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THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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MAY BE APRIL 30

Mass Meeting Saturday Night to Arrange For the Highway Celebration

The Coos Bay-Coquille Valley Highway Celebration will be held in Coquille either on Saturday, April 30, or the first of the week following, depending on when the Scandia company finishes pouring concrete out in the Cunningham valley. This was decided at the meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening after the mass meeting the evening before had failed to take favorable action on the proposal to hold a celebration here.

In order to formulate plans for holding the biggest celebration Coquille has ever staged and to properly entertain a larger crowd than has ever before visited the county seat at one time a meeting of the club and every live wire booster in town is to be held tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 7:30 at the city hall. Whether you are a member of the Commercial Club or not, you are urgently requested to attend this meeting and get into the spirit of the affair and help put it over in good shape.

A finance committee consisting of A. J. Sherwood, J. E. Norton and L. J. Cary, was appointed Wednesday evening to raise funds for the event and they are to report tomorrow evening. That committee met yesterday afternoon and planned several things which they are going to recommend to the meeting; among them being the name used at the head of the article.

One of the features planned is an afternoon and evening dance, by which it is expected to raise several hundred dollars to be placed in the Coon Pavilion building fund.

Another is a parade in the morning, with prizes for the best cars in various classes. Coos Bay is invited to participate in this parade with all floats and cars she will send.

A program of music and speaking in the Myrtle Grove is also contemplated, and it has been suggested that Gov. Olcott and the State Highway Commission be invited to be present and address the crowds.

What other features will be presented we cannot say, but it is evident from the interest manifested that the lukewarm attitude which prevailed when the celebration was first talked of has been replaced by a keen appreciation of what this road means to Coquille, the Coquille valley and Coos county, and the splendid opportunity it affords Coquille to get better acquainted and in closer touch with our neighbors in other parts of the county.

Everyone attending should bring a lunch for the hotel and restaurant accommodations are not sufficient to handle a crowd of 5,000 visitors.

Baker Does Not Apply

The Board of Education of the City district met last night, but took no action towards electing teachers, further than to adjourn until tomorrow, Saturday, evening, when the matter of teachers will be taken up and all the positions filled, so far as possible. Superintendent Baker informed the Board some time since that he would not be a candidate for re-election at this time; so it is expected that his successor will be selected at the coming meeting, which has to be held at once as A. T. Morrison is to start out Monday for a trip to Eugene and other Willamette Valley points, and will not be back again before May first.

Will Put Up Another Building

C. A. Machon last Monday purchased from L. H. Hazard the 25 foot front lot just east of his brick building and theatre. It is his intention to erect there another building, either brick or concrete, in order to enlarge his hotel on the second floor. It will also provide another business room for rent.

Mr. and Mrs. Machon had intended to take a trip to Europe this summer and had secured their passports, but have about given up that idea, and will put up this building instead.

The many friends of Superintendent Baker and his estimable wife will regret to learn that he expects to find work in some other field and is planning to leave Coquille.

"Humoresque"—a tale of joy and tears for feeling hearts. Liberty Theatre, Apr. 11 and 12.

Rained \$400 in Two Hours

Just as we go to press the Commercial Club finance committee reports that they were out less than two hours before noon and had received subscriptions amounting to \$400. They further stated that there is much enthusiasm all along the line and there is no doubt about the financial end of the celebration. Up to this time \$25 is the smallest subscription offered.

Many new, novel and entertaining features have been advanced by the various subscribers. Everybody says "let's have a 'humdinger'."

Berry Specialist Coming

Prof. W. S. Brown, of O. A. C., will be in Coos County April 15th to 18th to hold meetings with Berry growers at Myrtle Point, Haynes Inlet and Bandon.

There will be a meeting at Myrtle Point, Friday evening at 8 o'clock, April 15th and at the Kentucky Inlet school at 1 P. M. April 16th. Prof. Brown will discuss the growing of loganberries, strawberries and red raspberries, diseases and pests, fertilizers and soils adapted to their culture.

CATES QUILTS THE NEWS

It was evident enough after taking a look at yesterday's Marshfield Daily News that Cates had quit as editor; but there was nothing in that sheet to tell why or wherefore. So we turned to the Times where we find the following:

Law A. Cates, for the last four months editor and manager of the Daily News, announced today that he had resigned his position and had retired from any connection whatsoever with the publication.

Mr. Cates said that his retirement was due to inability to conform to a policy outlined by some of the directors.

Owing to the straitened finances, it is said some of them among other things wanted to retrace by issuing a four-page paper. This, it is said, Mr. Cates refused to do.

Mr. Cates and Rev. J. T. Anderson are understood to have had a rather heated discussion of the policy.

Mr. Cates states that he expects to remain in Marshfield, but has not determined in what he will engage.

Reports were circulated that Elbert Bede of the Cottage Grove Weekly Sentinel was to come here about May 1 to take over the News. He was here recently conferring with Tom Bennett and others about it.

However, it is stated, that Mr. Bede announced in the Cottage Grove Sentinel last week that a report that he was going to leave Cottage Grove was not true.

Rev. Anderson is understood to have taken charge of the News today in place of Mr. Cates.

Cars Every Two Hours

The reader will find a change in the advertisement of the Coast Auto Lines this week, which the travelling public will certainly appreciate. The stages will start from Coquille and Marshfield at exactly the same hours: 7 a. m., 9 a. m., 11 a. m., 1 p. m., 3 p. m. and 5 p. m., the fare being ninety cents. This makes six trips each way every day; and Mr. Bryant informs us that they expect soon to put on a seventh, leaving each end of the line at 7:00 p. m. The Marshfield end of the line will be open for traffic Sunday and the Coquille end before the close of the month.

More Moonshine at Powers

District Attorney Ben S. Fisher yesterday received word that Constable Jim Brown of Powers, has seized 150 gallons of mash in a raid on the Jas. Cox home at Powers.

Cox had fled prior to the raid. Mrs. Cox denied having any knowledge of the mash being intended for liquor and says she does not know the whereabouts of her husband. However, Constable Brown and Justice Zimmerman held her under bail pending developments.

No still or equipment was found. Mr. Fisher said the officers at Powers stated the mash was not ready to run off yet.—Coos Bay Times.

Early Sunday morning the ground here was whitened by quite a fall of snow, and later in the day there were showers of rain and sleet alternating with sunshine. So we found that the old rule didn't work both ways and that a pleasant Easter was not necessarily followed by seven or any other number of rainless Sundays.

MORE SHOWERS STILL GOES OVER

Minnie Kalbus, Home Demonstration Agent is Honored This Week

Last Monday evening a shower fell at the editor's home, which did not touch another residence in the city. We had just been expressing the hope that there would be no more rain that day when the bell rang and in marched the members of the G. in G. club, better known as the hiking club, which had gathered at a neighbor's and dropped in to surprise Miss Minnie Kalbus by a miscellaneous shower in anticipation of her marriage to Leonard J. Locker, postmaster at Burns, Ore., which is to take place early in June at the home of the bride at Chehalis, Wash.

The surprise was complete, but in a little while became more complete when one of the members of the club who is known all over the county came in wearing a gray uniform and cap and looking the part of postmaster, which she played to perfection. She brought one batch of bundles after another, for which she asked Miss Kalbus to receipt in proper form, in a severely official manner. The articles received were many and varied, some of them singularly enough being addressed in care of the postmaster at Burns, Ore.

The funniest part of the shower, though, was the opening of a package of lingerie never intended for the guest of honor but opened by mistake. This caused some one to inquire if the groom to be was sending his laundry here.

The whole affair was a most hilarious one, what some would call a screw, and all present enjoyed themselves to the limit, the evening ending with the serving of light refreshments. The esteem in which Miss Kalbus is held by her girl friends of the Hiking club was certainly demonstrated by the gifts and good wishes so generously showered upon her on this occasion.

Shower Again Tuesday

Miss Minnie Kalbus, whose marriage to L. J. Locker, of Burns, Ore., will occur in June, and who intends leaving the first of the week for her home in Chehalis, Wash., was honored last Tuesday with a one o'clock three-course luncheon at the J. A. Lamb residence, the hostesses being Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. H. N. Butler, Mrs. L. P. Branstetter and Mrs. H. A. Young.

The table decorations of apple blossoms and pink candles, were in bright contrast to the decorations of the living rooms which were of huckleberry and other greens. The place cards were unique and beautiful corsage bouquets.

Those who sat down to the dinner were Miss Kalbus, Mesdames E. E. Johnson, J. E. Paulson, H. N. Loren, Jessie B. Crans, H. W. Young, O. H. Knowlton, J. L. Smith, C. J. Fuhrman, W. V. Glaisyer, L. H. Hazard, Miss Marian Young and the four hostesses.

A small testimonial of the esteem in which Miss Kalbus is held by her friends also was presented with a gift of silverware and the regret was unanimous that she is leaving Coquille.

The "Red Front" Sold

Another deal in Front street realty was closed yesterday by Robt. H. Creager, when Chas. Willey & Son bought of Allen McLeod, the two-story 50 feet Red Front building now occupied by the Coquille Cafe and Sam Abell's shooting gallery. Messrs. Willey & Son intend using the room now occupied as a shooting gallery, for the plumbing business; while Mr. Creager will have his real estate office in the front of the room. They also intend to modernize the apartment upstairs and will put in a bath room and other conveniences. The consideration was \$4,000.

Want to Discharge Teacher

Thursday afternoon the board of directors of the Larson Inlet school district held a hearing to determine whether the teacher, Nellie McAdams shall be retained or discharged. The complaints were numerous, it was said. There was said to be but three children attending school of late, out of about 15 who should be.

"Humoresque"—the melody of a mother's heart—a wordless poem of love and tears and laughter. Liberty Theatre, April 11 and 12.

Pool Hall Question Not Yet Decided—Not Enough Councilmen Monday

But four of the six councilmen were in attendance at the regular session of the city fathers last Monday night, so the pool hall ordinance and the auto license ordinance were not taken up because both have the emergency clause attached and it requires the presence of at least five councilmen to pass any ordinance with such a clause to put it into effect immediately. When the body adjourned it was until next Monday night, the 11th inst., when an effort will be made to have enough members present to act on these ordinances.

Very little business was transacted, but the council did decide to seize the bituminous rock which Moon & Co. left on the scaffold east of the Liberty Theatre when First street was improved. The company had been notified time after time to remove it and had not done so. Some of it was used to fill up those bad holes in the paving on Second street in front of this office.

The offer of Wm. Oddy to rent the mayor's office in the city hall for \$5 a month was, on motion, "placed on file indefinitely."

The pile of junk which Jim Davis left in the street opposite the Tuttle House has been a frequent subject of discussion by the council and Mr. McLeod says his patience is about exhausted, he having bought the land on which a lot of the iron was dumped. It could be sold for enough to move it but as the ownership rests in "Nigger Jim," no one has disturbed it. But it is due to suffer the same fate as Moon & Co.'s asphalt and be removed.

Grover McQuigg asked the council to order the improvement for 400 feet of that street in the north end, running north from C. E. Mulkey's corner—the former Keely place. He was told to bring in a petition signed by the property owners and the council would take some action and he agreed to do it. The meeting then adjourned.

Still Another Version

Whereas there seems to be a difference of opinion as to the noisy minority prevailing at the League members' meeting last week in Coquille, and whereas, we were there in person and know it to be a fact that the resolution so published was the true resolution entered and adopted and that the only opposition which it met came from the noisy minority, which were present last week, and who were four of those voting against the adoption of the report out of the six who voted against it.

Signed J. D. Carl, C. E. Schroeder, R. M. Bunn, Thos. H. Hanly, J. H. Nulf, P. A. Lux, Theo L. Clinton, D. F. Thompson.

Roy Agee To Be Deputy

R. W. Caughron, Deputy County Clerk, has resigned his position to take effect May 1, when he plans to remove to Colorado Spring, Colorado. Miss Bunch has secured the services of Roy C. Agee, of Roseburg, as his successor. Mr. Agee is a brother of the well-known paper salesman, Z. N. Agee, and has had four years' experience in the Douglas county clerk's office under Mr. Lennox. As Mr. Agee has a family we suppose he will soon join the house hunting brigade in Coquille.

Cietrac Makes Good

With a "Cietrac" and a couple of teams also on the job, Gregg & Walker made very quick work in grading the 10,000 square feet across the street from this office, where they are going to build a garage for the Coquille Service Station. At the north end of the lots there was quite a surplus of earth to haul away.

We Must Slick Up

If we are to have a celebration in three weeks, it would be well for the mayor to declare a half holiday some afternoon next week and every one turn out and clean up the Myrtle Grove where the program will probably be given. It would be an improvement if all the rubbish, trash, etc., in town were removed before that date. Let's dress up!

The Federal Farm Loan board at Salt Lake promises to resume making loans on farms about May first.

Farm Loans Six Per Cent Now

R. H. Mast, secretary-treasurer of the National Farm Loan Association here has just received a letter from the federal reserve headquarters at Spokane informing him that the new rate of interest on Farm Loans will be 6 per cent, and that they will run for thirty years. The making of loans is to be resumed after May 1, but the amount of money available for the purpose will depend upon how fast the Farm Loan bonds sell. One request for a \$5,800 loan is still pending here, left over from the old applications, and Mr. Mast says a larger number of farmers have expressed a desire to secure loans now; but he has not yet been supplied with application blanks.

"Humoresque"—a story that thrums the heartstrings—a poem of life perfect as a star. Liberty Theatre April 11 and 12.

A picture that brings a lump to the throat and a smile to the lips. "Humoresque" April 11 and 12.

POULTRY MEETING

County Agent Farr informs us that there will be another Farm Bureau gathering at the Heard and Holland Poultry demonstration farm on April 12th at which time they will have Prof. H. E. Crosby again with them. He will discuss the methods of small chick feeding from the day old chick to broiler time. Leg weakness, toe picks, white scours, low vitality will receive due mention.

Those who heard Prof. Crosby at the last demonstration farm meeting in January will be anxious to hear a man of his wide experience discuss these interesting and timely topics of incubation, brooding and feeding of the baby chick.

Bring your family and the lunch basket, says Mr. Farr, come as early as you can, stay as long as you will.

They had hoped to have Mr. Upson with them at this meeting to discuss the work of the Pacific Poultry Producers Association. He has just written his regrets of previous dates; but will be here next time. We will endeavor to introduce Mr. Sunshine and Miss Goodweather.

The boat will leave Coquille at 9:15 A. M., returning it will leave the farm at 1:20 or 3:20 P. M.

Freight By Parcels Post

Z. N. Agee, of Eugene, a man who sells paper all over Southwestern Oregon, tells us how the newspaper publishers at Klamath Falls are beating the high cost of freight at Uncle Sam's expense. There is no secret about the matter; any merchant can do it anywhere under similar conditions.

Klamath Falls, as many people know, is only accessible by railroad from Oregon by going about 150 miles down into California on the main line of the Southern Pacific—the Shasta route as it is called—and coming back into Oregon on the Klamath Falls branch from Weed. So it happens that freight from Portland has to travel some 500 or 600 miles to reach Klamath Falls. Uncle Sam measures only by straight lines in establishing his zone distances by parcel post, and by circles in marking off the zones.

So it happens the parcel post rate from Portland to Klamath Falls is based on a distance of less than 200 miles in an air line, though the actual distance a parcel post package travels to reach Klamath Falls is double the air line distance.

Thus it occurs that the parcels post rate on news in 70 pound packages in 25 cents less a hundred from Portland to Klamath Falls than the regular freight tariff on news. The two dailies at Klamath Falls buy their paper in 5,000 lb lots so as to get a lower price. And then it has to be put up in 70-lb packages and shipped by parcel post. One of these newspaper offices is located six or eight blocks from the postoffice, and has the grace to send a truck to get its freight, though the law gives it the right of free delivery in the city limits, and we suppose on rural routes as well.

The other office is only two blocks from the postoffice and like Shylock insists on its "pound of flesh," so that the city carrier has to spend a day and a half in trundling its 5,000 pounds of paper over to the office in a hand cart. Whether it "sets up the cigars" when the job is done we are not informed.

CO. COURT AGAIN

Proceedings of the April Session—New Road Work

The County Court met Wednesday for the regular April session.

The bond of A. B. Gidley for \$38,280 on his contract for the construction of the river bridge here was filed and accepted with the following sureties: J. E. Ford, J. T. Harrigan, J. S. Lyons, John J. Bateman, W. N. Ekblad, George E. Dix, all of Marshfield; and J. E. Norton, E. E. Johnson, J. W. Miller, C. J. Fuhrman, all of Coquille.

The North Bend-Glasgow ferry was officially christened as "The Roosevelt Ferry."

The court ceded jurisdiction to the City of Coquille over the streets and roads on Sherwood Heights, in the corporate limits of the city.

Martin Lassen, of Norway, was granted \$245, for seven head of cattle slaughtered by order of the county herd inspector, \$122.50, one-half the amount allowed, to be paid by Coos county.

The bid of G. A. Perkins & Son for re-grading on the Glasgow-Hausser road was accepted at 80 cents per cubic yard, with 5,740 cubic yards of overhaul.

The mother's pension of Susan Brown was reduced from \$20 to \$17.50 per month, one of three children having reached the age of 16 years.

The plat of Summerhome was vacated on petition of F. E. Conway, the sole owner. The plat includes Ten Mile Lake of 24 1-2 acres.

Martin Russell was appointed patrolman of Road District 7 for 1921.

The roadmaster was instructed to advertise for bids for the re-clearing of the Bandon-Coquille road from the Beach place to its intersection with the Prosper road. Also for clearing, slashing and burning on the North Bank road between Clausen's barn and the Pitt marsh.

The bond of Anderson, Elskars company for piling for the north and south approaches for the Roosevelt ferry in the sum of \$2,000 was approved.

The \$20 a month indigent relief heretofore ordered paid Elsie I. Curtis was discontinued, she being no longer in need of it.

The application of the city of North Bend to redeem from the county 16 lots in that city taken on tax sale was granted.

The deeds tendered by C. F. Blumentrother, W. F. Pomeroy and the New Lake Dairying Company for right of way for the New Lake Highway were accepted. The court also allowed \$100 for surveying that highway.

A bunch of warrants for sums ranging from \$10 to \$30 was ordered cancelled, being duplicates or erroneously issued or for widows and indigents who have left the county.

Wheat Below a Dollar

Wheat prices in Eastern Oregon and Washington have gone below a dollar a bushel during the past week for the first time in years. Indeed, it sold as low as 88 cents a bushel at The Dalles day before yesterday. Bread and flour ought certainly to be cheaper. The fact that our country raises scores of millions of bushels of wheat more than it consumes certainly shows that the imposition of a tariff on foreign wheat cannot possibly help the farmers. Nothing short of a drastic curtailment of production can be expected to boost prices in the United States.

Settles With Hardware Man

The case of Lamb & Von Pegert vs. C. A. Machon, for material furnished and work done on the Liberty theatre building was tried Tuesday in the Circuit Court. The plaintiffs' application for a lien on the theatre was denied, because the items used for included some articles not furnished for the building, though there was no question but that the defendant was in Lamb & Von Pegert's debt as claimed. Rather than litigate any further, the parties made an amicable settlement of the matters in dispute.

Stick or Be Stuck

Paraphrasing the famous remark of one of the signers of the declaration of Independence, we are impelled to remark that if the dairymen do not stick together now, it looks as if they would be stuck separately.