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BETTER BOOSTER

That Is What Gov. Olcott Says He Will Be Since Visiting Coos County

The editor of the Sentinel is in receipt of the following letter from Gov. Olcott, giving some impressions of his recent visit to this section:

My dear Mr. Young: Just a line or two to advise you that we reached home safe and sound after a brief visit to Bandon and Port Orford, returning home via Myrtle Point and Roseburg. We had a splendid trip throughout—in fact we voted it one of the most pleasant of our experiences.

I am mighty glad I was able to make the trip and be present at the celebration in commemoration of the opening of the highway from Coquille to Marshfield. As told you in person, we were all greatly impressed by the celebration and the fine feeling that seemed to prevail among all the towns of your district, as evidenced by the great amount of work and trouble gone to in preparation of the floats contributed by your sister towns: When one takes into account your handicaps of transportation it is truly remarkable. The celebration as staged by Coquille would have done credit to an outside city of many times its population. The number and character of the floats made a great impression on all of us. All in all, it was one of the finest events I have ever had the pleasure of attending.

In passing I might say that I was greatly impressed by the good roads enthusiasm that I found everywhere in Coos and Curry counties. It was contagious. I came away an even better good roads booster than when I started on the trip. You, indeed, have a wonderful country and you who are now there are going to reap the benefits which, to my mind, are not now far distant.

We feel very appreciative of the fine treatment that was accorded all of our party and I hope I may be privileged to make you another visit sometime during the coming summer. I was very glad, indeed, to have the opportunity of making acquaintances with your good people, many of whom have been, indeed, very good to me, and I trust I may in the future see more of them than has been my privilege in the past. With kind personal regards, I remain sincerely and cordially yours, Ben W. Olcott, Governor.

A Beautiful Stretch

Governor Olcott is quoted thus in regard to his recent trip down into Curry county over the section of the coast highway now under construction there:

"This is a beautiful stretch of highway and the people have waited long for its completion on account of the many difficulties that beset the contractors on account of innumerable slides encountered.

"We inspected the eight miles of road work under contract directly south of Port Orford. This is a heavy piece of construction as places high up on the cliffs fronting the ocean and when the road is completed on through to Gold Beach and the California line, will make a wonderful scenic route.

"Citizens there and visitors alike say that when completed it will make the Columbia river highway look to its laurels. I might say in this connection that the road south through Curry to Port Orford is a disgrace. One hates to see an automobile subjected to its rigors, for it is practically a succession of mudholes.

More Paving on Highway

The Portland Oregonian says that bids for 54 miles of state road to cost about \$2,200,000 are to be opened at a meeting of the state highway commission to be held May 27. In the list given of these roads we find two Coos county projects—named—six-tenths of a mile of concrete pavement on the North Bend and Coquille sections of the Roosevelt highway; and 1 and 4-10ths miles of rock surfacing on the Remote-Camas Valley section of the Roseburg-Coos Bay highway.

We infer from the way this reads that the "No Man's Land" at this end of the Marshfield road is to be taken care of.

Business Men's Banquet

L. L. Thomas and Carl Evertson were over here last week making arrangements for the Coos & Curry Counties Business Men's Association banquet which will be held here next Thursday evening, May 19. About 150 are expected to attend this banquet which will be given in the Coquille Club rooms by the Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church. With the opening of the highway it is the intention of the association to attempt to revive interest in its activities on this side of the county and this meeting is the first step. It is expected speakers of prominence will be present. All business men are invited to purchase tickets, the price being \$1.50 per plate.

Have You Any to Spare

Mrs. L. P. Branstetter informs us that she has just received word from J. J. Hansaker at Portland of the coming drive to get used clothing for the suffering people of Armenia and China. The donations in this line are to be shipped from Portland next month. Mr. Hansaker says that one coat may save a life and the failure to send one may cost a life. This comes just as we go to press and we shall have more to say about the appeal for clothing next week. Meantime look over your old or discarded clothing and see what you can send.

ORGANIZE BALL CLUB

A meeting of local base ball enthusiasts was held in the Council Chambers Monday evening of this week and the Coquille Base Ball Club was organized.

Nick Johnson was elected President; Robert H. Cragor Secretary and Zena Strang Treasurer. "Doc" Page was the unanimous choice for team manager and all local "Babe Ruths" who are desirous of trying out may report to that tactful gentleman for further information.

Among the veterans who will try to "come back" are Page and "Bill Dad" Howell. Other material that looks promising consists of Harry Oerding, Sykes, Tuttle, Noah, Burr, Hammon and Lind. Besides these "Spike" Laelle, Rhinehart and Berg are expected to join after the close of the University.

Messrs. Holycross, Page and Train will look after the grounds immediately and a good, fast diamond will be laid out.

Finances are in the hands of Messrs. Cragor, Scovill and Johnson.

Death of E. E. Hampton

The many friends of E. E. Hampton were shocked to learn of his short illness of a few hours and passing away Tuesday afternoon.

The deceased was born in Dayton, Ohio, April 9th, 1856. He was united in marriage to Miss Laura R. Parks at Bloomington, Ill. Two children were born to this union, Gracie and George, Gracie dying in infancy. Those who remain to mourn his loss are his wife and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hampton and little grand daughter, Helen, of whom he was especially fond.

The funeral services were held at the Myrtle Point Chapel conducted by Rev. Thomas Barklow and burial took place at the Norway cemetery.

The family have the sincere sympathy of the community in which they have resided for about 14 years.

Get Busy on Bandon Road

With the river bridge here to be completed early this fall, the suggestion made by J. E. Norton at the Commercial Club meeting Wednesday night that the balance of the amount appropriated for the road down the river in Coos county's first bond issue be spent in making the best possible road to Bandon this summer, is one we hope to see the county court adopt at once.

Deputy Dictator Here

Deputy Supreme Dictator Allan R. Joy, of the Oregon jurisdiction of Moose, passed through here yesterday afternoon to attend a Moose gathering at Bandon. He will return to the Bay tonight for the joint meeting of Marshfield, North Bend and Coquille lodges in Marshfield, and on Sunday, will go to the frolic of Moose at Powers. He visited at Reedsport Wednesday night.

See list of attractions at Liberty Theatre page three.

HEAR THE DEBATE MAY RUIN ROADS

The County Team Will Give Practice Debates Here Monday Morning

Go to the new High School Auditorium next Monday morning at 10:20. Why? For various reasons. To encourage some of our young people. Out of pride in your city and county. To hear a worth while debate. To give a good send off to a bunch of our young people who are going away from home to try their metal. To see what our city schools are doing in the way of training their pupils for public speaking, and thus fitting them for one of the manifold duties of life—one that often counts big, too.

We might give other reasons for going out a little way on the Marshfield road next Monday morning, but enough has been said. There is to be a debate there by the High School team, which will take part in the series of High School debates that will decide the championship of the state.

The subject is Federal ownership of railroads. The team will start Tuesday morning for Eugene, accompanied by Superintendent Raymond E. Baker.

The affirmative team from the Coquille High School consists of Errol Sloan and Lorin Schroeder. The negative team consists of Della Sherwood and Lawrence Moon. Don't fail to hear them next Monday morning at 10:20.

Track Meet Tomorrow

The Track Meet of the grade schools of this county will take place at Myrtle Point tomorrow morning, beginning at 7 a. m. Ten districts have already entered from eight to twenty pupils each for the events there.

In the first division there will be the Running High Jump, the Running Broad Jump and Pole Vaulting. In each of these there will be four classes divided according to weight.

The second division will consist of Girls' Field Events, consisting of base ball throwing for distance. Here, too, there will be four classes, according to weight.

The third division will consist of Running Dash for both girls and boys, both being divided into four classes according to weight. Then there will be chinning the bar with four classes as before. The program is expected to take the entire forenoon, the events occurring intermittently.

In the afternoon will come the high school events.

Walstrom Appointed

The Port of Bandon Commission met in Bandon yesterday, J. E. Norton going down for the meeting from here. Little besides routine business and allowing of bills was done.

The resignation of Col. R. M. Ross, who has served as president of the Commission for years, was accepted and James E. Walstrom appointed to fill the vacancy. Another meeting will be held May 25th, by which time the barge is expected to be at work sucking out the sand and small rocks from the channel from Bruer's store to the bar. After that the dredge Coos will begin operations on the large obstructions in the channel. This is the project on which the War Department is co-operating on a 50-50 basis with the port commission.

Moving Lots of Dirt

It requires about 275 cubic yards of excavation to bring the back of the two lots where J. D. Graham & Sons are to build a 50x100 foot addition to their garage down to the sidewalk level, the rear of the lot being about eight feet higher than the front. Robert Train is doing the work and dumping the earth taken out under his building on the corner occupied by Quick's store.

Best News Since Armistice

The best news we have heard since the Armistice two and a half years ago is Germany's absolute acceptance of the peace terms of the Versailles treaty, and her promise to come across at once with the reparations payments already due. The road ahead for the whole world looks a good deal brighter and more promising than it did a week ago.

The route the highway will take down the valley is still to be decided.

Heavy Trucks and Hauling Logs Menace Our Improved Highways

J. E. Norton suggested at the meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening that the best use to make of the road bond money voted in 1-16 for the Coquille-Bandon road would be in straightening out and widening some of the worst and most dangerous part. There is not anywhere near enough money in that fund to put this road, or any considerable part if it on line and grade for surfacing but there is enough to make the road a great deal safer than it is now. Many people, not only from the upper valley but from the outside, would make the trip to Bandon beach if what is suggested is done, and Bandon would see hundreds and thousands of visitors down there this summer who will not go down over the present road. And it would not delay for a moment the highway program of the State Highway Commission in improving this road.

To place this matter before the county court a committee consisting of R. H. Mast, A. J. Sherwood, J. E. Norton, J. W. Miller and L. J. Cary was appointed by the club.

The following resolutions, which were prepared by R. H. Mast were presented to the Club by A. J. Sherwood for consideration and it is hoped all the commercial bodies in the county will adopt them. Their purpose is to back up the county court in whatever action it may take to protect our present hard surface highway and those which may be built hereafter. The resolution reads:

Whereas, The State of Oregon and Coos county are expending millions of money in the construction of permanent and improved highways in Coos County, and

Whereas, the construction of these improved roads is for the primary benefit of all the taxpayers, citizens and travelling public generally and not for the especial benefit of any particular class of individuals of this county and state, and

Whereas, experience has shown that as soon as a section of the public highway is so improved, some individual or association of individuals proceed to use said road or roads for commercial purposes by placing thereon heavy trucks and trailers for the transportation of logs and similar commodities, with the sole view of making money, and without any regard for the preservation and welfare of said highways, with the result that the improved roads are soon destroyed by the excessive loads placed upon them, the expenditure for these improvements having been in vain and the ordinary citizen and taxpayer is still in the mud where he started, and

Whereas, it is the belief of this body that the County Court and highway authorities of this County should use every endeavor to regulate the traffic on these improved roads by restricting the weights of vehicles and the loads thereof as well as the use of wheel chains and other traction devices, the use of which is calculated to do serious damage to these improved roads, and

Whereas, believing it would be beneficial and proper for all civic bodies in this county to take similar action in this matter, thereby showing their willingness to co-operate with the county court in any action it may deem expedient and proper in this work for the protection of the highways that are being provided by the expenditure of such large sums of money and with this end in view, therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Commercial Club of Coquille, Coos county, Oregon, that said club tender unto the county court its active support and assistance to said court of any action it may deem proper to take for the regulation of traffic on the improved highways, by the prevention of over loads and destructive traction devices thereon, and

Be it further resolved, that this body appoint a committee of five members to wait upon and meet with the court at its pleasure the better to co-operate and assist in this important work of protecting our highways and we urge the Civic bodies of this county to take similar action in this matter, and

Be it further resolved, that it would be proper for this body to suggest to

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Room For More Homes

A. J. Sherwood stated at the Commercial Club meeting Wednesday evening that Chas. Watson was considering cutting up his Coos county ranch into five and ten acre tracts and wanted to know how the club would regard such a move. The plan was received with great favor by the business men present because there is no question but that it would be much better for the commercial life of Coquille to have fifteen or twenty or thirty families living on that tract, than if only one lived there. To put their approval in concrete form a motion was adopted to the effect that it was the sense of the Commercial Club that it would be beneficial to this city if Mr. Watson or any other holder of large acreage tracts contiguous to Coquille, would cut it up and sell it in small tracts, and that the club would favor the plan and use its best offices in assisting him to carry it out. In talking with Mr. Watson later we learn that he intends subdividing it in such a way that every purchaser will have not only a bottom tract, but a slightly piece of hill land on which to build a house.

The hearing of the application of the Coos and Curry Telephone company for authority to increase its rates in Coquille, heretofore set for Wednesday, May 11, has been postponed to Wednesday, May 18, as Secretary Ellis writes us.

H. S. PLAY TO-NIGHT

The Juniors and Seniors of the Coquille High School will put on their annual class play at the Liberty Theatre at 8:15 tonight. The play this year will be "The Hoodoo," a comedy by Walter Ben Hare.

It is one of the cleverest little mystery plays that one could hope to see. The cast is a large one, which gives splendid opportunity for the students to display their various talents. They have been working faithfully for the last three weeks and expect to give the audience the biggest treat of the season.

The cast of characters is as follows:

Brighton Early - Almond Martin
Billy Jackson - Kenneth Kistner
Professor Spiggott - Lorin Schroeder
Hemachus - Leland McGilvery
Malchi Meek - Lowell Simpson
Dunn - Melvin Pointer
Amy - Mary Bennett
Mrs. Perrington-Shine - Viola Knife
Dodo - Helen Sherwood
Mrs. Clinger - Jennie Price
Angelina - Ione Pointer
Doris - Adrienne Hazard
Mrs. Spiggott - Dorothy Newton
Eupepsia - Margaret Hersey
Miss Longnecker - Flossie Radabaugh
Lulu - Gertrude Butler
Aunt Paradise - Rosanna Schroeder
Time - 1920 in late September.

Place: Mrs. Perrington-Shine's country home, about thirty minutes from Philadelphia.

Occasion: A house party at the Lee-Early wedding.

Synopsis

Act I. The lawn at Mrs. Perrington-Shine's country home. An Egyptian wedding present. Trouble for the groom.

Act II. The library at 8:00 P. M. A thief in the house. Trouble for Billy Jackson, the susceptible.

Act III. The same library at 11:00 P. M. Trouble for the burglar. Elopement midnight.

Music by Alice Barker, Myrtle Newton and Gertrude Bogard.

A New Logging Co.

From Salem yesterday comes word that articles of incorporation were filed there yesterday by the Myrtle Creek Logging company, of Coquille, Coos county, capitalized at \$26,000. The incorporators are John D. Goss, John C. Kendall and Herbert S. Murphy.

The company is, we understand, organized for the purpose of logging some timber above Bridge in the Myrtle creek neighborhood, owned by the parties interested, among whom is R. A. Wernich, of the Coquille Lumber Mills. So the timber there will probably be manufactured by that mill.

Miss Frances Golden is establishing a summer camp at the former site of Utter City, using the location of the old boarding house where Henry Sengstacken landed in 1874 and made his home for a time. Mr. Sengstacken recently bought back the eight-acre tract.—Times.

BOND ELECTION

Court Calls It Tuesday For State Election Day-- June 7

The county court here at an adjourned session last Tuesday made a call for the election to vote on the question of issuing \$300,000 more in bond bonds, on June 7, the day of the state referendum election.

The bonds are to be issued for the purpose of the construction and permanent improvement of the roads below specified, either by putting them on line and grade, or by surfacing, or both, as may be directed by the State Highway commission.

The maximum interest to be paid on these bonds is six per cent per annum, and they are made payable as follows: \$50,000 in two years from date, and \$50,000 each year thereafter until the \$300,000 is paid, the last payment being on the seventh year after issue or in 1928, if they are issued this year.

The roads on which the money received from the sale of these bonds is to be used are the ones beginning on the Douglas-Coos county line, where the road is marked "Coos county-Douglas county line" and thence along the present state highway to Myrtle Point, thence via the towns of Myrtle Point, Coquille and Bandon to the Coos-Curry county line south of the latter city.

The court designated the polling places as the same as the ones named by its order of May 10, 1920; and the judges and clerks the same as the ones they last named.

Not Going Now

Dr. V. L. Hamilton says there were several inaccuracies in the statement published in the Marshfield News last Friday regarding his proposed removal to the Bay. He had not purchased Dr. Houseworth's practice, but has only taken an option on his residence and property at the Bay. Nor has he sold nor considered selling his practice here to Dr. G. O. Wilhite. He has been negotiating with a doctor in Portland and may sell his practice and hospital to the Rose City man, but he does not intend to leave here until he has settled some one on his local practice, and will not in any event move to Marshfield before late summer or early fall.

Like Other Counties

To ascertain the truth of the statement that the assessor of Coos county was the only one in the state who made a difference in the assessment of grade and registered cattle, J. P. Beyers wrote to the assessors of all the counties west of the Cascades for information as to their policy. He has received word from nearly all of them and in only two counties in the western section of the state is there less of a difference between the assessment of pure bred and grades than there is in Coos.

B. H. Pillar Has Stroke

B. H. Pillar, president of the Coquille Laundry Co., and father of Mrs. A. L. Simpson, suffered a stroke of apoplexy at the plant yesterday morning at nine o'clock. He was alone in the engine room at the time and it was two or three minutes before he was discovered. Dr. Hamilton was immediately summoned and by the use of restoratives brought him back to consciousness. His left side is partially paralyzed, and although he is resting easy his condition is critical.

J. A. Collier In Hospital

J. A. Collier was taken to Mercy Hospital Wednesday morning by Dr. Hamilton for an operation on the carbuncle with which he has been afflicted for the past five weeks. For a time he had seemed to be improving but the infection from the carbuncle had spread so that his entire body was affected, and it required a considerable operation. Mr. Collier is 74 years of age and his condition is very serious.

Quota All Raised

J. S. Barton assures us that Coquille will go over its quota of \$560 for the Salvation Army fund, for which the drive here has recently been made. A list of the donors will be ready for publication next week. We don't know of any organization that makes a dollar go farther in doing good than the Salvation Army.