Bay yesterday afternoon and consigned to the sky parlor of the annex. The sheriff arrested him for bootlegging on complaint of James Gormley, and he pleaded guilty in Justice Shuster's court on Wednesday and was given 30 days in jail and a \$100 fine. He pleaded guilty to three counts but was sentenced only for the "first offense."

Inspect Roseburg Road.

The county commissioners and Commissioners Benson and Adams, of the State Highway Commission, returned from Crescent City, California, Tuesday night, and on Wednesday took a trip over the Myrtle Point-Roseburg road as far as the county line to inspect the project of which the state has promised to undertake the further improvement.

Recall Petering Out.

The Coos Bay Times says the recall movement against the County court appears to have died out, and doesn't think it will get beyond the chewing rag stage. A. S. Hammond is protesting he had nothing to do with it except to try to divert it from Archie Philip.

## TRUE LEEP STORY

### Homer Leep Under Arrest to Answer Some Very Serious Charges.

The following from its Washington's news bureau was published in Tuesday's Oregonian:

The arrest in New York of Homer H. Leep, of Myrtle Point, Or., on the double charge of impersonating an Army officer and passing worthless checks clears up the mystery which surrounded the disappearance of this man at New Orleans, August 1, when he was reported shot.

Leep was arrested in New York Saturday by special agents of the Department of Justice who have been trailing him for nearly a month, and arrangements are being made for his removal to New Orleans for trial on the charge of passing bad checks.

Prosecution for impersonating an Army officer will be ordered later.

A dispatch from New York says that Leep, when arrested, was wearing the uniform of a Major. Earlier he appeared as First Lieutenant, then as Captain. He admitted promoting himself to meet his whims.

It was his plan to go to France aboard an Army transport, pose as a Major on leave of absence and see Paris at Government expense.

When arraigned Leep was examined and was held at \$5000 bail.

According to reports received by the Department of Justice, Leep, who in New Orleans, posed as First Lieutenant of the Army and graduate of West Point. There he met a business man and got him to cash a check for \$100, the check was subsequently returned endorsed "No provisions for payment."

Leep meantime disappeared, but before leaving sent telegrams to his wife in Washington and to his parents in Oregon first announcing his death and asking what disposition to make of the remains and later saying he was not killed, but seriously injured in an aeroplane accident. He signed these telegrams "Lieutenant P. H. Young," and the Department of Justice reports show that Leep frequently used this alias.

Leep, according to the War Department, is not entitled to wear the uniform of an Army officer, having been dropped from the Dayton aviation training camp before he was commissioned.

The Department of Justice has been trailing him since the bad check was returned to New Orleans. Leep's friends in Washington are inclined to think his mind is affected.

Leep was a stenographer working for Representative Young, of Texas, who has heard nothing from Leep since he went to New Orleans in response to the telegrams received from "Lieutenant Young."

Homer Leep is a son of Dr. and Mrs. K. A. Leep, of Myrtle Point, and has many relatives in the valley.

A few weeks ago Dr. Leep received a telegram from New Orleans to the effect that his son had been seriously injured while engaged in an aerial flight. The telegram was purported to have been signed by an official in charge of the aviation camp there.

Dr. and Mrs. Leep hastened to New Orleans, but upon arriving there could find no trace of their son. His name did not appear on the roster of the aviation corps and he was not known to the New Orleans officials. The matter was then referred to the War Department.

Dr. and Mrs. Leep reached home on August 15, and said the Homer Leep that was injured was not their son. Their boy, they said, had been located in another part of the East.

Deep mystery has surrounded the telegram regarding Leep's alleged injuries, and it is surmised he sent them himself.

Services at Presbyterian Church

There will be services at the Presbyterian church here next Sunday morning with preaching by Rev. W. S. Smith, of Bandon. It is hoped that everyone interested in the church will make an effort to be present then, as there has been no preaching service there for several months.

The Home Mission committee of the synod has decided to provide for preaching in this church for the remainder of the fiscal year, or until July 1918, and it will then be decided whether to continue it or not.