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THE BRIDGE BIDS

They Are Called For Now—
Other Business in County
Court This Week

In the matter of the Coquille river bridge at Coquille a copy of the plans and specifications was ordered to be furnished the state highway commission for "the reference and benefit of bidders." An advertisement for bids for the construction of this bridge was ordered published in the Coos county official papers and also in a Multnomah county paper. Bids are to be opened here by the court on March 15.

The petition for a new road in the Gravel Ford neighborhood was received and referred to the county attorney. The proposed road starts at the present end of the Gravel Ford Bridge on the J. W. Hall place and runs thence on the west side of the north branch of the North Fork to a point on the W. T. Brady farm, thence across the North Fork to intersect the present Gravel Ford bridge road in front of the Gravel Ford post-office.

The previous advertisement for bids on the Hamilton township line road on Twinnale near Bandon having been defective, the bids for 3,000 yards of excavation were rejected and the work order re-advertised.

In the matter of the Upper Fourmile road the report of the viewers was accepted and the road ordered opened. Damages to the amount of one dollar each were awarded to James Adams, B. E. Taylor, R. W. Easgen and H. P. Clouse.

Action of the Eastside-Coos River road was postponed to await a further and complete report by the viewers.

A dance hall license for a floor of 1800 square feet was granted to Grant Wilcox, of McKinley.

Dean A. Marton, of Riverton, was granted a license for a dance hall of 2,000 square feet.

The following bill of the Coos county road was granted a license for a dance hall of less than 1800 square feet.

The petition for an extension of the North Bank road down the north side of the Coquille river to Bullards was referred to the county attorney.

The roadmaster was instructed to call for bids for the dredging to be done on the north side of Larson slough from the upper bridge as far as needed.

Bids were ordered advertised for the approaches to the Glasgow ferry on both the north and south sides of the bay.

The consideration of the reports on the road from Powers to the Siskiyou National forest was deferred until a later meeting of the court for the February term.

The petition of Hedwig A. Welx and others for a gateway was denied.

The bond of Ines F. Bunch, as county clerk, in the sum of \$10,000 furnished by the Amsterdam Casualty company, was approved, after correction of some clerical errors had been made.

The indigent allowances to J. A. Webb and Amelia Carpentier were rescinded, the former having gone to the county farm, and the latter having died.

The report of the viewers on the Glasgow-Kentuck inlet road was read for the first and second times and passed to a final order.

The County Court has authorized the following schedule of seal boulties:

	Regular	Additional
Coyotes (male)	\$3.00	\$28.50
Coyotes (pup)	3.00	13.50
Coyotes (female)	4.00	23.00
Wild Cats, Bob Cats	2.00	4.00
Panther	10.00	20.00

Effective forthwith on all skins presented before May 1, 1921.

More Money for Armory
Adjutant General White has asked the legislature to appropriate \$15,000 to complete the Marshfield armory. As we recollect the state originally appropriated \$30,000 and the county an equal amount, which it was expected would complete the building, but owing to increased cost of building it is necessary to pay more than was expected for the work—the same as was the case with our new high school building.

The Coast Auto Lines are preparing to open a ticket office and waiting room in the Paulson building on Front street, next door to the Shores building.

Famous Lecturer Coming

Stanley Nelson Darcy, a brilliant Canadian lecturer and journalist, will be here next Friday evening, Feb. 11th, for the fourth number of the Ellison-White, Lyman course. Mr. Darcy has travelled widely, having been all over South America and Europe. He served in the Canadian army during the great war and last summer was one of the powerful speakers on the Chautauque program. His subject will be "The Invisible Frontier," and it will be delivered at the Liberty Theatre.

To Select Bandon Postmaster

The Civil Service Commission announces that on March 16, there will be an open, competitive examination at Coquille to fill the vacancy in the office of postmaster at Bandon caused by the death of R. E. L. Bullillon. The annual salary of this office is \$3,100 and no one is eligible unless he or she is a citizen of the United States and have been a resident of the territory covered from that postoffice for the past two years. The applicant must also be in good physical health and not less than 21 nor more than 65 years of age.

MACHON CASES ARE HEARD

Judge Coke held court here Tuesday and Wednesday and heard the cases of J. D. Graham and Lamb and Von Pogert against Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Machon and other. These suits grew out of claims for work done and material furnished for the two-story brick building the Machons erected next east of the Theatre building.

J. D. Graham sued for \$3,000 claimed to be still due on that building, while the Machons claimed that some of the work was defective and that it was not finished on time.

Judge Coke took the case under advisement and will decide it on briefs to be submitted by the attorneys.

The case of Lamb & Von Pogert was one in which they were suing for a sum of \$975 claimed to be the balance due for plumbing and heating apparatus by the Machons. Dennis McCarthy is also a defendant in this case, as he holds an \$8,900 mortgage on the property. Judge Coke was of the opinion that the plaintiffs were entitled to the full amount they claimed, but as to whether they were entitled to a lien on the building he would wait until hearing further from the attorneys before deciding the point.

January Weather Report

Postmaster H. L. Hansen sends us the following weather notes for January:

Maximum temperature 60 degrees on the 25th.
Minimum temperature 23 degrees on 25th.
Total precipitation, 11.61 inches.
No. of rainy days, 24.
No. clear days, 5.
No. days cloudy, 23.
No. partly cloudy, 4.
The rainfall since Sept. 1 has been 54.3 inches. The annual average at McKinley, based on 20 years' observations, is 67.2 inches.
As nearly as we can learn the annual average at Coquille is about 60 inches, so that we may estimate the rainfall here for the past six months at about 50 inches.

Death of Charles Selander

Charles Selander, one of the most prominent of the Coos Bay ranchers, died rather suddenly of stomach trouble last Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Miles Richardson, of North Bend. His funeral services took place at the Swedish Lutheran Church at Marshfield, Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Selander is survived by his widow, five sons and three daughters, all of whom were present at the funeral, except a daughter in California whom he had just visited. His son, Arthur A., of the Assessor's office, and Assessor Beyers went over from here.

The deceased was born in Finland and was a Swedish Finn. He came to Coos county in 1881 and in 1890 moved to Sumner, where he owned a large ranch.

Arrested This Morning

Truman Ford and Ray Waits were arrested this morning on a warrant issued by Justice Stanley, charging them with driving an auto while intoxicated. Sheriff Ellingsen and Deputy Sheriff Malehorn took them into custody and placed them in jail.

MENACES TO MILK BUSINESS

Diseased Cows and Impure Milk Are Obstacles That Must Be Overcome Before Dairies Can Do Their Best.

At a time when C. I. Kime was running on one of the river boats as an engineer, he found a half grown kitten drowned in a milk can that had been taken on at one of the ranch landings.

Acting on the impulse of the moment he seized that can and emptied its contents over the side into the river.

"What did you do that for?" asked one of the officers of the boat. "You needn't have wasted that milk."

Kime, however, stoutly stood his ground and insisted he had done the proper thing.

Another somewhat similar event over on Coos river is more recently reported. To make sure that their groceries and mail wouldn't get scattered and lost on the boat, one rancher used one of the empty milk cans he was taking home as a receptacle for their safe keeping. Because he had imbibed too much Marshfield moonshine, or for some equally valid reason, this rancher didn't think to remove the dunnage he had packed in the can, and at the next milking poured it full of the cow's contribution, without noticing that some of the space in the can had been so-emptied.

The result was that when the milk came to be poured out at the copendary when the next batch came, the soggy mail and groceries came to light.

These are a couple of extreme illustrations of the many ways in which milk, even if it is uncontaminated when it goes into the cans, does not come out in the same condition.

But most of the dirt in milk gets in before it is poured into the cans, and these who know just how many careless people handle milk as if it was bilge water, and how many kinds of impurities become a part of it before it leaves the ranch can only be surprised that dairy products average as palatable as they do.

Mr. H. W. Thomas, cheese inspector in this county and northern Curry, has an enlightening exhibit in the shape of a piece of some kind of cloth a couple of feet square on which he has taken dozens of imprints of the cream at the top of milk bottles. Every one of them is thickly enough peppered with the dirt floating in the milk to contaminate a big batch of it and set putrefactive agencies at work.

A year or so ago the Sentinel men got a roll of butter made from this sort of dirty milk which it was impossible to use as a spread and which no process at the command of the lady in the kitchen availed to renovate so as to make it fit for any sort of cookery.

Enough has been said to indicate that there is much milk that goes to the creameries and cheese factories of this county which is so unclean as to insure an inferior grade of any cheese or butter of which it becomes a part.

The only way to produce first class dairy products is a rigid system of inspection and the rejection of all milk that is not free from impurities. So endeth the first lesson.

We come now to diseases among cows for which the dairyman sometimes is and sometimes is not responsible.

What tuberculosis has done to decimate the dairy herds of this county, and what it has cost the dairymen is recent history, and we need not dwell upon it. Of course, the new law, which is expected to be in force in this county soon and will make the T. B. test compulsory may be expected to end this infection; while the sums the county, state and national government now pay as cattle indemnity in cases where cattle suffering with this disease must be slaughtered in a measure compensate the dairymen for losses of this kind.

A new angle to view this disease is furnished, however, by Dr. Glalayer, our herd and meat inspector, who tells of a case among the cattle he recently condemned in the Norway section. He found a herd, each animal in which knew its own stall. One tuberculosis cow had the disease in an advanced form; the two adjoining her in the stalls to her right and left had it well developed, while the two in the next stalls had it in its early stage. Of course, had the cows gone

into their stalls promiscuously, first into one and then into another, the whole herd would probably have been infected by this time.

But another disease besides the deadly T. B. is already making great headway in this section, which cuts the profits out of the business while T. B. is getting started. "It is contagious abortion, a germ disease which has already infected a majority of some good sized herds.

Want Fund For Lobbying

Yesterday's Coos Bay Times says that Senator Charles Hall had just sent that paper a telephone message saying that the Coos county people could aid in the attempt to put the Roosevelt highway bill through the lower house of the legislature by furnishing \$500 to be immediately available for the purpose of having professional lobbyists make a canvass to ascertain just how each member stood on the question.

The matter was referred to Secretary Reid of the Chamber of Commerce and he conferred with the other towns of the county and with Reedsport and Gold Beach. All were willing to co-operate. Senator Hall and Representative Bennett were informed that they could draw on the Chamber of Commerce at once and the amount will be apportioned and raised later.

It is probable, according to the present plans of the school board, that a dedication ceremony will be held at the new high school in about two weeks, with well-known out of town speakers having a place on the program.

PHONE SERVICE CRITICISED

At a meeting of the Coquille Commercial Club held at the City Hall, Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, February 2, 1921, the following resolution was introduced and carried unanimously:

Whereas, the Coos and Curry Telephone Company is the only telephone company operating telephone lines and switch boards and exchange within the City of Coquille and the territory contributory and contiguous thereto; and

Whereas, the equipment of the Coos and Curry Telephone Company used at Coquille at this time in conducting its business of operating its switch boards and exchange within the City of Coquille is antiquated, obsolete, out of date, and entirely and altogether unsuitable, unfit, and inadequate for such service and is incapable of giving to the public and patrons of the telephone company adequate service and is not such equipment, apparatus, or appliances as are used in other places for like purposes; and

Whereas, the services rendered by said telephone company's employees at the Coquille exchange at this time and for a long time prior thereto are and have been incompetent, incapable, and incommensurate;

Therefore be it Resolved:

That the Coquille Commercial Club take this means of expressing its feelings of indignant displeasure caused by the lengthy administration of inadequate, insufficient and unsatisfactory service rendered at the Coquille exchange, and that this resolution be spread upon the records of the Club and a copy be mailed to the Coos and Curry Telephone Company at Marshfield, Oregon.

Dated at Coquille, Oregon, February 2, 1921.

Coquille Methodist Church

The members of our church and congregation will be glad to know that our heating system has been overhauled and put in good working order. The church will be warm and comfortable and free from smoke.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. W. J. Fenton, will be with us at the evening service. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. Special music will be rendered by the choir at both services.

We have a splendid orchestra for the Sunday School and evening services. Don't forget the Epworth League devotional services at 6:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

A. B. Pendleton, Pastor

Will Stop Awhile Here

Matt Rasmuss, of Lakeside, was brought over from the Bay Monday and placed in jail here to serve a sentence of 20 days imposed by Justice Joehnk after his conviction on the charge of having intoxicated liquor in his possession.

About thirty of the Coquille Elks and their friends went over to Marshfield by the coast auto stage Wednesday to attend a meeting of the order there on that night. Among those who went were County Clerk Ines Bunch and her cousins, Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Bunch.

Send the Sentinel to eastern friends.

ANNUAL MEETING

Commercial Club's Activities
For Past Year—L. L. Turner
New President

The Commercial Club held its annual meeting in the city hall Wednesday evening at which time the officers for the ensuing year were elected. There was some talk of postponing the election for a week so that the curb stone critics who find fault with the club, but never attend, might be given a special invitation to be present. However, as there was an unusually good attendance it was decided to carry out the regular order of business.

All committees except Corn Show, Bridge and Right of Way committees were discharged by Pres. Cary, who extended them a vote of thanks for their work the past year.

The report of L. H. Hazard, treasurer, showed that the balance in the club funds, which was \$226.64 a year ago, had been increased to \$427.92 at the present time. In addition he held \$11.13 in cash and a \$100 Liberty Bond which had been donated for the construction of a Corn Show building.

The secretary's report showed receipts from membership dues as \$385 and subscriptions to the corn show \$965.00, a total of \$1,350.00.

The disbursements were as follows:
Collection of dues \$ 37.80
State Chamber of Commerce . . . 10.00
Printing 8.50
Telegraph and telephone 12.00
Jersey Breeders' Assn. 100.00
Post—4th of July parade .. 30.00
Floodage 5.65
Incidentals 48.00
1920 Corn Show 811.44

Total \$1,052.97
All business of the past year being finished, Pres. Cary called for nominations for president. L. L. Turner and J. E. Norton were both nominated but Mr. Norton's declination stood, while Mr. Turner's did not appeal to the club members and he was unanimously elected. In assuming the chair and gavel, the new president expressed his thanks for the honor thrust upon him and promised his best efforts in trying to bring about the fulfillment of Coquille's most urgent needs.

C. W. Endicott, as vice president; H. A. Young as secretary; and L. H. Hazard as treasurer, were unanimously chosen, the latter two to succeed themselves.

J. E. Norton was appointed, the fifth member of the executive committee, the four officers being the other members.

Several other matters were then taken up by the club, the first being in regard to the recommendation of the State Highway Commission that the legislature enact a law which would permit that body to construct roadways through incorporated cities and towns of less than 5,000 population. This is a matter in which Coquille is most vitally interested and the secretary was instructed to write our representatives and senator in the legislature urging them to support any bill that will carry out the recommendations made by the Highway Commission on this point and also which will ratify what the commission has done along the same line in the past. If such a bill becomes a law the Taylor street fill from Burkholder's in to the Sentinel office can be paved by the state.

Another legislative matter considered was the proposal to open the Coquille river to commercial crab fishing. There was considerable discussion of this matter, but the verdict of the majority was that Coquille should stand with Bandon in frowning upon any attempt to let the bars down, and the club went on record as in favor of protecting the crab from the commercial fisherman.

On motion the club went on record as condemning the present telephone service and requesting that the company give us better service immediately. L. J. Cary was authorized to write a set of resolutions to be submitted to the company. It is not the present equipment that fault was found with, but the inefficient service by the operators.

Talk of Trading

The fate of the Roosevelt highway measure is now said to depend on what its friends are willing to do in the way of road appropriations for Eastern Oregon. Just where the taxpayer is to get off does not yet appear.