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THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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Organized Educational Society of the Year.

THE DEDICATION

Speeches, Songs and Exercises
at New High School
Last Sunday

The dedication of the new high school building last Sunday at 2:30 p. m. was attended by over 800 people who filled the balcony and the greater portion of the chairs in the auditorium.

Mrs. J. E. Ross, retiring president of the Woman's Club, which had arranged the program, called the meeting to order, and with a few appropriate remarks concerning the importance of the event, introduced A. T. Morrison, chairman of the board of directors, who presided.

After the invocation by Rev. A. B. Pendleton, the High School Glee Club, of seven girls, sang very sweetly, "The Wanderer's Greetings," with Mrs. Helen Sperry at the piano.

The seventh and eighth grade girls May-pole winding was a beautiful drill in which the little folks wound and unwound the colored streamers, all the time in perfect unison and step.

Before introducing the other numbers on the program, Mr. Morrison made a few remarks about school matters. The cost of the building, he said, was \$68,172.60. A domestic science department is to be added this year and a manual training department next year. He also stated that he is not a candidate for reelection in June and advised that effort be made to secure the consent of some one to serve who is qualified for this most important position, before the election is held.

Mrs. Gertrude Lorenz was then called upon and rendered two vocal selections in a very pleasing and enjoyable manner.

J. A. Almsack, formerly superintendent of the Coquille schools, was then introduced to make the dedicatory address. He made a very scholarly and interesting talk to which close attention was paid by his auditors. He said that while schools were being dedicated almost daily, that it is only a very few communities where a splendid highway, such as we have here now, could be dedicated one day and a fine school building the next. He took these as the outstanding signs of a great future for Coquille.

He spoke of the first school here which was built over on Cunningham in 1867 and prophesied that some now living might see this new edifice replaced by another and greater one.

Addressing himself to the younger members of his audience, especially the students, he told them that schools can not be dedicated by words, only by deeds, by good hard work and by those inspired with high purposes and lofty ideals. In this building they are to be engaged in mastering their future, not in the mere study of mathematics, history, etc., important as these may be. Their aim should not be material success alone, but the true success of life which is the realization of self in service.

The great history of this country, declared Mr. Almsack, is to be written on the Pacific coast, and he urged his young hearers to prepare themselves that they might be fully equipped to take their part in making it.

He closed with an appreciation of the invitation to be present and expressed great pleasure at having been here.

Mrs. Harriett S. Mace, as always when she sings, delighted her audience with a vocal solo, with Mrs. M. O. Hawkins at the piano.

Chas. A. Howard, who was for six years superintendent of our city schools and now occupies a similar position at Marshfield, was the next speaker.

He recalled a meeting at Roseburg some years ago with Rev. C. H. Cleaves, at one time pastor of the M. E. church, South here. As both the preacher and the teacher were in the itinerant class, on comparing notes they agreed that among all the places in which they had lived, there was one which held a pre-eminent position in their estimation and to which they always had and always would look back as home, however, far they might wander. And for each of them the place they thus honored and to which their hearts were as constant as the needle to the pole was our little city of Coquille. Of course, the audience was Mr. Howard's after that to lead where he would.

His talk then turned to the teaching of Americanism in the schools

and he declared that our government was founded on the principle of majority rule, and that so long as agitators of advocates of changes in our form of government did not depart from that which were willing to leave their proposals to the decision of the majority by peaceful and constitutional methods, the right of free speech should not be denied them.

The Glee Club again favored the audience with the "Waltz Song—The Daisies."

The exercises closed with a very beautiful little play by children from the Fifth and Sixth grade. They surprised their audience by the perfection with which they filled their various parts, and for their grace and poetry of motion in the "Spring" dancing were called back by repeated encores.

Another 50-50 Offer

While the members of the highway commission did not enter into further details as to future highway construction in Coos county while here, they publicly expressed themselves as intending to go the limit in aiding our good road system and Secretary Kline was quoted at the Bay as saying that they were willing to co-operate 50-50 in finishing up the paving of the Marshfield road at this end—a stretch which Commissioner Yeakam very aptly designates as "No-Man's Land."

ELECTION TO BE CALLED

About five o'clock last night County Clerk Bunch reported to the county court that she had carefully checked over the petitions for a road bond election referred to her by the court the previous day, which contained about 1050 names. She reported that she had found over 1,000 names of registered and legally qualified voters on the petitions, though there were many names included in the list where the voters had neglected to state the number of their election precinct or their postoffice address.

Upon the receipt of this report Judge Wade read the statute which provides that a bond election in accordance with the request of such a petition must be called in not less than 20 nor more than 40 days from the filing of the petition. The court then made an order providing for an adjournment until May 10 to take up the matter and directing District Attorney Fleher meanwhile to prepare a formal call for the bond election that had been asked. It was recited in this order that there having been 3629 votes cast at last fall's election for the candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, 910 voters were required to make a petition for an election effective; and that there being an excess of that number of signers to the petition for a road bond election in this county, the court would at an adjourned meeting on Tuesday, May 10, take action in compliance with the request of the voters.

Delighted With Coos County

Governor Olcott asks the Sentinel to tell its readers how delighted he was with his recent visit to Coos county which also happens to have been his first. He says he enjoyed every minute of it and was vastly pleased to meet the people down here as well as to see this Myrtle land. Coos county and southwestern Oregon has a charm of its own, the Governor thinks, and no matter how far one may have travelled or how much of the world one may have seen, he is bound to fall under the spell of this region where ocean and mountains and forest combine to form a panorama in which something new and something to delight greets one at every turn. The Oregonian who has not seen Coos county has missed a rare treat.

The governor went down to Bandon Sunday and made a talk there; then on into Curry on Monday, returning here Tuesday and attending a meeting in his honor at Myrtle Point that evening. He was accompanied by State Engineer Herbert Nunn and Engineer Chandler in charge of state work in this county and they went out by way of Roseburg to inspect the work on the line through the Rock Creek Canyon and out into Camas Valley.

It is understood that the State Highway Commission will split 50-50 with Coos county on either a gravelled road from the Douglas county line to Coquille or a dirt road all the way to Bandon, at the county's option.

THE HIGHWAY CELEBRATION

Saturday's Rejoicing Universal—Over 5,000 People Here That Day—Biggest Event in County's History

FULL STORY OF DAY'S FESTIVITIES

The People of the Whole County Vied With Each Other in Making the Occasion a Memorable One—Cities All Represented by Unique Floats.

The Coos Bay-Coquille Valley Highway Celebration here last Saturday was a great success—the biggest purely Coos county event that ever happened. The attendance here on that day is variously estimated at from 5,000 to 8,000 people and was probably above the lower figure mentioned. There had been great preparations for this celebration and the event was fully up to anticipations.

Our people contributed wholeheartedly in both means and time, the fund amounting to about \$2,000, and some of our citizens devoting their time for two weeks to making preparations for it. The result was a fine illustration of what team work will do. And it was not alone team work here in Coquille but in the whole county as well. Marshfield, North Bend, Bandon and Myrtle Point were not only represented by a general turn out of their citizens but contributed to the spectacle in a way that will not soon be forgotten, furnishing some of the best floats in the parade.

Such a response as the citizens of these towns and of the neighboring country made to the invitation Coquille extended on this occasion will do much to cement kindly feeling and cordial relations in the entire county. As to the way in which Coquille acquitted herself in the task she undertook, attention is called to the congratulations voiced by the Coos Bay Times, which we elsewhere reproduce.

The fruition of such an undertaking as the building of a paved concrete highway eighteen miles in length between Coos Bay and the Coquille valley will form one of the greatest milestones in our county's history. It is the first highway of this kind to be constructed in southwestern Oregon and the only one south of Tillamook county. It means much in the development of Coos county and of the entire section south of the Siuslaw and west of the coast range. It is an object lesson of the benefits of better roads, which will insure their building throughout this territory with ever increasing mileage until, as one of the speakers said, we have a freight and passenger depot at every man's door.

It was early in the morning when people began to pour into the city, and the barricade at the point where the Smith-Powers logging road crosses the highway on the west side of Cunningham valley was removed at six o'clock.

When Governor Olcott and the three members of the State Highway Commission, R. A. Booth, John B. Yeon and W. B. Barrett reached the point mentioned, Daniel Barklow, of Myrtle Point was on hand driving the same old Concord coach from the seat of which he had so often swung the whip in pioneer times and which had been met and serenaded by the band when he came to town in the morning.

Accompanying Mr. Barklow was Manuel Hermann, a husky young fellow in the role of a highwayman, with a sawed off shot gun, who held up the official party and compelled them to alight from the comfortable Coast Auto Line stage in which they had come over from the Bay and seat themselves in the old coach, which, though it had lost all its paint and looked worn and dilapidated, was still strong and serviceable.

The contrast between the old coach and the new was striking; but there was no prouder man in Coquille that day than Uncle Dan Barklow when, with the Governor perched on the high seat beside him and the commissioners in the body of the venerable vehicle he drove into town and met the celebration committee at the Sentinel corner.

It was now after ten o'clock and the program of the day began with a concert by the band when all repaired to the city Myrtle Wood Grove and

A. J. Sherwood called the meeting to order and presented Mayor V. L. Hamilton, who presided.

Mr. Sherwood presented the following interesting facts in regard to the county road first laid out over the same route covered by the new highway, which was designated as the "Newport to Coquille county road," Marshfield not yet having got on the map.

The county court at that time was composed of Judge J. H. Noleser, father of A. L. and James T. Noleser; county commissioners, R. C. Dement and John Kenyon.

The county clerk was Alex Stauff. A. G. Aiken, for whom Glenn Aiken creek was named, was sheriff.

The viewers who reported in the road were W. E. Getty, E. A. Anderson, and T. M. Hermann.

The petition for this road was filed April 7, 1880. The viewers were appointed April 15, 1880, met May 18, 1880, and filed their report July 1, 1880.

William Hall, county surveyor, filed his report, July 1, 1880. It showed that E. A. Anderson worked 10 days and received \$20; T. M. Hermann worked 8 days and received \$16; W. E. Getty worked 17 days and received \$34; John Reimer worked 11 days and received \$22; Oia Benson worked 4 days and received \$8; J. W. Judd worked 6 days and received \$12; Ed Thomas worked 2 days and received \$4; Allen Urquhart worked 4 days and received \$8; James Hill worked 5 days and received \$10; Charles Collier worked 2 days and received \$4; Wm. Hall, Surveyor, worked 15 days and received \$30; Wm. Hall travelled 50 miles at 10 cents per mile, \$5.00. Total, \$203.00.

The interest in these facts was heightened when Mr. Sherwood called on two of the men named, R. C. Dement and T. M. Hermann, who were on the platform, to stand as he read their names. Chas. Collier is still a resident of Coquille, but so far as we are aware the only other pioneer in the list who is still living is E. A. Anderson, of Marshfield, father-in-law, of Judge Coke, and he is very nearly 80 years of age. Wm. Hall, then surveyor, was the father of Judge John Hall, who has served so many years as a county official.

Mr. Sherwood wondered how far \$203 would go in surveying a road to Marshfield now; also how many men could be secured to work as viewers or chainmen for \$2 a day.

Whereupon Chairman R. A. Booth, of the Highway Commission, remarked, sotto voce, "that is more than I am getting," referring to the fact that the law provides that the commissioners shall work without salary.

The first of the commissioners to speak was Mr. Barrett, the eastern Oregon member, who made a very brief talk, being as he explained, a man of deeds and not of words.

He was followed by Commissioner John B. Yeon, the engineer, who built the Columbia Highway. He told how nearly completed the Pacific Highway was, only 30 miles remaining to be paved and that already gravelled, while the Columbia highway was also finished from the coast away into eastern Oregon; and said the next two main projects to be taken care of were the Dalles-California highway and the road from Roseburg down through this valley and south to the California line. All roads lead to Portland, he declared, so the completion of this road would mean a greater Portland, when it was completed. All, too, would lead to Coquille, and this would mean a greater Coquille.

He compared the benefits to the farmer from the building of railroads which most of them must travel four or five or even forty or fifty miles to

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County Court Business

The county court adjourned last night, after being in session for two days. Besides auditing the usual batch of bills, they did considerable road business.

The contract for building of the ferryboat, Roosevelt, for the ferry between North Bend and Glasgow on the north side of Coos Bay was let to Kruse & Banks on their bid of \$10,800. Judge Wade estimates that the total cost of the Roosevelt, when the machinery has been installed will be between \$15,000 and \$16,000.

Alex McLeod was awarded the contract for the dredging of Projects No. 2 and 3 on Beaver Slough. The work on Project No. 1 is nearly done, and will require only 10 days to finish.

The bid for clearing the right of way of the North Bank road below Beaver Slough at \$150 an acre was rejected.

The three bids for clearing the right of way of the Coquille-Bandon road from Bandon to Bear Creek were all rejected.

Notice of the letting of a contract for the grading of the Roseburg highway from Bandon to Remote, a distance of ten miles, was ordered advertised.

Also bids for the dredging of Kentucky Slough, the contract to be let the first of June.

BABY SCALDED TO DEATH

The Sentinel this week has to chronicle one of the most heart-rending narratives its editor ever penned. It occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lamson in the northeast part of the city at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening when their little three-months old baby was fatally scalded by the overturning of a percolator filled with steaming hot coffee. The flesh of the babe was literally cooked and he survived but four hours. Everything possible was done to save him, but opiates would not relieve the pain. To the shock to his system death is attributed.

The mother was sitting on the floor playing with the baby who was in a basket beside her when the accident happened. There was an oven on the oil stove and the percolator at the end of it. The oven had just been taken off the stove when the percolator fell in the basket spilling its boiling contents on the baby's breast, while the covers of the thing rolled two ways on the floor.

The baby's basket is said to have been three or four feet from the stove; no one touched it before it fell, though a jar when the oven was removed may have been the cause if its falling. That it should ever have gone so far seems to be incredible but the fact, alas, is unquestionable.

The funeral services took place at the home at 2:30 Wednesday and were conducted by Rev. A. B. Pendleton.

The young parents are, of course, distracted with grief. The funeral took place on the anniversary of their wedding one year ago. Among the signers of the card of thanks below are two grandmothers and a great grandmother of the child. His name was Walter Lamson.

The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the afflicted family in this terrible bereavement.

Card of Thanks

We take this means to tender our heartfelt thanks to the kind friends and neighbors who aided us in every possible way, after the calamity, which took from us the babe so dear to us all—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lamson; Mrs. Joseph Wyant; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lamson, and family; Mrs. N. C. Mendenhall; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wood and family; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hampton and family; Mr. and Mrs. Cap Wyant, Ernest Wyant and Ray Wyant.

To Consider Toll Rates

On Wednesday of next week the Public Service Commission of Oregon will hold a meeting at the court house here, at 9:30 a. m. to consider the application of the Coos and Curry Telephone company for permission to increase telephone rentals in Coquille, when common battery service is furnished.

Two gloves have been left with the Sentinel to find owners, one gray, the other tan. One is a right hand one and the other a left. The tan one was dropped at the Lamson baby's funeral Wednesday.

THE FINEST EVER

The Parade Was Mile and a Half Long—Many Interesting Features

Stretching out for a mile and a half, without the customary spacing between cars, the Highway Celebration parade at 2 o'clock last Saturday afternoon was the largest and best event of its kind ever staged in Coos county and we doubt if it has ever been surpassed in the state, outside of Portland. Artistic floats, beautifully decorated cars, burlesque features, it was a mammoth pageant and did more to make the celebration the wonderful success it was than any other one feature. Travelling men, who cover the state, say they have never seen its equal and it appeared to strike the thousands of visitors unanimously as the perfect completion of a stupendous undertaking.

And while the Coquille committee having charge of the arrangements are deserving of unstinted praise for its success, it could not have approached the limits it reached had it not been for the most hearty co-operation and assistance from all the other cities in the county. Marshfield, North Bend, Bandon and Myrtle Point were there a full 100 per cent, and even Bridge had a representative, which had to come through the mud. It was not a local celebration. The entire county participated and facilitated one another on the completion of the first link of our network of highways to be.

To attempt a description of all the floats and cars in the parade is impossible, worthy as each one was of special mention. But there are a few which must be described.

The parade formed on Taylor street and the separate entries, which had been banked on Second and Hall, from Fuhrman's corner around to the City Hall, fell in line as their turn came and moved smoothly and with precision up Second street along the advertised line of march.

Following the marshals and the band came seven Sudebakers containing Gov. Olcott, Mayor Hamilton, the members of the executive committee, the State Highway Commission party, the county court, mayors and councilmen of Coos county cities, old time residents and other prominent citizens.

In the order in which they appeared the following were the presentations:

- Scotch Kiltie, mounted.
- Dan Barklow, with his stage coach and four.
- Two Coquille High School floats.
- Marshfield Municipal float.
- Glasgow Ferry, North Bend float.
- New Hotel, North Bend float.
- Bandon Municipal float.
- Bandon boosters on foot bearing huge banner inscribed "A-Bandon-ed by the sea."
- Myrtle Point Municipal float.
- Coquille Bridge, Municipal float.
- Junior Missionary Society, Coquille float.
- Myrtle Point Woman's Club float.
- Millicoma Club float.
- Coquille High School Athletics float.
- L. O. O. M. and Legionaires float and marchers.
- Royal Neighbors float, Myrtle Point.
- Myrtle Point schools, showing old and new methods.
- Coos Bay Iron Works.
- Allen & Lewis, Preferred Stock float, Marshfield.
- Graham's Garage, Coquille.
- Musson's Transfer Co., Coos Bay.
- Gorast & King, Reo and Dort cars, Coos Bay.
- Hillstrom Transportation Co., 2 trucks, Coos Bay.
- Freshman Class, Coquille H. S.
- Henry Lorenz float, Coquille.
- Coos Bay Service Station.
- Pacific Fruit & Produce Co., Marshfield.
- Hancock's Groceries, Coquille.
- Hale Music Co., Marshfield.
- McGeorge Gravel Co., Marshfield.
- Union Oil Co., Coos Bay.
- The Hub, Marshfield.
- Coos Bay Roofing & Supply Co.
- Liberty Theatre, Coquille.
- Noble Theatre, Marshfield.
- Fuhrman's Pharmacy, Coquille.
- Kern-Gifford, Coos Bay.
- Martin Candy Co., Marshfield.
- E. H. Merlin, Dodge Bros. cars, Marshfield.
- S. M. Noleser, Coquille.
- Coquille Service Station.

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