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MEMBERS SPEAK

Many Well Known Dairymen Give Their Opinion of the Dairymen's League

The following communication from a large number of the leading dairymen of the Coquille Valley certainly merits the careful reading and earnest thought of every one interested in the dairy business—and that ought to include every reader and every resident of the valley. It is addressed to the Editor of the Sentinel:

"It appears to us that at this particular time, Mr. Glass of the Nestle's Food Co., is trying very hard to throw a lot of dust in the eyes of Coos county business men as well as in those of the dairymen."

"Mr. Glass knows full well that the time for this kind of work is short and he is trying to make the best of it by causing all the discussion possible against the League prior to the taking effect of the new Co-operative Law, also the decisions pending in court in reference to the violations of League contracts."

"The Oregon Dairymen's Co-operative League has no quarrel with the Nestle's Food Co. It is only fighting for its right to exist and to establish the co-operative manufacturing and marketing of its members' product."

"As dairymen and farmers of Coos county we feel that we have a right to organize ourselves into a collective body and dispose of our product to the best advantage."

"The laws of the United States recognize our rights in this respect and recently the state of Oregon, through its law-making body, has gone on record and established a definite policy to that end."

"The policy of the Nestle's Food Co. in other states is that they positively refuse to deal with organized dairymen and our experience with them in Coos and Curry counties is the same. They have publicly stated that they will not buy milk from the Oregon Dairymen's Co-operative League. They insist upon dealing with us as individuals, thereby placing us in a disadvantageous position. They have denied our League the right, given under the state law, to place a representative in their factory to watch or check weights and tests. They have done everything possible to persuade members of the League to violate their contracts and have induced some of the business men of the county to join them in their efforts."

"When an extreme price for milk would tempt our members, they have worked pressure of another kind and all because they do not want to see the dairymen of Coos county stand together."

"They have erected a costly plant in this county which they point to as a sacrifice unless the dairymen will leave the League. We have no desire to see this occur. On the other hand we (the farmers of this county), have a many times larger investment than they, which we feel we must protect, and in doing so we do not feel that we should deliver ourselves over entirely to one market. Especially not to a condensed milk market when that market is in the hands of the party to whom we deliver ourselves."

"During the past season a large number of dairymen in other states, where the Nestle's Co. are operating, have found their Condensers closed and their milk suddenly thrown upon other markets not prepared to receive it. Consequently the dairymen suffered heavy losses."

"We know what has happened in other parts of the United States where condensed milk interests have forced the price paid for milk far below the cost of production and dairymen have lost heavily."

"We know that Coos county is a dairy and cheese country without an equal, but this advantage will not count much for us unless we are in position to hold the highest market possible, which we mean to do."

"We would be glad indeed, to see the condition brought about which would allow us to profitably produce all the milk that the Bandon Condenser can take care of and at the same time maintain our cheese and butter factories so that we will be in touch with the best markets of the country at all times."

"To give up our own factories would put us out of these markets and leave us defenseless. To hold these markets we must unite and

thus maintain an organization. "The Nestle's Co. make the claim that their efficiency is due to the fact that they have only one selling organization. If that contributes to their success why will it not do the same for us? In this respect our League has been severely criticized; however, it has been faced by many problems that had had to be worked out. We are going to give it a chance and we are going to stick regardless of the dust that is being raised."

"At the present time we have a larger factory payroll in this county than the Condensary has and the League is spending more money with local merchants than is the Nestle's Food Co. Our homes are here, our A.L.L. is here. We want to improve our conditions, build up our county and state and we believe that the result will be more quickly brought about through the Co-operative Movement than through individual effort. It is working out in other places and we are going to try it out here."

Signed:

Theo L. Clinton	J. B. Luttrell
J. Finley Schroeder	S. W. Warner
Frank Elio	E. F. Schroeder
C. M. Stalling	E. N. McDonald
Adam Gerhardt	N. S. Phelps
C. W. Keltner	W. E. Fite
Peroy G. Schroeder	W. E. Bigelow
Herman Detlafem	T. G. Sumner
Martin Lassen	T. D. Hoekema
Casper Casner	Frank Harnish
A. Kellenberger	Boyd Bruner
L. F. Trigg	Amasa W. Higelow
M. M. Schmidt	E. M. Clayton
Fred Sell	E. J. Casabee
Ball Bros.	T. A. Hall
W. T. Warner	L. Lacey
R. Danielson	S. H. Clinton
W. A. Sloan	C. M. Bogardt
Jos. Nulf	Frank Burgess
Jas. T. Jenkins	P. A. Lux
Theo. Devereux	D. P. Jenkins

In addition to the dairymen whose names are attached above, also appears the name of F. C. True, merchant at Bandon and supporter of the Oregon Dairymen's League.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT

Although the O. A. C. Boys' Glee Club was performing at a disadvantage last Tuesday night at the Liberty Theatre in having the piano in the pit in front of them instead of at their backs, as they were accustomed to, they presented a very entertaining and captivating program of vocal and instrumental music. Their voices blended well, their technique and mastery of their parts was good, and when they boomed forth the O. A. C. college airs, it took one right to the campus where hundreds and thousands of undergraduates were rejoicing that they were alive.

Their saxophone, banjo, slipstick and piano number were most enjoyable and when they began the jazz section of their program the audience redoubled its applause and encores became more frequent. In fact they were called back for over twenty selections, in addition to the fourteen numbers on the printed program.

Stewart W. Tulley, of the class of '22, was the unique member of the club, in that the two solos he sang, "A Little Thought" and "The Tree Toads," were of his own composing.

Twenty young men besides the accompanist, compose the club and they were accompanied by Prof. W. F. Gaskins, of the School of Music at O. A. C.

About 350 people were in the audience, the receipts being \$199.50. Of this the visitors received about \$86 and the local high school \$43, the rest going for local expenses.

Smith Wants a Burro

J. L. Smith is looking for a burro for Miss Henrietta McLaughan, the Oregon Journal's hiking representative, who is coming to this county in May to make a trip down the coast to Gold Beach and then over the mountains to Grants Pass to get material for some stories for that paper. She is the woman who was last summer reported lost on the Olympic peninsula. She wants the burro to carry her supplies.

Meets Again Next Monday

The council convened Wednesday evening, but was short-handed and adjourned at once to make way for the Commercial Club, which meets on that evening regularly. The adjournment was until next Monday evening, March 28, when the pool room ordinance will come up for consideration.

THE ROAD DOWN THE RIVER

Commercial Club Discusses Question Where It Should Be Located—Bandon Trying to Leave Coquille Off Map.

An unusually large attendance was present at the regular meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening, at which the only matter discussed was the road between Coquille and Bandon. Many of the ranchers living along the present river side road for a mile or so west of town were present, and while they preferred that the road be left in its present location between here and Fat Elk, in order that a bulwark might be maintained between their farms and the river, they were all very reasonable and stated that they would enter no serious objections should the State Highway Commission decide to locate the road a quarter of a mile back from the river between the Coquille river bridge and the Hathaway place.

President Turner stated that he and J. E. Norton, A. N. Gould and L. P. Branstetter had gone over the proposed right of way, which the Russ interests were willing to donate to the county, that afternoon, coming back on the present road, and that in his opinion a road back from the river would cost less to maintain. He then called on J. E. Norton for a report.

The latter said that after going over the proposed right of way he was more certain than ever that it was the best place for the highway.

From the end of the approach of the new bridge it would furnish an air-line road to the foothills which would be shorter than the river bank road. More than that there is no question but that the Highway Commission will vote any attempt to locate a road in the building of which the state participates, on a river bank, subject to overflow. The cost of keeping such a road in repair would be enormous.

L. P. Branstetter stated he favored it for many reasons. It would be cheaper to maintain, it was three-eighths of a mile shorter, it would have a good clay foundation and the dike which has stood there for ten or twelve years shows no sign of washing during high water. He said he had been authorized to donate a right of way 60 feet wide for the mile and three quarters which such a road would run through the Russ property. At some points he realized that the right of way would have to be more than sixty feet wide, but he thought that could be satisfactorily arranged.

A. N. Gould made one point clear, quoting Judge Wade as authority, and that was that the Highway Commission acted entirely without regard to county desires or personal wishes on the part of abutting land owners in locating roads in every case where state money entered into their construction, and all that this section of the Coquille Valley could do was to secure a right of way and offer it to the Commission for consideration.

Tony Biasca, Cecil Elwood and J. P. Johnson, owners of land abutting the present river road, were, of course, desirous of having the road maintained where it is now, Mr. Elwood declaring that it would require enormous expense to maintain a dike and road through the swamp where the river overflows several times a year.

O. C. Sanford made the suggestion that the way such a road should be built was not by throwing up a dike by ditching the low land, but by running a tramway from the hill to the south and dumping enough of that hill into the swamp to make a dike of sufficient width to accommodate the sixteen foot roadway which would be built thereon. He made a motion that a committee of three be appointed to ascertain immediately what the cost of a right of way would be for three possible locations—one along the river bank, one 150 feet back from the river, and the other through the Russ land a quarter of a mile back. The only question of expense for the last project is whether Mr. Hathaway would be willing to donate a strip through his place on Fat Elk. Mr. Branstetter said the former had told him that if the road ran straight and sufficient piling was used to permit the overflow to run off he would ask nothing. Others thought that if the road ran diagonally across his place he would ask damages.

Mr. Johnson stated that the proposal of a road 150 feet back would not be considered by the farmers and that contingency need not be taken into account.

The chair appointed A. J. Sherwood, J. A. Lamb and J. E. Norton as this committee, and as the Highway Commission is expected down this way shortly they will attempt to go to ascertain what damages will be asked by the farmers for the rights of way considered.

Interspersed in the above discussion was a warm discussion of Bandon's attitude toward the location of the road between Myrtle Point and Bandon. At the meeting of the Community Club there Tuesday evening a resolution had been adopted urging the Highway Commission to locate the road from Myrtle Point to Fish-trap and over the hills from there to Lampa, leaving Coquille entirely off the map.

C. F. Pape, of that city, was present and while he admitted that such a resolution had been adopted, he declared that sixty per cent of those present at their meeting favored the river road and that Bandon desired to work in harmony with Coquille if Coquille would likewise work with Bandon.

This brought Mr. Sanford to his feet to inquire why, if such was Bandon's desire, they had adopted a course which could have no other effect than to make Coquille start a fight to protect its own interest, and which might endanger the whole road program for the Coquille valley.

To this Mr. Pape could give no satisfactory answer.

It was pointed out by Mr. Norton that the river road had been adopted by the Commission, on the recommendation of its engineers, and by the county court, after a consideration of that road, the North Bank road, and the Fish-trap-Lampa road, and the action of the Bandon club was like throwing a monkey wrench into the works.

H. W. Young made the point that as this river road had been adopted by the Commission and there was no evidence of an intention to change their minds on the part of the Commissioners, Coquille was getting what it asked for and that it would be unwise to assume for a moment that they intended to do anything different. He quoted Judge Wade as his authority for the statement that the county court was in full accord with the highway commission in favoring the road down the river on the south side. Indeed, the money appropriated for the Coquille-Bandon road in the county bond issue cannot be used for any other route.

After the meeting adjourned a number of citizens continued the discussion with Mr. Pape until midnight and while he did not convince them that Bandon's action was of a friendly attitude, he still maintained that a majority of Bandon's business men favored the river road.

The new committee also got to work at once getting the views of the property owners as to what damages they would ask if the road should be built on the river bank from the new bridge west.

Still in Seattle

At last accounts Sheriff Ellingsen was still doing business at Seattle, Washington, where he was a week ago. D. W. John, the alleged criminal, for whom he was then awaiting extradition papers, has been fighting extradition in the courts there since; but the sheriff is now expected home by Sunday.

Money Rolling In

We found the tax collection force at the Sheriff's office busy as bees this morning. Money is rolling in at a lively rate and the mail receipts will soon have to be laid aside for attention after April 5th, when the gong sounds and interest is added for those who come later.

The Oregon Motion Pictures League has decided that the Clara Hamon pictures shall not be exhibited in this state. The sooner that woman gets out of the public view the better for herself as well as everybody else.

Funeral Services Tuesday

The funeral of the late Mrs. C. W. Endicott was held at the Episcopal church Tuesday morning at 10:30, conducted by Rev. W. E. Couper. A private service for the family had been held at nine o'clock; but the church was not large enough to accommodate those who desired to pay their last respects to the departed at the public ceremony. A wealth of choice and cut flowers were mute evidence of the high esteem in which Mrs. Endicott was held. Besides the set, pieces and floral contributions which filled the space around the casket and the altar rail, the interior of the building had been beautifully adorned with flowers by loving friends.

The Episcopal burial service was rendered by Mr. Couper after which the audience dispersed, many of them following the hearse, on foot, to the Masonic cemetery. Autos could not travel the road on account of the condition of the highway at present.

The pall bearers were L. A. Lamb, L. H. Hazard, A. N. Gould, W. H. Lyons, C. J. Fuhrman and L. J. Cary.

Land and Livestock

In "Farm Business" J. L. Smith announces the formation of the "Coos-Curry Land and Livestock Selling Service," which will be entirely separate from the banks which employ him. He is to be the manager of the new organization, which will be an extension of his activities in behalf of the ranchers and stock growers of the two counties. Let him know what you have or what you want in these lines.

At last we are up against the proposition of getting a right of way for the Bandon road to the foothills at the Hathaway place, which has been so long unsettled.

TELEPHONE PROGRESS

Earl Gates, manager of the Coos and Curry Telephone company, announces that the construction contemplated for the year 1921 will be approximately \$35,000.00. This includes the building of a modern central office and warehouse at Coquille, and also a change of service from the magneto to harmonic type, central energy. That is, they will be able to ring different parties on a party line without disturbing the other party's bell.

The rebuilding of the toll line between Coquille and Myrtle Point will be completed.

It is also planned to rebuild various portions of farmer lines which radiate from Myrtle Point.

Extensive cable facilities will be added, and the necessary cables erected in Marshfield, North Bend, Myrtle Point, Bandon and Coquille.

Mr. Gates further states that in order to keep pace with the development of Southwestern Oregon it has been necessary to secure a supply of new capital, in ever-increasing amounts in order to develop the telephone business in this growing territory. The amounts have varied from \$30,000 to \$50,000 each year for the past few years.

Better Get Together

Coquille wants the road from Roseburg built down the valley to Bandon and on to the California line; so does Bandon. It looks as if they would secure the result they both desire a good deal quicker by working for the same route than by backing different ones. And after the state highway commission and the county court have both agreed on the route approved by the state engineers, to begin to pull for another looks very much like spilling the beans.

Go Down With the Rest

That the lower price of dairy products now is a part of the general fall in prices of all agricultural products should, of course, be understood by everybody as well as the fact that the falling prices of the past six months are not the fault of any organization but of the world wide deflation that has hit almost everybody.

Attention, League Members

A meeting, for League members only, will be held at the Coquille Club rooms at 10 a. m. Wednesday, March 30th, to discuss present unsatisfactory conditions. League representatives and representatives of other interests not welcome.—Committee.

SOON CELEBRATE

Coquille-Marshfield Road to Be Opened in Two Weeks If Rain Stops

April 15 is the tentative date set by Engineer Chandler of the state highway commission for throwing open the Coquille-Coos Bay highway to through traffic. The pouring of the concrete on the last connecting link will be completed before Saturday night, unless unusually bad weather prevails. The last poured will have to have about twenty days to set before it can be opened to traffic, says the Coos Bay Times.

There will remain some work by the Scandia Co. at the Coquille end but there is a fairly good plank road around it. There also will remain a short stretch of concrete in Bunker Hill at the end of the Coal Bank Inlet bridge. The Bunker Hill piece will be put in by the state just as soon as the engineers definitely complete plans for the new bridge. This will probably be within thirty days.

Mr. Chandler will have some work in putting the "shoulders" on the paying which will take a few weeks but this will not interfere.

There has been considerable talk of staging a big celebration at Coquille on the day of opening the road to through traffic. It is expected that every auto on Coos Bay will carry a load of passengers to Coquille and Myrtle Point to extend greetings.

Engineer Chandler has received no instructions as to new work after the completion of the Coos Bay-Coquille work. This is waiting on the statehighway commission to complete its plans.

It had been hoped that the equipment used on this would be immediately swung on the Coquille-Myrtle Point stretch and that completed also. A good share of this could be completed this summer if the work was authorized now.

To Be Self-Supporting

When the Presbyterians here decided to reopen their church last December after it had been closed two years, it was with the confident assurance that they would be liberally aided from the home mission funds of the national organization, as the local church had never been self-supporting. Indeed, two-thirds of the amount required to support a pastor had come from home mission funds. The arrangement was made, however, but until the end of the synodical year on April 1st, the neighboring pastors of the Coos Bay Presbytery would alternate in conducting services here without any charge beyond their traveling expenses. In this way the church here was enabled to accumulate a few hundred dollars; so that now even though it is considered highly improbable that any mission funds will be available during the year, there is a nest egg on hand.

For a time the only thing that appeared to be to close the church again; for the membership is neither numerous nor wealthy. But with a Sunday School of over 50 members it seemed a pity to do that, and so it was the old story of the farmer and the lark over again, and the members decided to make an effort to raise enough at home to secure a pastor—and at present they think they have reached the goal of self support that has always been recognized as desirable but at the same time seemed so unattainable. That they have raised four times as much as ever before for the work of the church demonstrates again the old adage that where there is a will there is a way.

One Day in Jail

A. J. Peavestoff was arrested here Tuesday and served one day's time in jail for failing to provide for his divorced wife and his children. The technical charge against him was contempt of court. He had not paid alimony since last November, and Judge Coke imposed a fine of \$250 for his failure to fulfill the order of the court. He quickly made out a mortgage on some property he owns to set himself right and was discharged from custody.

George Smith, of Powers, was arrested here Tuesday, charged with beating a board bill, and placed in jail. He only staid one day, however, an officer coming down to take him back there for a preliminary examination.