

Coquille Valley Sentinel

THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

COQUILLE, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1921.

1921 THE YEAR

KILLED AN ELK

Sheriff Finds Evidence on Which He Takes the Game Presumably Used.

Wednesday morning Sheriff Killingson received a call from the Beaver Slough neighborhood from a party who wanted to know what he could do with meat found in the woods, that somebody had killed an elk. As there is no open season for elk in this state, the offense is a serious one, and the sheriff answered requesting the party not to touch the carcass, but to wait until he got there.

The elk was killed Tuesday back of the Perubaker place where the old Asen camp for cutting spruce was located.

At 2:30 Wednesday afternoon Sheriff Killingson and Deputy Sheriff Malahorn went down there and stood guard until 6:30 when they saw two men coming over the hill.

The officers, after seeing them, dressed the elk and brought its hide, head and horns back with them.

Meanwhile the sheriff had tried to get into touch with Game Warden McDaniels, but as he was out at Salem was unable to do so. He had, however, found three \$2.50 shells and two \$5.00 shells, which someone had evidently been shooting at the elk.

This morning, armed with a search warrant, the officers went down again and went to the houses of the suspected parties, at each of which they found one of the guns of the calibre indicated by the shells. These guns they brought back here with them, but owing to the evidently straightened circumstances of these owners, the sheriff made no arrests, desiring to leave the whole matter up to the game warden.

A gentleman by the name of Miller is reported to have seen the elk quite often feeding in his clover patch, being as close sometimes as 25 yards to the animal. When he first saw the tracks he thought his own had gotten out during the night, but saw nothing to get up a little earlier than usual and saw the elk feeding, after which he saw it on several different occasions.

Qualified as an Enter of Prunes

The following Salem dispatch printed in yesterday's Portland Journal, portrays Gov. Olcott in an entirely new role, and reminds us of some of the stunts we have seen at Fourth of July celebrations and corn shows here in Coquille:

Oregon's governor and Oregon's secretary of state and the president of Oregon's women stopped forth today to do honor to Oregon's prunes. The three officials engaged in a contest on the capitol grounds for the right to claim the greatest appetite and capacity in Oregon for prunes.

The governor, displaying marvelous technique and mastery skill that elicited applause from the enraptured spectators, got away to a fast start and was never headed. When time was called and the governor produced the greatest number of prunes seen, he was awarded a unanimous decision by the judges, and paraded in triumph before a motion picture camera while his defeated rivals enviously looked on. Both Secretary of State Koser and President of the Senate Ritner vehemently declared that they would appeal the decision, claiming that their prunes shaded Olcott's but that as they had swallowed many of their seeds the box score robbed them of the victory.

Ten Quit When Wages Were Cut

H. L. Kelley, of the Kelley & Asen Logging camp, who was down from Allegany yesterday, said that a notice of a wage reduction posted in their camp yesterday caused considerable objection. Ten of their men quit. The reduction averaged about fifty cents per day per man. The new wage scale there is practically the same as the one that Wm. Vaughan put into effect at his Tarbeck camp some time ago. Rigging men under the new scale receive \$5.50 per day.—Times.

Wilson Will Observe the Customs

President Wilson will follow the usual custom and ride to the capitol with President-elect Harding on inauguration day, and entertain him at a White House lunch afterwards. In going to the capitol President Wilson will sit on the right in the carriage, but on returning President Harding will occupy that post of honor.

Lyceum at School House

The next and last number of the Lyceum-White Lyceum series will be presented next Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, in the new high school auditorium, the theatre being under contract for a vaudeville show all next week.

Roseath Knapp Broad is to be the attraction for this number and she gives a very interesting program consisting of monologues, character sketches and short stories. She is more than a reader, being rather an interpreter of types. You will miss a treat if you fail to hear her.

Chances Good for Highway Bill

The chances of the passage of the amended Roosevelt Highway bill at Salem are thought to be good. It now provides that the \$2,500,000 state aid voted two or three years ago shall become available as soon as the coast counties appropriate a like amount for its construction. The provision that it shall again be submitted to the people in its new form will undoubtedly win many votes for it in the legislature.

Who Will It Be?

Some couple soon is going to get the honor of having the first marriage license recorded in a new volume at the county clerk's office here. Only one blank yet remains in the old volume that has been in use during the past two or three years.

NEW LAW WITH TEETH

If the house at Salem does the same as the senate the weak points in the Oregon Dairymen's Co-operative League contracts will be pretty well fortified. A Wednesday's press dispatch says:

"With only four votes opposed, the senate this morning placed its stamp of approval upon senate bill 284, which commits the state of Oregon, as a definitely stated policy, to the encouragement of co-operative marketing and sales both in the membership agreements of co-operative marketing associations which will withstand the undermining effects of the loss of the co-operative movement."

When James Jenkins, of Parkersburg, was up there the first of the week attending a committee meeting on this, Attorney Fiegle appeared in the interest of Nestles' condensation people to talk against it. He read a letter from a down or near Coquille Valley dairymen which criticized some actions of the League in its first paragraphs, and said the rest of the letter was of the same nature. The committee, however, insisted he should read the rest of it. By the time he had done that the tables were completely turned and the document proved to be a strong one in favor of the League.

W. R. C. Entertainment

Coquille W. R. C. No. 48, held an entertainment at the Liberty Theatre Saturday, Feb. 12th, in honor of the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. Many thanks are due to all who assisted in the interesting program; Hon. C. E. Barrow for his excellent talk on the lives of our most illustrious presidents; Miss Clinton for her recitation of Lincoln's "Gettysburg speech," little Alta Belle Elliott for the poem she so nicely recited and the male quartette whose musical selections were so appropriate and well rendered. Abbie M. Kelley, Press Correspondent.

Coquille Boy Very Ill in Army

Wednesday, Mrs. Nellie McAdams received a telegram stating that her son, Henry, who is in the regular army and stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois, was ill with pneumonia and not expected to live. Yesterday, however, another telegram came which stated that hopes were then entertained that he would recover. Henry was born and raised here but is only 18 years of age. He enlisted last June.

Grand Jury Meets Next Monday

The Grand jury will meet here next Monday when it will have the first murder case before it since the noted one from Bandon a couple of years ago. The grand jury is composed of the following members: F. E. Allen and F. A. Spencer, of Marshfield; J. A. Morrison, Bullards; C. G. Stadden, Sumner; J. A. Lamb, Geo. A. Robinson and F. M. Hufford, Coquille.

STATE HIGHWAYS A ROUGH HOUSE

Progress Made So Far in Favoring Them—A Look Ahead.

A study of the map of the state highway system in the report of the Highway Commission for 1919-20 just issued, shows that the building of paved highways in this state has hardly more than begun, though gravel surfaced roads in addition to the paved ones furnish a complete road from Portland to the California line and one from Astoria to beyond Pendleton across the state the other way. The completed paving, however, is pretty badly spotted with incomplete links except on the Columbia Highway from the Dalles to Astoria and down the coast as far as Seaside. All that can be said of the Pacific highway is that fair progress is being made. At the south end there is a solid stretch from the state line through Ashland and Medford to Grants Pass; while from Portland to Salem there only remains the few miles between Aurora and Canby yet to pave. Apparently not a quarter of the distance between Salem and Grants Pass has been finished, though the entire road is gravelled.

Only scattered pieces of paving have been finished between Salem and Albany and the stretch between Eugene and Junction City, over which we rode last month, probably furnishes the longest piece of straight-away paving in the state. Through Oakland and Sutherlin and extending beyond those places is another long piece of paving; but Coos county with a paved road from Marshfield to Coquille is not so far behind in this respect. Except for the road from Astoria to Seaside and a couple of short sections in Tillamook county our own road is the only completed portion of the Roosevelt highway.

Of course, encouraging progress is being made in road work in Oregon, but it looks now as if it might take from 15 to 25 years more to get a good road system as California, for instance, has now. And we could hardly venture a guess as to how many millions must be spent to complete our trunk line roads. But having begun, there is no slightest danger that the people of Oregon will weary in well doing so far as road building is concerned. The object lessons we already have all over western Oregon in hard surfaced roads are going to be a constant stimulant to further work. And along with the paved roads so far constructed has gone a vastly greater mileage of gravelled roads, affording improved travelling facilities to tens of thousands of our people.

It was only eight years ago this year that the Pacific Highway between Salem and Portland was an almost impassable sea of mud in the winter and deeply rutted in summer with dust sometimes a foot in depth. And in this we are not speaking from hearsay, because we used to trudge over it on foot between Aurora and Gervais, being a good deal more of a sprinter then than now.

Two Games Scheduled

Coquille gets a lot of basket ball this week, besides the game last Monday there being an inter-scholastic championship game both tonight at the high school gym and another tomorrow night. Marshfield will be the opponent of the local team tonight and Myrtle Point tomorrow evening. The high school girls from up river will meet the local high school girls' team in a preliminary tomorrow.

The game tonight starts at 8 o'clock, while tomorrow evening the hour for starting is 7:30. Admission is 35 cents each evening of 80 cents for the two games. The boys have been working hard lately and should give both their opponents a stiff game. At Bandon last Friday Coquille lost by a score of 25 to 16, losing the first half by a 17-6 score and winning the last half, 10 to 8. Harry Oerding, who was down there with the team, says it was a mighty good game and the boys played well.

Buckner Minstrels Please

The Buckner Minstrel troupe which appeared at the Liberty under the auspices of the American Legion last Monday night, gave an entertainment which is described by those who heard it as the best given in Coquille for years.

Mute Team Here Last Monday Night Beaten at Its Own Game, 31 to 15.

The basket ball game between the deaf and dumb team from Portland and the American Legion team was about as fast and furious a game as has ever been seen in Coquille. The visitors were very clever, they played good team work and until Coquille started to play the same kind of a game they were playing the score was close. Coquille won the first half by a twelve to ten score, the final tally being 31 points for the Legion to 15 for the mutes. George Oerding started the scoring in the first two minutes by throwing a beautiful basket, after a fine exhibition of team work. Harry Oerding followed with another. The mutes came back strong and by their good passing and the ability of their huskiest player to overrun anything in his path they soon had three baskets to their credit. George and Harry alternated in putting the ball into the basket for the rest of the half while the mutes were not at all slow in getting their two more.

While the intermission was on, Coquille evidently decided that they either had to adopt the same tactics the mutes had been using in the first half, or else quit, so they followed their opponents' lead and played for all they were worth. A part of the time it looked more like a football scrimmage than a basket ball game.

Very few fouls were called on either team. But as most of those who were on the lower floor and saw the lively games some of the visitors were playing describe it, "The mutes started something they couldn't finish." They were out-weighted when Coquille was compelled to play that kind of a game.

One of the stunts pulled off by the visitors occurred in the last half when the biggest and best player of the visitors got Harry Oerding with a strange hold and was slowly shutting off his wind. Harry gave him his elbow in the neck which caused the mute to release his hold with a grunt.

That it was not in Coquille alone that they started rough stuff, is the report from every town where they played. At Bandon they were compelled to cut it out by the referee.

As referee, Walter Oerding had a tough job. He allowed foul after foul by the visitors to go unpenalized in the first half and consequently they grew bolder. The manager of the mute team was requested to referee the game but he refused. He also told the local men that they had one player whom they could not hold down, that he started trouble everywhere.

Much unfavorable comment from those in the gallery, and sympathy for the team which was made up of life's unfortunates, was heard during the game and on the street next day; but when a team starts playing a rough game they should expect their opponents to play the same way, and are deserving of no sympathy if their opponents can play rougher than they do.

The Legion gave the visitors \$60 for their share. The receipts of the game were \$81.35, expenses \$16.35 and they had some telephone bills to pay out of the remaining \$5. Besides that, they took the mutes to the show Sunday night. In their tour of the county the Portland team received \$10 at North Bend, \$20 at Marshfield, \$48 at Bandon, \$52 at Myrtle Point, and \$67 at Coquille.

Not content with this amount they left the next morning without paying Chas. Baxter their board bill, saying the Legion would take care of it. When the landlord found that they had misled him he had the sheriff's office wire to Eugene to collect the amount due or hold them for officials from here. The outside team did the same thing at Bandon, leaving their board bill unpaid.

A \$30,000 Judgment

The decrees rendered last Tuesday in the Circuit court here in the case of Edwin Reed, administrator of the estate of Francis S. Furry, deceased, against Fred Hollister followed the preceding heretofore had in the same case in the Superior Court of San Diego county, California, in awarding the plaintiff Reed a verdict of \$30,583.33 against the defendant Hollister, with interest at 8 per cent since Jan. 19, 1917, and costs.

Was a Patriotic Address

The lecture by Capt. S. N. Dancy last Friday evening was not very well attended and it was felt that every citizen of Coquille should have heard. He is sent out in the interest of the American Legion and his talk reminded us strongly of the speeches we were used to during war times. But we have no doubt he told the facts when he stated that while Germany would not pay the indemnity the allied victors imposed on her, that she was spending right now millions for propaganda trying to stir up animosity and ill-feeling between the allies of the great war and between the United States and Japan. As a British subject he declared England would always stand by the United States and pointed out instances where she had repeatedly done so. That the only hope for permanent world peace lay in the alliance of the English-speaking nations was his conclusion.

The speaker was suffering from a hoarse throat and this with the defective acoustic properties of the theatre made his words difficult to catch at times but those who heard him were intensely interested throughout.

Next Tuesday will be a holiday again, it being the birthday of George Washington, our first president, who is honored as "the father of his country." He was born in 1732 and died Dec. 14, 1799, over 181 years ago.

NEW RIFLE CLUB HERE

The Coquille Rifle and Revolver Club was organized here last week by the election of Dr. F. G. Bush as president; Walter F. Oerding, vice president; H. R. Lukens, secretary; H. H. Oerding, treasurer; and Chas. Willey, executive officer. Twenty-seven members took part in the organization.

The purpose of the club is to federate with the National Rifle Association and receive the benefits of that organization. Its chief function is to encourage fair marksmanship. Through this national organization this club will receive from the government one Springfield rifle for each five members and 120 rounds of ammunition twice a year to be used in regular rifle meets under the rules of the association and under the supervision of the executive or range officer.

When a member has qualified as a marksman he is entitled to purchase a Springfield rifle and ammunition at army prices and to buy any kind of arm and ammunition at a substantial discount.

The club is now trying to secure a suitable range on which to hold their meets.

Stanley at Portland

Under "Random Observations About Town," we find one of our best known citizens interviewed as follows in Wednesday's Oregon Journal:

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stanley, of Coquille are guests at the Imperial. Mr. Stanley is city attorney of the county seat of Coos county, and has been a resident of Coquille 33 years. Coquille is located on the claim first taken up by E. Cunningham in the '50s. In 1864 Dr. S. L. Leneve purchased the claim from Mr. Cunningham. The following year Dr. Leneve sold the claim to Titus B. Willard. "Uncle Tite," as he was usually called, put up the first building on the site of the present city of Coquille. Till Vowell and H. H. Lase, of Empire City, built and ran the first store there. It was built in 1871. A post-office was established there shortly after the store opened, and Mr. Willard was appointed postmaster, with Till Vowell acting as deputy. James T. Moulton erected the first frame building in Coquille. The first hotel was the Robinson house, built in 1875. The townsite, containing five blocks, was laid off in 1875. The first church was built in 1877, and was used by all denominations. The first paper was issued September 9, 1882, by John Dean, and was called the Coquille Herald. The only way the town could be reached in those days was by trail over the mountains or by canoe or boat up the Coquille river. Today Coquille has a population of 1800 and is forging ahead rapidly.

Turnkey Evland reports a full house at his hostelry, nine people being in jail here now.

COQUILLE WINS

Four of Our Debaters to Go to Eugene for State Contest in May.

Coquille won the championship in debate for this district last Saturday night and is entitled to send a team of four members to the State University at Eugene on May 10, 11, 12 and 13, where twelve teams from other sections of the state will compete for the state championship. The question for debate at that time will be "Government Ownership of Railroads," and the prize is a U. of O. cup, which will finally become the property of the school winning it three times. Pendleton has won the cup twice in the past. The championship has come to Coos county just once, in 1912-13, when North Bend was the winner.

Coquille and Bandon were the only cities in the county to enter from this district this year, and Coquille won both here and at Bandon last Saturday, winning here by 11 points and at Bandon by 10.

Mr. Ostrander, of Bandon, was first place at the high school here, with Della Sherwood second, Lawrence Moon third, Mary Bennett fourth and two Bandon students fifth and sixth places. The judges here were C. A. Howard, of Marshfield; Prof. Barling, of North Bend, and Miss Genevieve Thompson, school supervisor.

At Bandon Errol Sloan won first place, Lorin Schroeder second, and Alice Barker was tied for fourth. The judges there were Rev. W. E. Cooper, Judge C. E. Wade, and R. E. Wagner, of Marshfield.

Sung to Tune "America"

Among the other features of a Longfellow program, in honor of the poet's birthday this week, at the meeting of the Federated Missionary Society with Mrs. W. V. Glazier yesterday, the following poem written by the late Judge E. D. Sperry of this city, was sung to the tune of "America" by those in attendance:

TO LONGFELLOW

O, thou dead poet-king,
We to thy memory bring
Tribute of praise;
Because that thou has brought
With beauty deeply fraught,
Great grandeur out of thought,
To live always.
Thy harp was strung to lays
That render all our days
More light and bright;
Thy fancies spun in song,
Deep, tender, true and strong,
Condemning what was wrong,
To teach the right.
Thy genius, Heaven-wrought,
Its native home has sought,
Its home above;
And so, dead poet-king,
We feebly touch the string,
And humbly of thee sing,
Our praise and love.

Some Snow Sunday

We had a real winter day here Sunday, snow falling all day, while there was a heavy rainfall at the Bay. The heavy, heavy flakes melted as they fell, but it got enough cooler during the night for a couple of inches to accumulate on the ground by Monday morning. Most of it disappeared that day, however, but it absorbed latent heat enough in them to keep the air pretty chilly. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were the first trio of fine days here this winter, so there has been no rain yet this week, though it is cloudy and cool here this morning.

Underweights Get Milk

Mrs. Ida Owen and Mrs. Susie Folsom this week finished the health work of measuring and weighing the pupils at the old building and today began the same work in the grades at the high school. This movement was inaugurated by Miss Elizabeth Campbell, county health nurse. Milk is furnished for those children who appear to be undernourished, and although they may have all they want and need at home, the drinking of milk between meals at school is certain to be beneficial.

It was quite a relief last Monday evening to find the three electric street lamps illuminating the walk from the Fairview road over to the school house and not be compelled to stumble along, stubbing one's toes at the steps in the walk.