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1923 THE YEAR

COOS' ROAD WORK

Primary Roads To Be Done Soon—Market and Lateral Then

So far as improved highways are concerned, Coquille is and probably will always remain the hub of Coos county and, in fact, of Southwestern Oregon.

The two projects for which Chairman Hall of the Senate Roads and Highways committee, is bending every nerve are the paving of the road to Roseburg and the construction of the Roosevelt highway. Both of these roads pass through Coquille, and from here to Marshfield they will both use the road now so nearly completed.

The next step will be the building of the Coquille river bridge here and the construction of the Bandon road, for both of which the county now has a considerable fund in hand.

Of course, it is a long look ahead but in the next five years we may expect to see both these projects completed, so far as our county is concerned, and the improved highway from Bandon south built on to connect with the road system of California, whether the Roosevelt highway is built on up the coast to Tillamook or not.

The road from Coos Bay to Roseburg passing through both Coquille and Myrtle Point is now a state project, with the grade practically complete, and it is an important point to be remembered that this will be the first improved highway south of the Columbia river connecting the valleys east of the Coast range with the Pacific littoral. As soon as it is completed all the travel up the coast from California will pass through Coquille on its way to the Pacific highway and Portland, for it will be the only outlet.

At the same time all the travel from Portland south will come this way for a considerable portion of the year on account of the snows that block the road in the Shasta section. And for the rest of the year a large percentage will also take the route over from Camas and down the Coquille valley in order to see the coast scenery which has, heretofore, been almost a terra incognita to tourists visiting the Pacific coast.

Each year from now on the tide will set this way in ever increasing volume, and it is none too soon to begin making preparations to provide an attractive camping place here.

Here is what Gov. Olcott says on this point in his message Tuesday:

Oregon is spending forty millions of dollars in the development of her highways. Primarily this is for the benefit of our own citizens; to bring markets closer to the farmer; to make country life more attractive, and to open all of our state to the urban population as well. But back of this is an immense asset in the shape of the tourist. To speak openly, the tourist is going to be one of the biggest factors in refunding our highway expenditures. I believe that those tourists who enter Oregon over these highways during the next ten years will more than repay to us all the money which we are expending on them. Aside from that hundreds of them will locate here; they will become our future citizens; they will open up our new lands, bring new money among us and assist in developing old industries and in establishing and building up new ones. We can not fail to take full advantage of this opportunity.

We are expending thousands of dollars in urging the tourist to come here. He must be given a genuine welcome; he must be given proper accommodations; our state must be open to him from all of its four corners and the state should make provision for such a welcome. The welcoming of and the handling of tourists coming to Oregon should be developed along soundly organized lines and I ask your consideration of proper measures to this end.

The storm of Tuesday, January 4th, is said to have been the worst in years on this coast, the wind velocity being estimated at 90 to 100 miles. No loss of life or marine casualties were reported, however.

The examination of Archie Philip and his son, Mike, in Justice Joehnk's court last week on a charge of violating the prohibition law, ended in their acquittal.

Going to Klamath Falls

Senator Charles Hall, who has been investing largely in timber lands in Klamath county during the past year, has just closed a deal by which he and J. O. Goldswaiter, a mill operator there, acquire a controlling interest in the First National Bank of Klamath Falls. In its re-organization Mr. Hall becomes president, so he plans to remove there some time during the year and probably soon after the legislature adjourns.

He expects, however, to retain his interest in Coos county, including the Coos and Curry Telephone company, of which he is president.

Mr. Hall is one of our most public-spirited citizens and has always been a booster for this section as well as a strenuous advocate of good roads. We, along with hundreds of other citizens, shall regret to see him leave Coos county, but our best wishes for his future prosperity and happiness will go with him. Klamath Falls is certainly to be congratulated on such an addition to the ranks of her business men as she will secure in Senator Hall.

COAST AUTO LINES START

The first one of the big yellow stage cars built on the bay for the Coast Auto Lines, was brought into Coquille last Friday evening. This company, which is owned principally by Geo. W. Bryant and Gerst & King, is now running cars through from Marshfield to Coquille, except for a two mile trip where the paving is not yet completed the other side of Davis Slough. Stages leave each end every two hours. The car brought over last week, which will seat 15 passengers, suffered an accident Saturday morning on the first trip back and has not yet been repaired, but the company is maintaining its schedule with smaller cars. "White" truck running gears were used and the body of the cars were built at North Bend.

This company has also purchased the Myrtle Point-Roseburg auto line from Taylor & Clinton and it is their intention this year to run regular stage service from here to Marshfield, from here to Myrtle Point and Roseburg, and from here to Bandon and down the coast to Crescent City, California.

Monday Coldest This Year

Monday was the coldest day of the year and probably the coldest day of the winter so far. But it was bright and clear and very pleasant and warm in the sunshine where the wind did not strike. Indeed, it looked as if our long rainy season of four months might be nearing its end, though the weather bureau's forecast for the week did not read that way. There was a stiff white frost both Monday and Tuesday mornings with pools generally coated with ice and the ground crusted also. Tuesday, however, it was growing hazy and thickening for the rain which fell that night. Since then we have been back on the old schedule of clouds and rain. It is possible January may yet give us a spell of fine, clear weather, but we hardly count on it before February, when by all the precedents there must be a change. This morning, however, is bright and pleasant, and the sun-worshippers are again at their devotions.

Let's Get Trunk Roads First

Just as we are in sight of the goal—on the main highways of Coos county—even if in some cases it is several years ahead of us—there comes from all sections an urgent demand for the laterals, which increase in number as we get farther from the main roads in all directions. Compared with conditions even five years ago vast progress has been made and the market road appropriations will help a whole lot on secondary roads, like the Coos Bay-Wagon road and the one from Myrtle Point up the East Fork. But it will necessarily be many years before all the roads that are needed in this county are completed.

"It's a long way to Tipperary But we are on the way."

Testing Associations to Meet

An all-day session of the Coquille and Myrtle Point Cow Testing Association will be held in Myrtle Point next Wednesday, Jan. 19. Lunch will be served at noon and several speakers will be on the program, including one from the Oregon Dairymen's League and one from O. A. C.

IN COUNTY COURT LAWYERS MEET

Trucks Strictly Regulated—Ready to Push Road Work

In the matter of the contract with J. C. Savage and L. A. Liljeqvist for collection of delinquent taxes, the following order was made Jan. 4:

"It has heretofore been stipulated by and between the county court and L. A. Liljeqvist that said contract be terminated Jan. 1, 1921, and that said J. C. Savage receive ten per cent of his collections up to that date and not thereafter.

"It appears that there has been collected at this time \$1098.52 of which the said J. C. Savage claims \$107.35, and said claim is hereby allowed and it is specifically stipulated that contract is at an end from said first day of January, 1921."

The bond of E. P. Ellingsen as sheriff for the faithful performance of the duties of that office given by the American Surety company; and the bond of \$30,000 as tax collector by the same company were accepted.

The bid of Dr. James Richmond for visits to the county jail and the county farm was accepted.

The bond of J. P. Beyers, as assessor, given by the National Surety Company for \$5,000, was accepted.

The bids of Alva Lee for running the Marshfield-Eastside ferry and of Pederson, Bros. for Bullards' Ferry were accepted.

In the matter of trucking on the county roads the following order was made Jan. 5:

It appears that several of the roads of Coos county, costing several hundred thousand dollars are being damaged by trucks, trailers, and other motor conveyances with heavy loads, and that the damage cannot be repaired without exorbitant cost, if permitted to continue; and it appears that the county court is vested with full power to regulate or restrict prevent any traffic, travel or vehicles that doing damage to the roads, it is

Ordered that during the winter months, and until the further order of this court, all persons, firms, corporations, companies, associations, whomsoever be, and they are hereby ordered to stop forthwith, hauling, trucking or conveying over any county road in Coos county, any load of greater weight than 3,000 pounds in excess of the weight of conveyance, and the Roadmaster and District Attorney are hereby directed to notify all persons concerned, or who are now hauling freight contrary to the provisions hereof and to enforce this order strictly.

The claim of D. F. Thompson for cattle indemnity was allowed upon verification.

The widow's pension awarded to Grace F. Childers was ordered cancelled, she having moved out of the county.

Advertisement was directed for bids for grading, excavation and filling of the Glasgow section of the coast highway.

The county court which has heretofore taken accident insurance only for those engaged in quarry work and pile driving, now decides to extend this protection to all employees engaged in occupations of a hazardous nature, such as road construction, grade work, quarry work, pile driving, truck driving and bridge painting.

The county clerk was authorized to draw an order for \$449 to cover licenses for the year 1924 for automobiles, trucks and trailers.

Stole City's Bicycle

Chief of Police Carter at Marshfield asked Deputy Sheriff Malchorn when he was over there Wednesday if the city of Coquille owned a bicycle. Malchorn did not know, but Carter told him that that morning a young fellow walked up to him and asked to be arrested as he had taken a bicycle from the city hall at Coquille. The bicycle in question is one that the city bought for Marshal Miller to use in making trips out to the outlying districts during the night. He had permitted a penniless tramp to sleep a few nights in the city jail and when the fellow got ready to move on he copped the bike to ride to Marshfield. Carter arrested the wheel as well as the young man and Deputy Malchorn is going over today to bring him back here.

Bar Association at Marshfield Tuesday Evening—Thirty Present

Attorneys J. J. Stanley, S. D. Pulford, and Judge C. R. Wade, of this city, with Claud Giles and A. G. Thompson, of Myrtle Point, were among the thirty Coos county lawyers present at the annual meeting of the County Bar Association at the Millicombs Club rooms at Marshfield Tuesday evening. Judge Lawrence T. Harris, of the State Supreme Court, and Judges G. F. Skipworth and John S. Coke, of the Circuit Court for this judicial district, were also present.

Of course, talking was the long suit of these lawyers and judges and addresses were made as follows:

County Judge Wade spoke of county court entanglements and the legal phases of the county judge's duties. Claud Giles discoursed on methods for the better protection of bank deposits.

Judge Coke read the new rules he had compiled for practitioners before his court in this judicial district. He also talked earnestly for fewer laws and better enforcement of those we have, expressing the opinion that it would be better if the legislature met only once in five years.

Judge Skipworth dilated upon "The Worries of a Circuit Judge," and his tremendous responsibility in passing on criminal cases and property suits, involving the success or failure of a lifetime.

A. H. Derbyshire hit a tender spot with some of the bar, when in his talk on "Co-operation," he dwelt upon the necessity of probity in the legal profession and a more careful attention to the rules governing the practice of law.

Judge Harris, who went from the Circuit Court bench in this district to the Supreme bench at Salem about five years ago, spoke on the genesis and evolution of Oregon law. Two interesting facts disclosed were that the first supreme judge of Oregon was not a lawyer, but a doctor, and the second supreme judge was likewise not a lawyer but a merchant.

Secretary Stanley read the following facetious communication from A. J. Sherwood, of this city:

Gentlemen:—I regret very much that sickness in my family prevents my being with you this evening. It is the first annual meeting of our association that I have ever missed when in the county at the time of its holding.

Owing to the fact that there will be strangers present (I refer to our two honored guests), perhaps a word of caution from a charter member who has always the best interests of our fraternity at heart would not be amiss at this time.

So I trust that your wonted decorum, at this our annual festival will mark all your proceedings, and while some of our younger and over-zealous members may miss my restraining influence, I have reason to believe that two things which I shall suggest, will deter them and also any of the older members who have an inclination to act as the bankers and medical fraternity are accustomed to act on similar occasions.

The first of these suggestions is the presence of our honored guests; and the second suggestion is the constitutional amendment that went into effect the first day of January, 1916; and the legal interpretation which our honored guests have put upon this amendment.

Furthermore stop and think how an item of this kind would appear in glowing head lines in the press of the state:

"RAIDED"

"Marshal Jack Carter and five deputies under the sheriff's office raided the annual meeting of the Coos County Bar Association.

"Judges Harris and Skipworth present.

"Marshfield, Ore., Jan. 12, 1921.—In the midst of the 12th annual banquet of the Coos County Bar Association, at the Millicombs Club rooms, Marshal Jack Carter, assisted by a posse from the sheriff's office concluded that nothing but the presence of moonshine could account for the noise emanating from the flower bedecked and brilliantly lighted recesses of the Millicombs Club rooms. So at a given signal all avenues of ingress and egress were entered and locked by the officers of the law. Then a thorough search was made of every nook and

crook of the large dining room and all persons present; but nothing was found except a bottle of ginger ale on the person of Bennett Swanton, and the remnant of a bottle of bay rum in the lining of the overcoat of City Attorney James Brand."

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. SHERWOOD.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President, A. H. Derbyshire, of North Bend.

Vice-president, Claud Giles, of Myrtle Point.
Secretary, J. J. Stanley, Coquille.
Treasurer, C. R. Wade, of Bandon.
Members of Executive committee: John R. Mullen, of North Bend, and George Watkins, of Marshfield.

Basket Ball Tomorrow Night

The second Basket Ball game of the season will be played at the new High School tomorrow (Saturday) night, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p. m. The preliminary game will be between the Myrtle Point Eighth grade and the Coquille Eighth grade.

The principal game will be between the Riverton Independents and the Coquille High School. Admission 10 and 20 cents.

BANK OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

The stockholders of the First National Bank of this city held their annual meeting Tuesday and elected the following directors: A. J. Sherwood, L. H. Hazard, Dorsey Kreitzer, O. C. Sanford and C. T. Skeels.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: A. J. Sherwood, president; L. H. Hazard, vice president; and manager; O. C. Sanford cashier; Bess Maury and E. D. Webb, assistant cashiers.

The statement elsewhere published indicates how satisfactory is the present status of that institution.

The stockholders' meeting of the Farmers & Merchants Bank was held yesterday afternoon. The report submitted by the officials showed the past year to be the most successful the bank has ever enjoyed. The directors elected were the same as for the past year: J. E. Norton, C. J. Fuhrman, J. W. Miller, J. E. Ross and L. L. Turner.

The board met immediately and elected the same officers as have served during the past fourteen months, as follows:

President—J. E. Norton.
Vice President—L. L. Turner.
Vice President—C. J. Fuhrman.
Cashier—J. E. Ross.

Second Semester of School

The second semester of the Coquille graded school will begin on Monday, January 31. At that time children who have reached the age of six years and who have not yet completed the B class of the first grade will be entitled to enter Mrs. Chase's class of beginners. It would be a great aid to those responsible for planning the program if parents of beginners would register them as soon as possible with Mrs. Chase. She will be ready to meet parents and pupils on any school day after 2:30 P. M.—Raymond E. Baker, Supt.

Make Contributions Quickly

But a small fraction of the 33 millions of dollars required to keep the babies and young children of Europe from starving this winter has yet been subscribed. The amount yet due on Coquille's quota is sorely needed—and our people have never proved slackers when appealed to for such an object. The Sentinel is ready to receive and forward all donations to the American Relief Administration, of which, Herbert Hoover is at the head.

Grove Purchase Completed

The final act in the sale of the Lamb Grove to the city was performed this morning when Mr. Lamb turned the deed over to Recorder Lawrence and received in return thirteen warrants for \$500 each. The deed has been recorded and there is no reason now why the Commercial Club and all Coquille boosters should not get busy raising the funds with which to build a Corn Pavilion this summer.

"Everywoman," a spectacular perfection at Liberty Theatre Jan. 20 and 21. 8c and 10c.

ROLLED FOR \$400

Jas. King Robbed Last Monday Night—Two Men Arrested For the Crime

The Coquille Booming House on Front street was the scene of a robbery some time Monday night when James King, a man of about 65 years, was "rolled" for his pile of between \$300 and \$400. Wednesday Jack Gaffney, of Coquille, and Hario Whitsett, of Bandon, were arrested and lodged in the county jail as suspects of having perpetrated the robbery.

On Monday, King, who was a cook in Camp 2 at Powers, says he gave Whitsett \$5 before leaving Powers, paid his way down here, furnished him his meals and had asked him to go down to Humboldt county with him, he to pay the bills.

When they arrived here they fell in with Jack Gaffney and began to look for moonshine. The latter went out and purchased three quarts with which they proceeded to load the old man up. When this was gone they secured some other concoction, said to contain about 25 per cent alcohol, and served that to him. Gaffney invited them to share his room in the Coquille Booming House and the three prepared to spend the night there.

About 2 o'clock Mr. Gishlin was awakened by noises in this room and got up to tell Gaffney that the racket must cease or he would have to get out. At the time Gaffney was dressed to go out with his mackinaw and cap on.

When King awoke in the morning he discovered his loss, but found that the thieves had overlooked \$50 he had inside his shirt. Just how much they got he cannot say but it was probably nearer \$400 than \$300.

He immediately made complaint to the sheriff's office and after ascertaining that Whitsett had purchased a ticket for Portland, the officials wired the police there and at Eugene to seize the man.

Wednesday morning, however, Jack Carter phoned from the Bay that he had the man wanted and Deputy Sheriff Malchorn went over that evening to get him, bringing him back that night. Sheriff Ellingsen picked up Gaffney here the same day on his way to the depot to take the train for Marshfield where he said he was going to visit his folks. When searched over there Whitsett had a little money, but Carter later found in his effects at his lodging house, \$100 in currency, Gaffney had about \$15 on him when arrested.

Whitsett told Carter that he did not commit the robbery, but that Gaffney did. He also told Malchorn that he would tell the truth of the robbery when he got on the stand.

The two men were arraigned before Justice Stanley yesterday afternoon, and their hearing was set for 10 o'clock this morning. But after being taken back to jail, Gaffney decided to secure a lawyer and had E. L. McClure telephoned to, to come over and defend him. The latter could not come until Saturday, so Mr. Stanley consented to a postponement until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, providing District Attorney Fisher consented, as he has since done.

On the day following the robbery Gaffney is said to have offered King \$20 to leave town.

Telephone Improvements

E. W. Gates, of the telephone company, was a caller yesterday. He says that the new switchboard for the office here is to be shipped from the factory about Feb. 1, and that some of the new equipment has already been received. It is expected to have it installed in their new bungalow office early in the spring. Other investments are contemplated for Coquille this summer, one the stringing of a cable from the court house out Henry street to the forks of that street and another up Second street beyond the school house and covering the territory on the hill at the east end of town. Their total improvements will stand them close to \$14,000.

County Jail Is Full

Mine Host Evlinghaus has twelve guests in his lodging house on the top floor of the Hall of Records and expects to receive two more today. What to do with them all is a little perplexing as the main jail is full now.

Send the Sentinel to eastern friends.