

# The Coquille Valley Sentinel

THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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## TO COUNT AS CAST

### Two Election Boards Will Work At the Same Time in 24 Precincts

There was one notable change in the election law at the last session of the legislature. It is now provided that in precincts where there are two election boards, the second board shall go on duty at 10 a. m. in a separate room or space in the room where the election is being held; and as soon as twenty or more ballots have been cast, shall proceed to tabulate the votes. When they have emptied the box, they are to exchange boxes with the first board, provided that they contain twenty or more ballots, and so on until the polls close. The first board takes a lay off at that time and can go home and rest; but if the second board doesn't complete the count by 8 o'clock in the morning the first board has to go on duty again then for another 12 hours if necessary.

This change ought to result in an early completion of the count in most cases, especially when there are so few numbers on the ballot as in the case at the coming June election.

The law further provides that to divulge the count as it progresses at any time before the closing of the polls shall subject the offending election officer to a fine of from \$100 to \$500.

There are 24 election precincts in Coos county, which now have double boards, including those in all the cities as well as some others. Of these precincts four are in North Bend, six in Marshfield, three in Coquille, four in Bandon, two in Myrtle Point, and one each at Beaver Hill, Powers, Two Mile, Norway and Rowland.

### Serious Highway Accident

We have to report this week a serious and possibly fatal accident on the new highway and several minor infractions of the speed law.

Last Sunday Dr. I. L. Schofield, a Marshfield dentist, was driving on the highway with his family when Lauri Erickson, of Beaver Hill, cut in ahead of him, struck the front wheel of his car and swerved it into the ditch, throwing his car on its side. Mrs. Schofield and their eleven-year-old daughter were painfully bruised, Schofield himself was cut by the broken windshield.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Schofield and the seven months baby she was carrying were thrown out of the front seat. The baby has been in a critical condition ever since and yesterday still had a very high temperature. Erickson was arrested by Sheriff Ellingsen but his examination has been postponed from time to time to await the result of the baby's injuries.

Dr. R. W. Morrow, of Marshfield, appeared before Justice Joehnk on the charge of not using his dimmer Wednesday evening. He said that he did use it in most cases but one car passed them before he realized it. Justice Joehnk fined him \$2 and costs.

Wm. Horesfall Jr. was up on the same charge and paid a \$2 fine.

J. Emery, of Marshfield, was cited before Justice Joehnk Thursday morning on the charge of transferring the license tag from his old Hudson to a new one. He promised to get a new license.

Wednesday Ervin Campbell, of this city, was arrested and charges were filed against him by Officer Williams for breaking the speed limit. Yesterday he appeared before Justice Stanley, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

### Coquille Loses Again

The Marshfield Gun Club was over here again last Sunday to meet the local club on their range at the Miller ranch. There were eight men in their team and twelve in the Coquille team, and figuring percentages the visitors won the shoot, scoring 79 per cent to the locals' 71. Figuring the scores of Coquille's eight highest, however, against Marshfield's eight, the honors would rest with Coquille.

### School Supervisor Resigns

Miss Genevieve Thompson has resigned her position as county school supervisor to take effect June 15. She is going to attend the summer school at the Monmouth Normal preparatory to special work in the Marshfield school.

### Sounds Warning Note

Traffic Officer Williams on the Coquille-Marshfield highway asks us to call the attention of drivers to two provisions of the motor vehicle law.

The first is the one requiring all motor trucks to be equipped with mirrors, so that their drivers will be able to observe cars approaching from the rear.

The second is the one requiring that all motor vehicles used to carry passengers for hire must be equipped with speedometers, or other registering devices to show the speed at which they are travelling. It will certainly be in the interest of owners to have the speedometers as without them they will be liable to fines for violation of the speed law whenever they let her out.

### Gets Ninety Days

Geo. F. McAdams began serving a jail term here Tuesday, when Judge Coke gave him a 90-day sentence for contempt of court in failing to pay \$20 a month for the support of his two children, as ordered in the decree of divorce. He had paid nothing for 21 months. When he puts up the \$420 or furnishes approved security for it he will be released. His excuse for his neglect was that his wife had remarried and he didn't want to pay her any money under such circumstances.

## DECORATION DAY PROGRAM

The parade will form at the City Hall and be ready to start at 9:30 o'clock A. M. It will be led by the band, followed by the American Legion, G. A. R. and W. R. C.; then Boy Scouts and school children and citizens. They will march first to the Odd Fellows cemetery, where the W. R. C. will hold the service for the unknown dead, and after children have decorated the graves of soldiers and W. R. C. members, will march again to the Masonic cemetery, where the American Legion will take charge of the services for the World War dead and decorate all graves there.

### Afternoon

A 2 o'clock P. M. at the Liberty Theatre there will be a short program, followed by an address by Rev. Geo. W. Galvin, of North Bend, and the benediction by W. B. Smith, of the Presbyterian church here. All are asked to be present and help to honor our departed heroes.—Abbie M. Kelley, Press Correspondent.

### Ferry Stopped

There was trouble at the ferry here this week when a government inspector ordered the scow to stop running until it was provided with 12 new life preservers, a whistle loud enough to hear half a mile away, a bell at least eight inches in diameter and a name painted on each side of the ferry. All this as if it were navigating the river instead of being hauled back and forth by cable; as well as the certainty that it will go out of commission in less than a year when the new bridge is finished. But some one had to promise that the requirements would be complied with in order to release the embargo on the ferry here and the county court not being in session and county surveyor McCulloch being out of town, his deputy, Mrs. M. A. Pierce, gave the word.

### Rents 400 Acres Here

H. E. Hess, a prominent stock man of Humboldt county, California, arrived here this week to begin the stocking of the large ranch he has leased from the Russ Investment Co. The tract comprises between 400 and 500 acres and lies south and west from the Cornick ranch, across the river from the Coquille Lumber Mills. The 100 foot strip offered by Mr. Russ as a right of way for the Bandon highway, runs through this tract. Mr. Hess intends to devote his attention to raising beef stock and as soon as he can secure them will have 200 head on the ranch. The company will erect a house for him on the tract, but if he can secure a house in town he will bring his wife and child up before that is finished.

Mr. Hess is an enthusiastic good roads booster and regrets that he will not have been here long enough to vote for the road bonds next month.

The Larson Dredging Co. is offering \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of parties who set adrift their \$600 scow with a charge of dynamite, which exploded making it a total loss.

## If You Want Good Roads Is It Better to Fight the Bonds or Work for Them?

### A McKinley Correspondent Believes in Fighting—The Sentinel Thinks You Can Do More for Yourselves by Working With Others.

The Letter We Print is a Literary Curiosity, as Well as a Marvel of Belligerency, Hitting Right and Left, Like an Irishman's Shillelah.

Dear Mister Editor: I'm a goin to anser yer comments on our Grange Resolution of its the last thing I ever do for my country; but before I start in onto it, I wish to say "I told em so." I had a finger in the pie when the resolution was drawn up as they all wuz of the opinyun that it would be best to be mejum in jest giv a plain statement of facts—facts ye none of ye cud disprove on what do we git fer tryin to git a little of our side a the question before the public?

When you fellers got up yer resolution to keep trucks offen yer durn ole highway ye giv it a front page spiel, en when we wanted to have a little notice of our side o' the matter ye stuck it way off in the back page en giv yerself nearly a column on the front page to misrepresent yer self er us I should say.

First thing—ye all know ever durn one of ye that that Lee road was impassable for the last nine months, en when Fred Maat broke a road thru on one got stuck twice en wuz the first to tackle it with even a Ford, ye try to make out we're lying by claimin we ain't got passable roads.

I got it rite in front of my own eyes whuts in my copy of yer paper about them good roads in the McKinley items en it sez, "the road is in good condition as far as through McKinley." Now that's the truth. We got a streak of rode thru McKinley fer a quarter mile er so where ye ain't tiable to get stuck of yer a careful driver. As fer Fred Maat's opinion of the roads, I'm a claimin' ye wuddent print his comments bout it when he arose at here.

Ef ye'd a dared, I bet ye wuddent a noticed our resolution a tall, jest like the Marshfield Times en the Myrtle Point Ameriken. But ye got two big a subscription to take a chanst at ignorin' us entirely.

Ye kno well's I do that we spoke fer the rural roads of the hull durn country, not ourselves alone. We're tryin' to take yer advice before yer giv it en "do for others as well as them do for us" as ye advised us to do in yer comments. We kno it's the only way to git any wheres, specially when yer stuck in mud up to yer eyes. We can't git to town without helpin each other. We was intendin' to help each other when we asked for a square deal but you big bugs in town won't giv us a hearin en throw dirt in our eyes by misrepresentin every thing we try to say er do.

Ye cud ast every doctor en fire warden en truck driver en business man whut ever tried to git over the rural roads of the country en ef they ast their consuhans en cud tel it from a billy gote's song when it did answer they'd all tel ye the same thing.

Ye kno if the rank en file of the country voted accordin' to their consuhans the Bond Issue woudn't last any longer a snow ball in —

We ain't alone in our demands fer justice neuther. The State Master of the Grange, C. E. Spence, sez its time we wuz a puttin' a little money on the roads leadin to the highways stead of taxin ourselves to death makin highways for the other feller to speed up en down on en we cuddent even git to em cept in July 'n August. Plucky lotta good it 'll do us to have turists come to the country. How they a goin to kno whut we got out in the by ways ef they can't git offen the highways, er ef they did they hav to be hauled back on.

It's morn likely ye will hamper us en put this last steal acrost but let met tel ye ther's a Day o' Judgement a comin'. The scriptures sez even a worm of it's trampled on enuff 'll turn en rend ye. Ole King George in colony times tried to hog ride the 'merican people, en whut did he git? I wuz brot up on the Declaration with my mammy's milk en I kno a few things it sez bout people's rites. One

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burg to Bandon was going to pass through McKinley our correspondent would probably have been enthusiastic for it and the Grange would have been resolving in favor of the bonds. We can't all have trunk line highways past our doors; but if McKinley will be patient it is in a fair way to get a market road to connect with a trunk line.

In any event the way to promote good roads in our own locality is not to fight against them in other localities. It is as we said, if we want to be helped we must help others. It is the law of life. But a wheel is never built by beginning with the felloes or the spokes. McKinley seems to have tried that plan once, but it didn't get them anywhere. In the nature of things the hub comes first in making a wheel.

### Began This Morning

E. W. Gregg began this morning pouring concrete walls for the new garage he is building for the Coquille Service Station and expects to finish that part of the job within a week.

Realizing that concrete buildings are going to be more and more used in Coquille as a protection against fire, Mr. Gregg has purchased a new concrete mixer which will enable him to take care of this demand on all occasions.

## LAY DOWN \$3, AND PICK UP \$5

Most men, if given the opportunity to lay down three dollars and pick up five, would hustle to raise the three if they didn't have it in their jeans. That's just the opportunity now before Coos county, multiplied by a hundred thousand. If we don't raise the three we lose the five and it is money the county will be obliged to spend some time, no doubt about that. Not only will we have to spend the \$300,000 in the future if we don't raise it now, but the county will also have to raise the \$500,000, too, if we don't take up with the state's offer now. So it is not only a case of laying down \$3 to pick up \$5; but of having to put up the whole \$8, if we don't match the state now. More than that, it will be worth a good deal more to us to have that \$300,000 spent on the road to Roseburg now than to do it after two or three other roads have been built to connect the Pacific highway with the Roosevelt highway in other counties. Now is the golden opportunity to put Coos county right at the front on a through line from San Francisco to Portland that will be usable every day in the year, and will never be blocked by snow.

### Capt. McCloskey Dead

Several auto loads of Odd Fellows went up to Norway Wednesday afternoon where the local lodge had charge of the funeral of W. T. McCloskey.

Capt. McCloskey was an old time resident of Coos county, although in recent years he had been living in Gridley, Calif. He was visiting in the Coquille Valley at the time of the Highway celebration and was in Coquille on that occasion. The day after his return home he dropped dead, a victim of heart trouble.

For years Mr. McCloskey was a captain on Coquille river steamboats and was well and favorably known by old timers. He was a brother of J. H. McCloskey, of Norway and Coquille, and of Mrs. P. W. Laird, of Myrtle Point. Besides these he leaves a wife and one son and another sister, Mrs. Geo. Lester. Further notice of his death is contained in the Myrtle Point notes in this issue.

### K. P.'s Lease Laird Building

The local Knights of Pythias lodge has secured from Warren C. Laird a five-year lease on his brick building opposite the postoffice and will take possession June 1. It is their intention to use the present dance hall as a lodge room and preserve the club room intact as a club room of their own if they can make arrangements with the Coquille Club for the purchase of the furniture.

Just what the Coquille Club will do cannot be stated at this time as no meeting has been held to consider the matter, but is likely that if the Knights wish to purchase the equipment they can do so, and that the Club will pass out of existence. There is no other suitable location in town for quarters for such a club.

## HIKE TO BANDON

### Three of the G. in G. Girls Make It in Eleven Hours All On Their Own

It wasn't the whole Hiking Club (the G. in G. girls) who started out on a recent Sunday morning to walk to Bandon, but just three of them—Miss Bess Maury, of the First National Bank force, Miss Ada Wittman, of the sheriff's office, and Miss A. Hill, of the Dairymen's League office. They must have been very ambitious, or thought they were sadly in need of outdoor exercise, to attempt a walk of nearly 25 miles between daylight and dark. They arose at 4 with the early dawn and three quarters of an hour later were on their way. And it may well be believed they found it "a long road to Tipperary." Indeed, though the writer used to do a good deal of hiking until very recent years, he doesn't remember to have done such a stunt within a quarter of a century.

Of course, the ferry wasn't running when these girls hit the trail; and so they went down to Eugene Robinson's at the Cunningham wye, having previously engaged him to row them across the river. They had a long road before them and didn't intend to break down short of their destination, so took a leisurely pace. But they didn't accept any of the offers to ride that they received from the drivers of passing cars, and kept plodding on, determined to do it on their own.

The day was a gloomy one with a thick Oregon mist all the morning, but when the sun peeked at them through the clouds away beyond Lampa they were still going strong.

They didn't say, but it is easy to imagine, how dead tired they were when they came to tread the streets of Bandon by the sea at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It was a twelve hour jaunt, but after returning by the stage they found themselves none the worse for the sprint. It will be remembered that most of the members of this "Good in Going" club, as we will call them, though the name those initials designate is, like the Eleusian mysteries, unknown to the profane who haven't taken the thirty third degree as hikers, once essayed a Sunday tramp to Marshfield, and the same three got there, the rest falling out by the wayside. But that was only about three-fourths the distance to Bandon.

What these star pedestrians will essay next is not yet known, perhaps, even to themselves; but we want to know what other small town in Oregon has any amateur walkers among its young ladies, who have any such score to their credits as the three who lately made fifty thousand tracks each between here and Bandon in a little over eleven hours.

Since the above was written we are informed by one of the trio that their next stunt will be a hike to Lee election day. This is only fourteen miles distant, but the girls say they expect to have to walk half way back, and are only hoping to catch the train or a car at Norway.

### Has Passed Its Peak

Inquiry at the sheriff's office brings the welcome news that there are indications all over the county that the moonshine business has passed its peak and is now waning. Those engaged in that business are getting afraid to tarry long in one place and are adopting the tactics of the Irishman's flea, which when you put your finger on him isn't there. Conditions are said to be worse in Coquille than elsewhere in the county, though here most of the drinking is done after midnight. At Bandon Judge Wade reports conditions very greatly improved. At the Bay it is thought that the better conditions so far this year are to some extent due to the fact that the mills have been shut down until recently, and there has been far less money in circulation.

### Wins In First Round

In the \$19,000 case of Oswald West against Coos county Judge Coke on Tuesday denied the motion of the defendant asking that Gov. West be required to elect whether to stand on an express or implied contract.

### Baccalaureate Sermon

The High School Commencement week will begin with a Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class by Rev. W. E. Couper at the Methodist church Sunday evening, June 12, at 8 o'clock.