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## AN ELIXIR VITAE THE 15 WHO WILL GRADUATE TO-NIGHT

### Coos County Growing Purple Vetch for Southern Orange Growers

We have been hearing a good deal lately about Purple Vetch as a very profitable crop and so one day this week we interviewed Geo. E. Hampton, of Arago, who has had more experience with it than any other rancher in the valley, and has a crop of 34 acres this year.

The "why" of purple vetch first requires explanation. The orange growers of Southern California have for years been trying to find some means of restoring the original fertility of their orchards and their old-time productivity. In this work they have been calling to their aid specialists from the U. S. department of Agriculture who have worked for years on the problem and finally found in the purple vetch a panacea for orchard ills. Used as a green manure and plowed under at the right stage it worked a wonderful rejuvenation in the aging orange trees. Their foliage became fresh and lustrous and they took on the vigor of youth and began to yield as in their prime. The difference between the trees thus treated and those left without showed as plainly as the fading landscape when a cloud obscures the sun.

The next thing was to get vetch seed in sufficient quantities, and the Humboldt county ranches began to grow it for the orchardists finding that with yields of 500 pounds per acre it proved a remunerative crop, selling readily, as it did, at 15 cents per pound. In one instance, however, the yield was as much as 2500 pounds to the acre.

In the course of time the fame of purple vetch reached Oregon and Mr. Hampton's father, the late E. E. Hampton, was one of the first to experiment with it. It did so well that he increased his plantings year by year, and in 1920 had a large enough crop to market to lead them to plant all they could handle this spring. His total sales last year were about 10,000 pounds; and the yield of the crop has in some cases been over 3,000 pounds per acre. Mr. Hampton conservatively estimates the average yield at 2,000 pounds per acre, or about 65 bushels.

Last year there were only two ranchers in the valley besides Mr. Hampton who grew the purple vetch, but his crop was the principal one.

This year there are fifteen growers and a Purple Vetch Association has been formed whose members have 150 acres planted, which promise a fine crop.

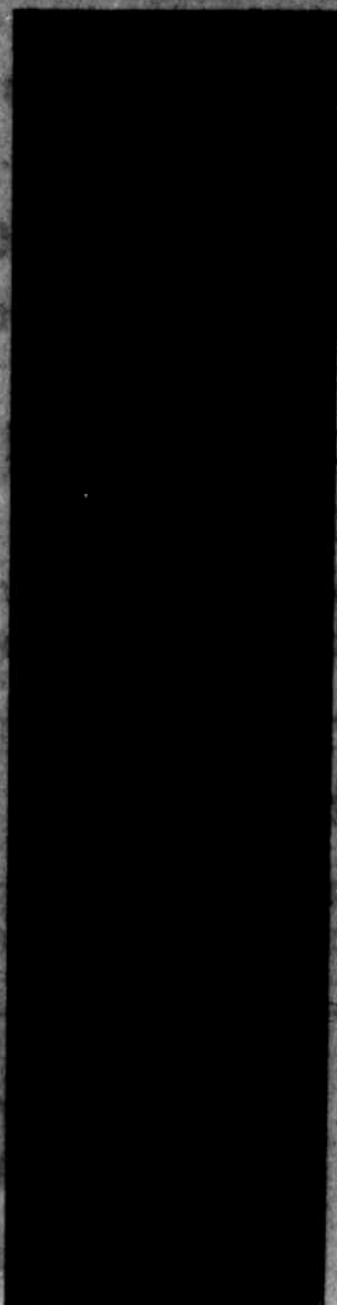
When a crop that can be raised and threshed at an expense of about \$30 per acre, sells for \$300, it can be seen why our farmers are getting a little excited over it. It has been tried elsewhere in Oregon, and the yield is no greater than in California; but here it appears to have found a congenial habitat. The climate here certainly is not much different from that of Humboldt county, but the soils down there have been longer and more intensively cropped. Then there is something superior about the quality of the Arago clay loam that renders it capable of performing such marvels as, for instance, the production of \$300 worth of strawberries on an eighth of an acre at Myrtle Point.

It must be noted, however, that river bottom land is not adapted to the purple vetch and that it succeeds best on bench, or second bottom land, where the Arago clay loam is usually found.

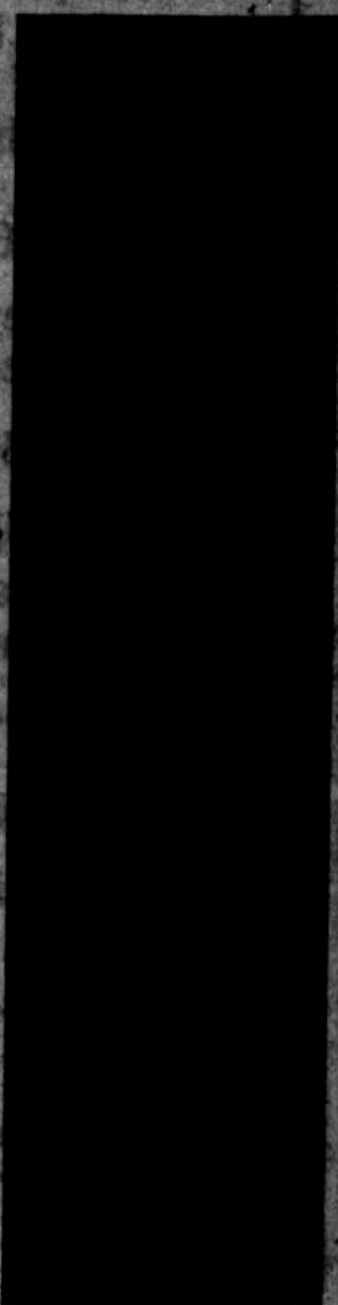
Asked about the straw that remains after threshing the purple vetch, Mr. Hampton says it is absolutely useless for stock feed, but that it makes the finest sort of bedding for stock.

That this valley will within a few years be selling a million dollars' worth of purple vetch seed to the orchardists of the golden state is the dream of some enthusiasts among the growers, but there is a cloud on the horizon in the shape of a new candidate for the orange growers' favor, the Melilotus Indica, a species of sweet clover, which has been found well adapted to prove a vehicle for pilfering the atmosphere of its nitrogen and transferring it to the soil when plowed under.

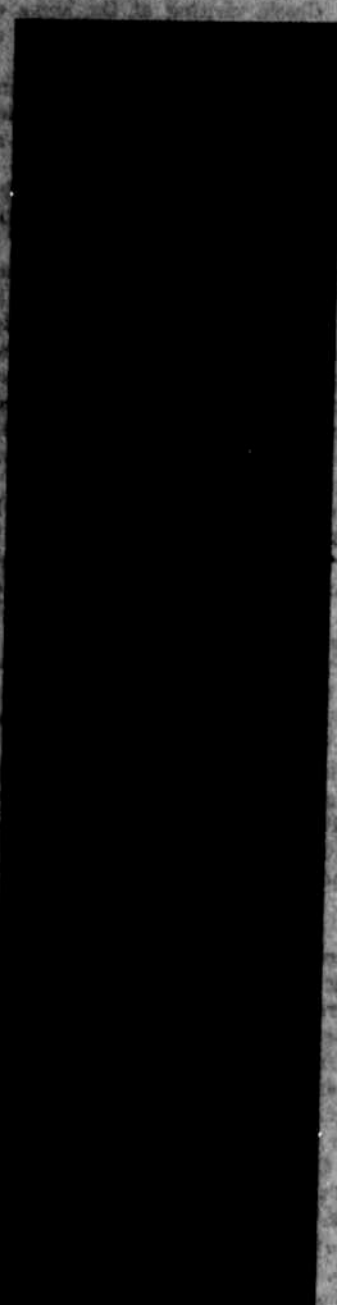
Meanwhile County Agent Farr expects to be able to find a market through the Humboldt seed growers co-operative selling association for this year's Coos county crop.



Dorothy Newton  
Alice Barker  
Helen Shaw  
Wayne Woodward  
Dorothy Bean



Florence Radabaugh  
Almond Martin  
Violet Kniff  
Myrtle Newton  
Eunice Perkins



Vera Varney  
Gertrude Butler  
Mary Bennett  
Rosanna Schroeder  
Lowell Simpson

## Commencement Exercises Coquille High School

High School Auditorium Friday, June 10, 1921

- Three Part Song, "The Gallant Troubadour" Watson-Lynnes  
High School Girls' Glee Club  
Invocation Rev. A. B. Pendleton  
Piano Trio, "Le Secret" Le Gauthier  
Alice Barker, Myrtle Newton, Mary Bennett  
Two Part Song, "The Hiring Fair" From "Chimes of Normandy"  
High School Girls' Glee Club  
Commencement Address Prof. E. E. DeCou  
Male Quartet Selected  
Messrs. Leslie, Webb, Selander and Willey  
Presentation of Class Supt. Raymond E. Baker  
Presentation of Diplomas A. T. Morrison, Chairman of the Board  
Waltz Song, "The Daisies" Durand-Richards  
Girls' High School Glee Club

Girls' Glee Club drilled and conducted by Mrs. Helen Sperry

### Chautauqua Here July 12-17

Coquille's Chautauqua, which will be put on by the Westco District of the Cadman Chautauques, will be held July 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. The event will be staged in a tent on a site to be selected. The season tickets are at hand and in a few days J. B. Caldwell, organizer for the company, will be here at which time a meeting of the guarantors of the course will be held and arrangements perfected for the preliminary advertising and ticket selling campaign. Adults' tickets will be \$2.50 for the season, and children under 12 years, \$1.00.

### Only Half as Many Teachers

Twenty-five teachers are taking the examinations here now, which is a little fewer than a year ago, and about half the number of eight years ago. The examinations are being held in the High School building. The teachers from the Bay all go back every night as a result of the opening of the new highway.

### Pearl Bros. Bonds Approved

In the absence of Mayor Hamilton, who did not come in until after adjournment, the council held a short session Monday evening with Councilman Mansell in the chair.

The bonds of Pearl Bros., for the Henry, third and Hall streets improvement work, and of W. M. Payne for the north end grading job, were approved and accepted.

The position of Fire Chief, having become vacant, because Earl Noles had left town, the council placed all fire apparatus in charge of Marshal Hollenbeck until further notice.

The usual month's list of bills was allowed and the recorder instructed to draw warrants in payment of same.

It is gratifying to his many friends here that ex-Senator George E. Chamberlain has landed on his feet as a member of the Shipping Board, his nomination by the president having been at once confirmed by the senate.

The boys and the bonds run almost neck and neck.

### Roseburg Stage Again

Manager Bryant informs us that the Coast Auto Lines are now ready to open their line to Roseburg, which is advertised in another column. They will run seven-passenger Cadillacs, eight cars daily, leaving Marshfield at 7 a. m., Coquille at 8:00, and Myrtle Point at 8:30. Returning they will leave the Hotel Umpqua at Roseburg at 7:00 a. m. This season the run will have to be over the old Coos Bay Wagon road, which has only just got in shape for use. Another season it is expected that the road through Bridge and the Rock Creek canyon will be in condition to travel, though the work of gravelling it will hardly be completed so as to make it an all the year round road before 1923.

Many passengers bound to or from points in Southern Oregon and California will, of course, as they always have done, take the auto ride to Roseburg from preference, and others because it is both quicker and cheaper than the railroad ride around by Eugene, so that a fine business is assured for this line from the start. Tickets are for sale at the company's office here.

### Some Sultry Weather

Last Sunday gave us the warmest day of the year so far, the day being what we would really call "sultry," though we do not remember to have seen another in our eight years in Coquille that we would so designate. This perhaps merely indicates that we are getting acclimated, but we hardly think so, as the thirty years we spent in southeastern Kansas certainly enabled us to qualify as an expert on sultriness. Until today the entire week here has been unusually warm for the season rendering fires after nightfall unnecessary, though last year they were needed the whole summer thought with only two or three days' exception.

### Telephone in New Quarters

The telephone company moved into their new office opposite the Sentinel Wednesday evening and began answering calls from the new switchboard that evening. Yesterday they began cutting over for the new automatic instruments, but it will require two or three weeks to complete that work.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.

### Must Back Up and Start Anew

Superintendent Mulkey has just received a communication from State Superintendent Churchill, informing him that Attorney General Van Winkle has just decided that since the new school budget law went into effect May 25, no further proceedings can legally be taken under the old law. This renders it impossible for this district to go on and vote on the school budget for this district for the coming year, which has been published in the Sentinel for the past three weeks. The law has been radically changed and it will be necessary for the school board to back up and begin all over again; but it may be some weeks before the new forms are made up and sent out from Superintendent Churchill's office.

The change in method of adopting a budget comes as a result of an act of the last legislature. This act seems to have gained very little publicity and attention was not directed to it until the 1921 laws were issued a few days ago. Probably a hundred Oregon school districts had drawn up their school budgets and advertised them in the usual way before receiving notice of the new procedure.

### Has Visited 45 Towns

F. E. McKenna, of Corvallis, who is now in charge of the bond selling campaign of the Mountain States Power Company, dropped in to visit the Sentinel yesterday. He has just completed a tour of the towns in which the company's plants are located—45 of them in the four states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and says he left the best till the last when he visited Coquille. He found times quite dull in Montana, where the ranchers have been hard hit by weather conditions as well as falling prices. He says that of the \$20,000 of Mountain States bonds, which a Bay paper claims to have been sold there, \$12,000, or a good deal more than half, were taken in Coquille and vicinity. The company is enthusiastic about its plan of selling its securities only to its employees and patrons. These bonds are being marketed for the purpose of providing funds for new construction this year and next. Those who purchase them and receive the 8 per cent interest income are bound to be friends rather than enemies of the company, and fault finding is at a minimum where these stockholders abound.

### Good Samaritans

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Stover, of the Myrtle Point neighborhood, acted the part of Good Samaritans last Thursday in taking Edna Norton, the 15-year-old daughter of Wm. Norton, over to Marshfield, where she was operated on for adenoids by Drs. F. W. White, assisted by William Horsfall, who deserves a great deal of credit for donating their services in the case. It was a serious one, too, in which \$50 would have been a reasonable fee.

### Dairymen's Meeting

A meeting of Coos county dairymen who have withdrawn from the Oregon Dairymen's League will be held at Coquille Tuesday, June 14, at the Woodman Hall at 10 o'clock a. m. to form an association for mutual protection. The committee in charge has a list of those eligible to membership, but as the list may not be complete, please come prepared to identify yourself at the door.—J. N. Jacobsen for committee.

### Automobile Burns Up

A new Oldsmobile car belonging to Emory Bros., of Myrtle Point, was completely destroyed by fire about midnight Tuesday just this side of the Davis Slough bridge on the highway. Smoke began to come from under the hood and when John Emory, who was driving, lifted the hood, flames shot out and the whole car was soon enveloped. It took but a few minutes to reduce the machine to a pile of junk.

### Separator House Burns

The milk separator house of Pinkston & Young, near the Fox bridge, and its contents were destroyed by fire about 8:30 Wednesday night and they were fortunate in not losing their barn also which was but a few feet away. It is reported that a gas engine was the cause of the blaze.

Remember that Tuesday and Wednesday of each week are the days for big specials at the Liberty Theatre. See the Ad. on page five and you will find it as interesting as we do—"SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT."

## BONDS AND BOYS

### Road Bonds and Soldiers' Aid Both Carry in Coos With a Whoop

The official count of the votes of Tuesday's election in Coos county was completed at noon today and we give it in detail for the Road Bonds and the Soldiers' Aid measure as follows. The Road bonds got four votes out of five, and the Soldiers' Aid bill nearly three to one. Coos county certainly did herself proud on that day:

	Road Bonds		Soldiers' Aid	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Lakeview	13	18	26	6
Templeton	3	27	30	8
North Slough	19	18	18	9
Haynes Slough	4	34	18	9
Allegany	12	21	21	12
Kentuck Slough	11	29	22	17
Willanch Slough	4	7	8	2
Empire	25	15	25	14
North Bend West	40	6	40	6
N. Bend, North	65	14	60	5
N. Bd., Cent. No 1	76	17	79	13
N. Bd., Cent. No 2	73	11	73	12
N. Bend, South	80	10	80	9
Pony Slough	24	4	28	7
Eastside North	4	17	21	1
Eastside, South	20	22	29	9
Marshfield N. No 1	58	9	59	9
Marshfield N. No 2	104	23	98	26
Marshfield Cen. 1	103	22	101	19
Marshfield Cen. 2	76	11	69	10
Marshfield S. No 1	156	24	144	34
Marshfield S. No 2	74	19	82	11
South Slough	28	18	29	9
Newport	33	10	34	8
Bunker Hill	33	5	31	7
Catching Slough	8	12	11	8
Coos River	16	27	30	19
Burton	28	6	31	12
Sumner	10	28	26	13
Coos City	4	16	8	14
Coaledo	11	8	6	7
Reaver Hill	23	2	30	4
Cunningham	31	5	31	18
Fat Elk	27	9	21	18
Dora	47	23	42	26
Mission	23	7	19	8
Lee	27	2	17	12
Coquille North	43	4	41	11
Coquille S. W.	100	2	98	17
Coquille, S. E.	180	4	148	34
Powers	100	6	98	19
Riverton	55	9	54	29
Prosper	39	8	39	17
Bandon, S. W.	111	6	88	27
Bandon, N. W.	38	4	30	16
Bandon, N. E.	48	3	43	7
Bandon, S. E.	97	5	69	29
Two Mile	25	8	23	11
Parkersburg	20	17	18	15
Lampa	17	7	9	23
Norway	32	18	60	37
Four Mile	25	9	27	8
Catching Creek	43	6	37	31
Myrtle Pt North	117	5	87	28
Myrtle Pt South	104	10	73	37
Sugarloaf	50	26	88	37
Enchanted	114	5	78	39
Rowland	44	11	46	11

Total .....2873 735 2593 899  
60-day session and \$5 a day for legislators received 1489 votes for and 1526 against.

The emergency veto measure got 1809 votes and there were 1013 against.

The Hygienic Marriage measure also had a majority in the county, strange to say, there being 1798 for to 1606 against.

There was a good majority, too, for the woman jurors bill, 1924 to 1292 against.

### Yoakam Building Bungalow

John Yoakam, county commissioner, has the frame work of a fine new bungalow up on the part of his ranch that he retained when he sold the bulk of it a year ago. The building is about 30x40. M. O. Hooton will go out Monday to put in the concrete foundation for the fireplace, which he will build later. The bungalow is on the hillside of the Marshfield road, and will have a water system of its own supplied with the best of living water piped from a spring in the hills.

### Three Link Club Social

The Three-Link Club is planning on holding an ice cream social in Odd Fellows' Hall on the evening of June 22. Everyone, whether a member of the Odd Fellows or Rebekah lodges or not, is invited to attend. A musical program will be followed by an ice cream, strawberry and cake luncheon. The price will be two bits a plate.

Acetylene welding, blasting and machine work at Graham's Garage.