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THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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ROAD DAY EVENTS

Some Items About Tomorrow's Highway Celebration In This City

Chairman Hazard, of the float committee, says there are about 50 float entries so far reported, although the number may run a little over or under that figure. At least five or six and from that up to fifteen are promised from each of the four other cities in the county. It will be some parade.

It is probable that the parade will not be started before 1:30 tomorrow afternoon in order to give the Marshfield people a chance to get over with their floats. Closing time there has been set for 12 o'clock and they can't get their dinners and be here by one. However, this will not be settled until the meeting tonight.

The band concert program for tomorrow evening from 7 to 8 o'clock is as follows:

March—"Boys of the old Brigade"
Chambers
Overture—"Burgomaster," Musical
Comedy—"Mackie"
Concert Waltz—"Jolly Fellows"
Volledett
Selection—"Chimes of Normandy"
Laurendeau
Medley—"Southern Plantation
Songs"
Contorno
March—"Stars and Stripes Forever"
Souza

For those who did not entirely locate the line of march of the parade published in yesterday's Sentinel we will say that it will start at the City Hall, move east to Dr. Richardson's Hospital corner, thence south to the T. B. Currie corner, east to Dr. G. E. Low's corner, north to the old Leach corner, west to the C. A. Gage corner; thence north along the east side of the school house for one block, west to the northwest corner of the court house, thence one block south and again west to the place of beginning.

The Street Decoration committee got busy yesterday hanging the flags and setting up the 200 small fir trees which line the turbs in the business section. The Power Co. has also got additional strings of lights thrown across the streets, several to a block.

The Park Decoration committee got busy on the speakers' stand and other decorations in the park this afternoon.

J. E. Norton received a letter yesterday from the Bandon float committee advising him that the seaport city was preparing a five ton float, which they would bring up on a scow, arriving here between 10 and 11 Saturday morning. They requested that heavy plank and two or three men be down at the wharf to assist them in getting it off the boat.

Five musicians from the Bay were over here for practice last night, although four of those expected tomorrow failed to show up. John E. Ross, who has charge of this feature, put the entire band through a good stiff practice up in Goulds' Hall last night. It listened pretty fine on the street and Coquille will know there is a band in town tomorrow.

The May Pole winding tomorrow afternoon is to be held at the same time as the scrub bull elimination contest so that those who shudder at the thought of viewing a contest of strength will have something to occupy their time. The girls have put in considerable time practicing and have a very pretty drill to present.

The locked box water fight, which is to be held on the lots a block west of the Sentinel office is attracting considerable attention. Coquille and Marshfield teams will contest for the \$50 locked in the box. A smaller prize for two single entries will be offered for a second contest.

Coquille's municipal float is a dandy and represents a lot of hard work by A. N. Gould and A. A. Selander. This is the first year which the object it is to represent seemed possible of attainment. The honor of suggesting the idea belongs to O. C. Sanford.

Mayor Hamilton had three carpenters at work in the Myrtle Grove yesterday building a stand and providing seats for several hundred people.

Gov. Olcott Has Come

We unlock the forms to state that a telephone message from Marshfield brings the news that Gov. Olcott has just got off the train there.

In a letter received by the editor by last night's mail from Governor Olcott, he says:

My dear Mr. Young: Your telegram of yesterday just at hand. The situation is this:

I have been subpoenaed as a witness in the Circuit Court of Multnomah County in the LeeRoy E. Keeley \$165,000 libel suit against the Portland Journal. As you no doubt know, the case is now on in Portland. I had hoped to discharge my obligations as a witness in this case ere this, but am subject to call at any time. I am today taking it up with the attorneys in this case urging if possible that I be called not later than tomorrow (Thursday). If this is possible and I can appear tomorrow it will leave me free to come to Coquille and which I will do. I have just had a talk with Mr. Herbert Nunn, State Highway Engineer, who advised me that the Highway Commission will leave Eugene Friday morning. I will use every endeavor to be with them.

Thanking you for your friendly offices in this matter, I remain, Sincerely yours, Ben W. Olcott, Governor.

AFTER PERSONAL TAXES

All but two of the deputy assessors have filed their reports, Mr. Beyers says, and they will be in next week.

D. L. Smith, of Coos River, was sick and unable to get through his territory on time; while C. B. Zeck, of Bandon, was delayed by having to attend the Mining Congress at Portland.

The office is busy preparing the personal property statements of those who have to pay in advance on account of having no real estate to secure their taxes. These statements will be sent out and only ten days are given for payment before these accounts are turned over to the sheriff for collection.

Last year \$18,000 in taxes of this kind were collected, and still some got away—\$1,000 of property in one case being removed from the county as soon as notice that taxes were due on it was received by the owner.

To obviate slips of this kind a number of the county assessors secured an amendment to the law at the recent session of the legislature, knocking out the ten days of grace, and providing that these unsecured taxes be certified to the sheriff immediately upon notification.

There are \$50 such taxpayers in the county this year, and Mr. Beyers thinks that the amount of taxes on their personal property that will be due next month will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Wants \$550 Here

For the Salvation Army drive here next week, the local chairman, J. S. Barton, has arranged the local workers into groups under the leadership of Roy Wernich, T. B. Currie, Alf Johnson, N. N. Neiman, Harry Oerding, A. J. Sherwood, Clyde Gage and Charles Schroeder, who with their committees will see to the solicitation of funds in Coquille and vicinity. It is the earnest desire of the committee in charge of the work that every one may have an equal opportunity to contribute to the fund, and an attempt will be made by the members of the committee to see every one in the district. As the amount asked for is about half of that obtained last year, no difficulty is anticipated in obtaining the amount of our quota within a few days. This year Coquille and vicinity has been asked to subscribe \$550.00, and the committee will start an active campaign on the first day of May, although contributions to the fund will be thankfully received by any of the committee members prior to that time.

Don't Fail To Be There

The dedication of the new \$70,000 high school building here at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon should be an event of great interest here in Coquille, but unfortunately is inevitably overshadowed by the Highway Celebration the day before. We hope, though, that people will be sufficiently rested from the strenuous life scheduled for tomorrow to turn out and fill the High School Auditorium Sunday afternoon.

Call on us for Stationery.

Highway Celebration

PROGRAM

9:00 a. m.—Receiving of Highway Commission and distinguished visitors.
10:00 a. m.—Band Concert by Coos County Concert Band.
10:30 a. m.—Exercises in the Myrtle Grove
—Music
—Address by Chas. Hall.
—Music
—Address by Jno. B. Yeon.
—Music
—Address by Hon. R. A. Booth.
12:00 m.—Dinner
1:00 p. m.—Parade in the following order:
Band, State Highway Commission, County Court, Old Timers, Mayors and Councilmen of Marshfield, North Bend, Bandon, Myrtle Point, Eastside, Empire and Coquille, Municipal Floats, Community Floats, School Floats, Fraternal Societies, Clubs, etc., Business Floats, Unique Features, Decorated Cars, Burlesque.
2:30 p. m.—Sports
May Pole Winding
Scrub Bull Elimination Contest.
Water Fight \$50
Lock Box Water Contest \$10
Tug of War—Coos Bay vs. Coquille Valley, 10 men on a side \$20 Prize
100 Yard Free for All Race \$15.
High School Athletic Contests, Pole Vault, High Jump, Hurdlie Race, Broad Jump, 100 Yard Dash.
7:30 p. m.—Band Concert on street at intersection of Taylor and First.
Dancing—All day and Night, open air platform and two halls.

THE DEDICATION COOS' PIONEERS

Program For the New High School Building Sunday Afternoon

The following is the program prepared for the Dedicatory Exercises at the new City High school at 2 p. m. Sunday afternoon:

"The Wanderer's Greetings," High School Glee Club.
Invocation, Rev. A. B. Pendleton.
May Pole Drill, Grammar Grade Pupils.

Introductory Remarks, A. T. Morrison, chairman of School Board.

Soprano Solos, (a) "Little Boy, Goodnight," (b) "May-time," (Salter), Mrs. Gertrude Lorenz.
Dedication address, Prof. John C. Almack, of Eugene.
Soprano Solo, "Lovely Springtime," (M. Moszkowski); Mrs. Harriett Sweet Mace.

Address, Supt. C. A. Howard, of Marshfield.

"Waltz Song, The Daisies," (Durand-Richards), High School Glee Club.

"The First May Baskets," Fifth and Sixth Grade Pupils:

"Spring".....Alice Collier
"Bunny".....Alta Belle Elwood
"Squirrel".....Marvin Hawkins
"Robin".....Marlin Brandon
"Bear".....Glenda Johnson
"Fox".....Clarence Barton

Village Children: Linda Wright, Bernice Foley, Edward Johnson, Carlton Smith.

Fairies, Nymphs and Dryads: Frances Noller, Phyllis McCurdy, Eleanor Folsom, Leah Huther, Gladys Jones, Hazel Orr, Elizabeth Lane, Clare Myers, Evelyn Wheat, Faith Van Lydegraf, Dorothy Page, Gladys Waits.

Boxing Contests Tomorrow

The four boxing contests, 24 rounds of fighting, will be held in the Liberty Theatre tomorrow afternoon between four and six o'clock. For information to the participants see advertisement on third page. The main event will be a humdinger according to fans who have seen the men perform and as they are evenly matched neither one can let up a moment. In fact the whole program is arranged for a solid two hours of fast boxing and the spectators can be assured of getting their money's worth.

Have You Sporting Blood?

J. L. Smith says that everybody with any Irish blood or sporting blood—which means about the same thing—is crazy about the Scrub Bull Elimination Contest here tomorrow.

Three bulls have already been secured for this event and there is no doubt that the fourth will be procured. That will mean at least three rounds between different sets of contestants.

He also says there will be plenty of amateur rough riders, or modern cowboys, with red shirts and spurs, to keep the animals corralled in the allotted space. This unique feature of the sports tomorrow is going to make a great hit.

That Scrub Bull Affair

While the scrub bull elimination contest down in Kistner's field tomorrow will furnish a lot of sport for the thousands who will witness the scraps there is a deeper significance in it than the mere fighting.

It is symbolic of the efforts being constantly made to eliminate the scrub from all dairy herds in Coos county; and the awarding of a pure bred as a prize and well indicates how the scrub bull is being replaced.

J. L. Smith has got enough scrubs lined up to insure that this feature will be a success, and the prize is assured, but no one who wants to enter his bull in the contest is barred. The more the merrier.

All Are Coming

The advance guard of the State Highway Commission arrived at Marshfield just after noon yesterday on the mail train from Eugene. It was composed of Commissioners John B. Yeon and W. B. Barrett. Chairman R. A. Booth, State Engineer Herbert Nunn, and Secretary Klein, of the commission, are expected to come in by this afternoon's train.

ROAD BOND PETITION

The proposed petitions for issuing \$300,000 in bonds for completing the highway through Coos county were placed in the hands of the circulators and are now being signed. The petitions read as follows:

Petition for bond issue to enable Coos county to accept offer of \$800,000 project of state highway commission for completion of road from Pacific highway in Douglas county to Coast highway in Curry county. To the Honorable County Court of Coos County:

We, the undersigned registered voters of the county of Coos, respectfully petition that you call a special election for the purpose of submitting to the voters of this county the question of issuing bonds to provide for the construction of permanent roads in the county of Coos along the following route: Beginning at a point on the boundary line between Douglas and Coos counties, said point being at a post marked "Coos County-Douglas County," on the state highway survey, and on a line between section 13, in township 30, S. range 10, West Willamette meridian, and section 13, in township 30, S. range 9, west Willamette meridian, thence along the state highway survey to the town of Myrtle Point, thence via the towns of Myrtle Point, Coquille and Bandon on such route as may be designated by the state highway commission to a point on the boundary line between Coos and Curry counties, said point being 820 feet west of the corner of sections 23-24-25-26, in township 30, S. range 15, west Willamette meridian, to the amount of \$300,000, said bonds to run between two and seven years from the date of issuance, to mature as follows: \$50,000 in 2 years; \$50,000 in 3 years; \$50,000 in 4 years; \$50,000 in 5 years; \$50,000 in 6 years; \$50,000 in 7 years.

Said bonds to bear interest at the rate of not to exceed 6 per cent per annum.

Notice to signers: Be sure to designate your precinct and correct postoffice address. Any registered Coos county voter can sign this petition. Return to county clerk at Coquille not later than May 2.

From Sumner—Anderson Wright.
From Empire—Mrs. Saunders.
S. C. Rogers and wife, of Coos River, who came to Coos in the early 70's, are also expected to be present.

These are a few of the oldest residents. When the list of pioneers was talked over, residents who came later than the early 70's proved quite numerous.

Dan Barklow, of Myrtle Point, pioneer stage driver, has promised to bring an old stage coach from Myrtle Point to take part in the parade. Mr. Barklow is an old-timer but is still hale and hearty except for defective hearing.

One of the early day mail carriers, who rode a mule and carried pouches over the trails, is also expected.

A. B. Campbell and Frank Leslie are today making a trip to the upper valley beyond Myrtle Point and will line up additional features.

Notwithstanding the successive rainstorms last night and the somewhat variable weather so far today, the wind is north, the barometer is rising, the goose hangs high and every thing indicates the finest weather ever for Coquille's Great Day tomorrow.

He Will Be Kept Busy

It is already evident that Mr. Williams, the traffic watchman on the new highway, whose opening we are to celebrate tomorrow, is going to have his hands full to keep speed fiends from violating the law. With nineteen miles of hard surfacing presenting an almost irresistible temptation to "step on her," one man cannot watch the whole line; but a few such fines as Justice Joshnk imposed on the first offender there, with a jail sentence awaiting in case of a repetition of the offense, fast driving is going to become unpopular in a little while.

Job Work Sidetracked

The Sentinel office hasn't been able to do a lick of job work this week except the Celebration bills last Sunday and one small job since done at night. The Farm Bureau News, however, was issued on time Monday night. But it has sure been a strenuous week for the Sentinel's usual force without a single extra hand to get out a daily for four days.

\$1000 IS EXEMPT

Every Old Soldier Is To Be Allowed That Amount Free From Taxes

We are indebted to Assessor Beyers for the following in regard to the new law enacted this year, exempting from taxation the property of old soldiers up to \$1,000:

Chapter 165, Page 314, General Laws of Oregon, 1921, provides: "There shall be exempt from taxation property not to exceed in taxable value \$1,000.00 of any honorably discharged union soldier or sailor of the Mexican war, the war of the rebellion or the Indian wars of the State of Oregon, or of the widows remaining unmarried of such soldier or sailor. All soldiers, sailors or widows thereof herein referred to shall receive a reduction equal to the amount of exemption, the same to be made from the homestead of the value of such exemption, otherwise cut of such property as shall be designated and owned by the soldier, sailor or widow. The exemption here provided shall extend to the property of the wife of any such soldier or sailor where they are living together and occupying the same as their homestead and he has not otherwise received the benefit of this act."

The beneficiary of the exemption allowed by this act shall file with the Assessor a statement under oath that he is the owner of the real property on which such exemption is claimed, and if no such statement be so filed, no exemption shall be allowed by the Assessor."

The act also provides that such claim shall be filed on or before the first day of April of each year. I have a copy of an opinion from the Attorney General to the State Tax Commission that this act is applicable to the assessment for the year, 1921. He holds that there is no provision that such claim for exemption cannot be made subsequent to the first of April but that the time specified is directory only and not mandatory and can be made at any time prior to the writing of the assessment roll. This law does not go into effect until May 25th, 1921.

I have received several letters stating that an article appeared in a Portland paper that claims must be filed with the Assessor before May 1st, this may be the ruling of some particular Assessor, setting this date in order to have these applications in before writing his assessment roll, but this is not the law.

In order that all entitled to this exemption may make application for same, I will furnish them with blank forms for that purpose to be executed before some person authorized to administer an oath. All persons entitled to this exemption will be furnished these forms upon request. Very respectfully, J. P. Beyers, County Assessor.

Two Fined Last Night

After Judge Lawrence returned from Powers yesterday afternoon, Harry Shadrick came up to his office and pleaded guilty to fighting and disturbing the peace. The judge fined him \$30, and he paid \$10 of it. He was then remanded to jail for ten days to serve out the balance of the fine at \$2 a day, but he was finally allowed to go free after signing a note to pay the city the cash. The judge told him he would have to come through with it soon, too, or go to jail. He gave him a further lecture and advised him if he ever started anything again he had better leave the city at once, as the limit would be imposed next time.

Jack Nichols pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly, and as he had already been in jail a day and a night he was let off with a \$5 fine.

To Go Up Another Notch

We have been hoping that state taxes had reached their peak, but while the total for the state is nine millions for the 1920 taxes now being paid, the appropriations of the last legislature for the coming two years amounted to twenty millions, or ten millions a year for 1921 and 1922. Probably by a year from next fall we will be ready to elect some hard and fast retrenchers to the legislature. The jax period of tax spending ought to be over by that time.

Vulcanizing and battery service at Graham's Garage.