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RECEIVER NAMED

Lower Mill Tied Up By Assignment—Court Makes Wernich Receiver

Monday our people were stirred up by the unwelcome but not altogether unexpected news that the Coquille Lumber Mills were in serious financial straits, and that Geo. H. Chaney had run an attachment on them for \$22,000.00 for money due him for lumber, and a little later that R. K. Booth, one of the members of the company had filed a suit for some \$2,000 for money due him and asked for the appointment of a receiver for the company.

Court being in session Judge Coke acted at once on this application and in time to forestall other attachments appointed R. A. Wernich, manager of the company, the receiver.

We say this news was not unexpected because it was common knowledge that many of its employees were not receiving their wages promptly and thousands of dollars were due the scores of men at work there. In fact they had agreed with the company to wait for their pay in order to permit the mill to keep running, instead of shutting down as it would have been obliged to if they had pressed their claims.

Of course, if the Sike Lumber company had continued to operate the mill all of the plant that might have been unincumbered would have been subject to attachment for what it owed for logs, wages and other running expenses; but the organization of the Coquille Lumber Mills company to operate the mills, made a change in the situation.

When Mr. Chaney's attachment was placed in the hands of Sheriff Ellingsen, he found that it would not cover the real estate or the machinery, but merely the stock, logs and lumber on hand, the amounts due for lumber and some office equipment.

While the liabilities of the company are estimated at \$140,000 and its assets at \$100,000 the property covered by attachment certainly amounts to very much less than the latter figure.

Among the property covered by the attachment was the big boom at Johnson's mill, a donkey engine at the Norway Logging camp, the four flat cars purchased to transport lumber to the bay, the lathe mill and the dry kiln, also \$16,205.99 in money and logs in the hands of Frank Fish, who was getting out logs for the company; also R. A. Wernich as manager of the R. K. Booth Lumber company, for any debts due by the latter company to the Coquille Lumber Mills.

Mr. Wernich is now checking up the Shingle company accounts but the amount due the lumber company from this source is not yet known.

A. G. Thompson, Myrtle Point attorney, attempted to get out an attachment against A. Parry and the Coquille Lumber Mills in the interest of W. F. Grandy's but the court having already appointed a receiver it was too late.

There would have been another attachment run against Frank Fish if he could have been found in time but being at the mill he was caught by the first.

While the receivership was asked on the ground that it might thus be able to keep the Mills in operation we have been unable to get any information as to when if at all it is expected to start them again.

In these proceedings the Lumber Mills have been represented by Attorney John C. Kendall, of Marshfield, and Mr. Chaney by Jas. T. Brand, also of Marshfield.

Annual Meeting Monday

The annual school meeting for the Coquille city district will be held at the High School building at 8 o'clock Monday, June 20. The only business that is expected to come before the meeting will be the election of a director for three years in place of A. T. Morrison and a clerk for one year in place of O. C. Sanford. A meeting will be called later to act on the budget, after necessary blanks and instructions have been received from State Superintendent Churchill. So far we have heard of no candidate for the board of directors.

The Middle Fork road to Roseburg by way of Camas valley is open only as far as Remote, and all travellers for the outside now have to take the old Coos Bay wagon road by way of Siskum.

Call on us for Stationery.

Work of Grand Jury

The Grand Jury for the June term of court met Monday at 10 a. m. and finished its work by one p. m. Tuesday. Five indictments were found, of which three have not yet been made public.

Henry Christensen, of Marshfield, was indicted on a charge of non-support, it being alleged he has not cared for his wife and child. He is out on bond.

The following are the names of the grand jurors selected last Monday by Judge Coke for the present year: Foreman, W. C. Parker, Prosper, Thomas W. Chastburn, Bandon. Ferris L. Lundy, Myrtle Point. Charles Backleff, Myrtle Point. William Fish, Bandon. J. O. Doane, Marshfield. George H. Nay, Marshfield.

Sues Booth Shingle Co.

A. B. Daly & Co., of the Marshfield Logging and Mill Supply company, on Tuesday filed an attachment on the R. K. Booth Shingle Co. for supplies and machinery in the amount of \$3,971.23, but the attachments in the interest of the Coquille Lumber Mills in the Chaney case had been made before.

DAMAGE CASE LOST

The case of the Southern Oregon Co. against Wm. Kight and Robert Train in which they were asked to pay \$8900 for cutting the plaintiff's timber intentionally in the South Slough country, has been on trial for four days this week. Last night the jury rendered an absolute verdict for the defendants.

The attempt was made to prove that three years ago when they were cutting alpine spruce over there they had cut \$3,000 worth of the company's timber and they were asked to pay three times that sum as punitive damages.

Surveyor McCulloch, ex-Surveyor Cathart and Engineer Buckingham were both called as witnesses. McCulloch testified that he couldn't find the section corners and so placed new ones, but Buckingham said he found the old ones.

There being no evidence to show that the defendants had taken any of the B. O. timber, and ample evidence to show that they did not take any of the timber intentionally, the jury gave them a verdict. They were out all yesterday afternoon, however, before reaching a decision.

The plaintiffs were represented by John G. Mullis and A. J. Sherwood, the defendants by John D. Goss and S. D. Pulfog.

Circuit Court Items

In court here this week Judge Coke fined James Stock, of Sumner, \$10. He had been summoned as a juror and did not appear.

Frank Hyde is playing to hard luck now. He had just been convicted in Justice's court at Powers for having in his possession parts of a deer, after the closed season, and fined \$50. He was next subpoenaed as a witness in the district court and failing to come was brought down here and fined \$25 on that count. He claimed he didn't have money enough to come down as a witness, and is now in jail earning the fines at \$2 a day.

Walter Wallace, from Bay City, about 20 years old, was arrested Wednesday on an indictment charging him with the seduction of a chaste female and placed under bond.

Woman's Club Dance

The Woman's Club of Coquille will give a Jitney dance on the American Legion platform next Wednesday evening, the 22nd inst. Arrangements have been made for good music, the floor was recently sanded and is in good condition and the ladies of the club will see that their patrons have a good time. Everyone is invited.

May Have Poll Tax

The Oregon Tax Investigation commission is considering the proposition to restore motor cars to the personal property tax list, and also a poll tax of \$5 per head, such as was enacted in Washington to fill the ashing void in the treasury after the soldiers bonus payments began.

Hobart Bosworth in "BELOW THE SURFACE" and Patty Arbuckle in "THE GARAGE" at the Liberty Theatre June 21 and 22. See the program on page three.

OUR CHAUTAUQUA COMMENCEMENT

The Westco Will Be Here from Tuesday July 12 to Sunday July 17

Miss Ethel Newland, organizer of the Cadmean Chautauqua, or the "Westco," as the Pacific coast branch is called, was here Monday evening and met with the guarantors of the local Chautauqua, which will be held here July 12 to 17 inclusive.

Miss Newland gave the committee many helpful suggestions both for advertising and for the sale of tickets, and it thought that if the plans are carried out Coquille will put the Chautauqua over this year and pay out.

One suggestion made by the committee was that the dates for the Chautauqua being known a month ahead, it would be entirely proper to suggest that social activities be suspended for that week and that everyone join this year in making the Chautauqua a huge success.

A very interesting program has been prepared for the six day attraction, which will be published later.

It is a big undertaking Coquille has attempted in putting over a six-day Chautauqua, but if everyone will get in and boost it will be done in fine shape.

The guarantors of the Westco Chautauqua met at the City Hall Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock and elected the following officers: M. O. Hawkins, president; Geo. T. Moulton, secretary; Frank Leslie, vice president; John Ross, treasurer.

The following committees were duly elected:

Advertising—N. N. Neiman, chairman, H. A. Young; Dr. G. E. Lov.

Tickets—Paul T. Ramsey, chairman, Mrs. L. P. Branstetter, Mrs. A. N. Gould.

Text—C. T. Skeels, chairman, E. E. Fraedrick, J. E. Norton, Alfred Johnson, N. C. Kelley, S. M. Nodler, Seats and Platforms—Leo J. Curry, chairman; D. P. McBuffee, A. N. Gould, C. E. Barrow, A. L. Simpson, O. T. Nelson.

Decorations—Mrs. Ida Owen, chairman, Mrs. E. E. Johnson, Mrs. Jack Lamb, Irving Lamb, Prescott Branstetter, Audrey Fraedrick, Lowell Simpson.

Car Committee—John Aasen, John Miller.

Had a Stressful Day

Monday noon, Sheriff Ellingsen and Deputy Sheriff Jeub started out to serve papers in the Chaney attachment case of Geo. H. Chaney against the Coquille Lumber Mills. They went first to Myrtle Point, then to Broadbent, then to a logging camp nine miles above Powers, then to Gaylord, getting stuck in the mud so that they had to get a team to haul them out in crossing the river near there.

They next went to Loggerstrom's camp below Gaylord and through wet brush getting thoroughly soaked on the way to the tie packer's camp of A. Parry beyond there.

On the way back they filed an attachment on O. G. Thayer, of Myrtle Point, in the interest of the Gasoot Printery, of Marshfield, and other creditors, on which they collected \$349.31. They were gone until afternoon Tuesday, this being one of their busy days.

On Two Charges

Roy St. John and Roy Keeling, of Curry county, just convicted of killing deer, are now wanted in that county on the charge of larceny. They got past here but Constable Brown was apprised and arrested them before they got to Powers and brought them back. Deputy Sheriff Malehorn took them down to Bandon today and turned them over to the sheriff of Curry county who had a warrant for them.

Would Establish Class

Miss Turner, who is sent from the Red Cross headquarters, wishes to announce that she would like to secure a class in "Demonstration of care of sick and proper care and feeding of children." The course takes 18 hours. Miss Turner is now in Powers and has just finished with a class of 68 in Bandon. Anyone who is interested please phone 42R, Mrs. Susie Folsom, chairman of the Red Cross of Coquille. This is free.

Sugar dropped to \$7.15 a sack, wholesale, at Portland Monday.

Sixteen Graduates from Our City High School Last Friday Evening

The commencement exercises, the first to be held in the new high school building, last Friday evening were attended by a large gathering of the friends and relatives of the sixteen graduates. A lavish display of pink roses, greenery and flowers banked across the front of the stage, made a very pretty setting for the vision of feminine loveliness comprised in the graduating class. The male element was almost lacking, but three of the class being boys.

The High School Girls' Glee Club, which opened the program, also rendered two other numbers, to the great delight of the audience. Mrs. Helen Sperry has drilled the Glee Club and their performance was a credit to their instructor. The piano trio by Alice Barker, Myrtle Newton and Mary Bennett was likewise pleasing to the audience and enjoyable.

Rev. A. B. Pendleton delivered the invocation.

Prof. E. E. DeCou was introduced by Supt. Baker as one of the most genial and pleasing speakers of the University of Oregon, who would make the commencement address.

The speaker began by congratulating the people of Coquille on their progressiveness as shown by the fine modern school building, in which the exercises were being held, and alluding to the imperative need of always keeping to the front in educational matters.

He said he had visited Coquille in the summer, in the winter and in the fall, and always thought the picture presented a beautiful one, but this visit gave him an impression of beauty which he had never received before; and he added, "the most beautiful vision of all is right behind me."

He thanked the people of Coquille, Coos County and the state of Oregon for their hearty support of the millage bills which had made possible the great advancement at the University and at O. A. C., not only in equipment and new buildings, but in efficiency, and stated that the U. of O. was the equal of any university on the Pacific slope, and superior to all others in many respects. He mentioned the various buildings recently built and equipped, in detail, and declared that the time had passed, if it ever should have existed when Oregon need be ashamed of her institutions of higher learning.

Passing on to what he called his "theme of the evening, he spoke on the issues of War and Peace. One of the issues of peace is the industrial conflict raging in this country but our troubles are nothing as compared with those which have torn Europe since the signing of the armistice.

He dwelt on the efforts to form an association to prevent war before the great war and then told of how Chile and Argentina had been on the point of entering mortal combat over international boundaries, when motorists' associations of the two nations, through concerted and vigorous action, caused the question to be submitted to arbitration with the result that was averted, and a monument of peace, "The Christ of the Andes," has been erected to establish the line, and commemorate what was done through arbitration in preventing war.

After dealing with historical facts of the war, the speaker advanced to the reconstruction period, by asserting that after the armistice we came down off the heights of idealism and descended into the depths of materialism, where we still labor and that it is necessary to strengthen all our spiritual forces in this crisis. Civilization is in the balance and it is up to solve the problems and save it.

Education is one of these spiritual forces and it was demonstrated that the universities and colleges gave us leaders during the war, and incidentally the most intelligent and highest class of men found in the army by actual test were those from Oregon.

Pointing to the great natural resources of Oregon and its almost untold potential wealth, Prof. DeCou declared that the greatest asset Oregon can have is its educated youth. The best, the finest thing any community can do, is what Coquille has just done—provide for the education of its youth.

Addressing the class directly, the professor urged them to fit themselves for service. Five or ten years

of preparation means nothing in time if they can equip themselves for bigger and better service later. At U. of O. 70 per cent of the young men earn their way through college, and he implored the 1921 class of Coquille to avail themselves of the opportunity to go higher and attend advanced institutions of learning, even though they must earn their way as they went.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Baker, with a few appropriate words, presented the class to the school board as having finished the work outlined for them, and A. T. Morrison, chairman of the board, with a few words of congratulation, presented the graduates with the coveted diplomas.

More Mains for Rink Creek

Four-inch redwood pipe is being hauled up Rink creek this week, to extend that line a half mile up from its present head. It is expected by this means to save all the water of Rink creek this summer. Much of the water from that creek has been lost heretofore because the head on Walker creek was 15 feet higher than that on Rink and the water in the latter line was held back on account of this difference in altitude of their intakes.

DAIRY PROTECTION

In response to a call for the organization of a dairymen's protective association, a representative body of dairymen met in W. O. W. hall, Coquille, Tuesday, June 14, and completed the organization of a dairymen's protective association for mutual protection and the promotion of the dairy industry. Those present pledged their moral and financial support. The following dairymen, representing 500 cows were present: J. N. Jacobson, Hull Brothers, W. E. Cross, F. O. Reed, C. H. Buttles, E. L. Detlefsen, John Brauer, E. N. Shell, Herman Detlefsen, J. F. Jacobson, C. E. Sealing, J. H. Barklow, J. P. Johnson, M. E. Schmidt, P. E. Biasca, Frank Willard, C. H. Bunch & Son, L. Armstrong, W. T. Dament, L. R. Woodard, A. J. Abild.

C. H. Bunch was elected chairman, J. N. Jacobson vice chairman, F. E. Willard, secretary and J. H. Barklow, treasurer. In addition three members, C. D. Jarman, Ed Detlefsen and G. H. Butler were elected to serve with the above mentioned officers as an executive committee.

Another meeting was called for July 12 at the same place. Dairymen in favor of promoting our association and who are not affiliated with the league are requested to be present.—Dairymen's Protective Association, J. H. Barklow, chairman press committee, F. E. Willard, secretary.

Actual work on the improvement of the Myrtle Point-Roseburg highway will be under way this year, says R. A. Booth, chairman of the state highway commission, after a trip with Herbert Nunn, state engineer, and the members of the county court of Douglas county from Roseburg to Camas valley.

Engineer Nunn returned to Salem and is prepared to have the plans and specifications drawn up at once. Mr. Booth expressed himself as pleased at the vote given for the road bonds in Douglas, Coos and Curry counties and said that this action would avoid delays and that the work would now be hurried through as fast as the plans can be made and the contracts let.

Will Begin This Year

Rain has been so frequent this week that the roads have gone on their winter schedule again and cars have required chains again almost as soon as they were off the pavement. Judging from the way grass is growing alongside the walks here in town the hay crop must be a fine one, but those who began cutting it last week certainly guessed wrong.

Rains Still Keep Up

Head-on This Morning

T. M. Stover reports a head-on collision between two cars on the new highway this morning two miles this side of Marshfield at 8:40. One of them was speeding at the rate of 50 miles an hour, he judged, and both were badly wrecked. One of them had to be taken in on a truck. Who was hurt and how badly he didn't know, but he saw one person being carried on a stretcher.

Perrotts Buy Racket

A deal has been arranged which will be completed in a day or two whereby J. E. and Ernest L. Perrott become the proprietors of the Racket Store, which Mrs. Bonnie Walker has owned for several years. Ernest has resigned his position with Henry Lorenz but is staying on the job till Fred Lorenz gets home from Eugene this week, after which the latter will be associated with his father in the dry goods and clothing store.

Street Work Here

Rapid progress is being made with the improvement work on Hall, Third and Henry streets, for which Peart Bros. have the contracts. This will fill up most of the gaps and renders practically the entire section south of the big gulch suitable for travel at all seasons. There certainly has been a transformation in the city since 1913.

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IN COUNTY COURT

More Work on North Bank Road—Powder Contract—Supervisor Let Out

The County Court held an adjourned session Wednesday and transacted the following business:

The contract submitted by the Southern Pacific Railway company for the building of an overhead crossing at Johnson station 40 feet wide in accordance with the order of the Public Service commission of the state was approved and the contract authorized for and in behalf of the county.

The county judge was directed to advertise for bids for clearing 35 acres more or less on the county farm, for consideration July 6.

C. E. Mulkey was empowered to carry on the duties of school supervisor in Coos county to receive \$53.23 per month for expenses incurred in the discharge of such duties, beginning July 1, 1921, or at such time as the majority of the school directors in the county petition to be exempted from the provision of the state laws requiring the appointment of a school supervisor in this county.

The county roadmaster was ordered to advertise for bids for grubbing and grading the section between the Pitts Marsh dike and the first approach to the Coquille river on the North Bank road.

It was ordered that the dredging of a channel between Tenmile lake and North lake be taken up by private contract or on force account.

In the matter of the purchase of powder, it appearing that the county can buy 20 per cent DuPont powder at \$16.75 per cwt. in 100 pound lots, or Trojan powder of the same strength, for \$17 per cwt., it was decided that the foremost of the several jobs be given their choice as to the kind of powder they would use, otherwise the business to be divided.

The court having heretofore designated the road between Myrtle Point and Langa as a market road, it now requests the state highway commission to furnish plans and specifications for this road, or adopt such plans as may be provided by the county roadmaster. The court also requests the commission to direct a reconnaissance survey with a view to the immediate construction of the road or such portions of it as are possible with the funds available.

Very Much Sued

Two cases have just been filed in the Circuit Court here against Gant & Gordon, of Powers. One was by Sam Gordon, the husband of Emma Gordon, who is the junior member of the firm, for \$4,500 for services as secretary of the partnership.

The other is by P. M. Nelson on notes for \$1480.22 for labor, for notes given and for \$125 attorneys' fee. An attachment was made in both cases, and yesterday Judge Coke appointed E. J. Loney receiver for Gant & Gordon.

The Scandinavian-American Bank of Marshfield has also begun suit against Gant & Gordon on notes given, and asking authority to sell all stock and Liberty Loan bonds deposited as security for the notes.

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